

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 30, 2008
SAN LUIS OBISPO VETERANS HALL
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA**

Commissioners Present: Rick Mathews, Dorothy Jennings, Terry Eberhardt, Pandora Nash-Karner and Paul Teixeira arrived at 6:15 P.M.

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Pete Jenny and Ernie Del Rio

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

OPENING

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

2. **Public Comment. Kathy Longacre** presented a SLOPOST report. Indicating: SLOPOST provided signs for the New Falcon Trail, contributed funds to the volunteer recognition BBQ, would like to develop a horse camp at Santa Margarita Lake, and that they helped raised funds for Heilmann OLPA. Ninety dogs participated at the Wiener Dog Races this year. Kathy announced that SLOPOST is also a sponsor in the Fall Turkey Festival to be held November 16th at Lopez Lake.

3. **Commissioner comments. Commissioner Eberhardt** stated: the purchase of Cherry Creek property behind Diablo (Wild Cherry Canyon) would be a unique opportunity for recreation; Chevron is continuing to look at development of Fossil Point, the Avila Beach Community Center (ABCC) will have a haunted house for kids under 12 years old, the ABCC will hold a reception for incoming supervisor Adam Hill on Sunday, November 23, ideas are circulating with the AB Foundation to improve the fountain at Avila Beach Plaza, and an Art and Wine Festival is scheduled for October, 2009. **Commissioner Jennings** attended strategic Growth Workshop for various countrywide agencies. She was concerned about the lack of discussion regarding recreation development. She attended TDC committee meeting, participated in the council for promoting history that included the Anza Trail. **Commissioner Nash-Karner** attended pool meeting in Los Osos. It was recommended that Morro Bay HS should build a pool. She said a study would then be performed to determine community needs. She met with trail volunteers from MdO and said they are ready to help. Commissioner Nash-Karner said the SLO Botanical Garden is looking for a new Director. She said the Morro Bay Lighted Boat Parade will be on December 6th. **Commissioner Teixeira** thanked Ernie Del Rio and field staff for the condition of Nipomo Park for the Octoberfest. He said there was a complimentary article in the Santa Maria Times regarding trails in the Nipomo Area. He said the Santa Maria Parade of Lights in is December 6th. **Commissioner Matthews** thanked **Pete Jenny** and **Supervisor Patterson** for meeting regarding the Creston Community Center and said funding from the County is obviously tough. **Commissioner Matthews said the**

Atascadero Veteran's Memorial in Atascadero Lake Park has greatly improved the curb appeal for the Park and that the dedication is scheduled for November 8th.

4. **Approve minutes of August 24, 2008 and September 25, 2008 meetings.** Motion to approve August 24, 2008 minutes was made by **Commissioner Teixeira**, seconded by **Commissioner Eberhardt**. Motion approved 5-0. Motion to approve September 25, 2008 minutes was made by **Commissioner Jennings**, seconded by **Commissioner Eberhardt**. Motion approved 4-0 **Commissioner Nash-Karner** abstained.

STAFF REPORTS

5. **Deputy Director's Report.** **Jenny** introduced **Bruce Hilton** who presented the Trails Committee Report stating: staff (Del Rio) planned to have 2 trail events per year; Juventino Ortiz gave the status of State Parks Report; Anza Trail and High Ridge trail reports were given; High Ridge Trail entrance was developed by Eagle Scout, Taylor Monson; The alignment of the Bob Jones Trail (BJT) was discussed indicating that the BJT dead-ends at Perfumo Canyon; and said that SML Loop Trail work was done by Parks staff and state consultant **Karl Knapp**. **Jenny** reported a) Pirate's Cove acquisition will go to the BOS on November 18, 2008 as a hearing item; b) F & G Biologist visited Lopez Lake regarding quagga mussel inspection monitoring; indicated that SLO County Parks has become the model for protocols throughout the state; c) Norma Rose Park in Cayucos will not be developed any time soon due to lack of matching funds but Parks will pursue temporary development of a dog park on the site; this will be done through volunteer efforts; d) update on the status of the park's budget; **Jenny** discussed County's goal to reduce 400 positions over the next 5 years; Parks is also anticipating a 6% mid-year reduction in General Fund support. **Commissioner Nash-Karner** asked if COLA's could be suspended; **Jenny** said no because there is a prevailing wage ordinance in SLO County.

BUSINESS ITEMS

6. **Consideration of Montaña de Oro fee options required by 2000 State Parks/County Operating Agreement, for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.** **Jenny** introduced State Parks Superintendent **Nick Franco**. **Jenny** gave an overview of the entry fee system at Montaña de Oro as proposed by State Parks. **Jenny** said State Parks revenue generation would go directly to offset costs of operations at MdO. **Jenny** said this is an advantage over County's \$53K payment to State Parks. He also said State Parks would allow for the purchase of a yearly pass at the reduced cost of \$25.00 and volunteers could get an annual pass for 40 hours of work. **Jenny** concluded that staff should support the introduction of a fee program that would generate significant revenue for MdO and hopefully keep it off the state's closure list. **Commissioner Nash-Karner** asked if a temporary pass (15 minutes) would be available; **Franco** said he could make them available. **Commissioner Nash-Karner** asked about projected needs; **Franco** said without this potential revenue it is unlikely that new Irish Hills additions to the park would be opened. **Commissioner Jennings** asked about maintenance of Pecho Valley Road; **Franco** said he thought State Parks would maintain the road within the park. **Commissioner Teixeira** asked what happens if BOS chooses to end the agreement with the State; **Franco** said the State owned facilities would return to State management but without new revenue to manage them. **Commissioner Teixeira** said if the County walks,

the State gets back facilities and costs increase, thus increasing the chance of local park closures; **Franco** confirmed this is possible. **Bruce Hilton**, Trails Committee, voiced support of staff recommendations. He thinks it is the direction we are going and likes the idea of keeping revenue local. **Kathy Longacre**, volunteer at MdO and County Trails Committee member, understands the need for fee collection and installation of kiosk for collection and dissemination of information. **Charlie Klingman**, Los Osos, opposes the kiosk but supports fees. **Tom Goss**, Los Osos, is not in support of development but supports the idea of fees. **Don Sullivan**, Morro Bay surfer, says could be problems with the egress; there are other ways to collect fees. **Elliot Johnson**, Los Osos, no limited access and no development, but he supports fee. **Gerard Ages**, Los Osos, surfer and fisherman, no kiosk, but supports fees. **Chris Peterson**, Los Osos homeowner, supports fees but would like to increase volunteerism to reduce costs. No kiosk and no development. **Kylie Metcalf**, Pismo Beach, is against development but supports fees. **Gretchen Moreno**, Los Osos volunteer for Coast Mounted Assistance at MdO, supports some fee system but wants to know how the money stays in the Park; no kiosk. **Quintono Moreno** asked about ATT communications through the park because wishes of Los Osos were not addressed in negotiations; he's not in support of development of Irish Hills until money is available; suggested adding \$2.00 fee to Pismo Beach users to pay for MdO. **David Shannon**, against kiosk and development; likes pristine nature of MdO. **Eric Sotoquist** wants no development and no kiosk but supports fees. **Judy Milhouser** did not support 1988 Master Plan or development and does not support kiosk or fees; she supports paying increased fee to State by County. **Jeff Gurly** supports Judy's comments. **Tom Goss** said should not charge locals. **Commissioner Eberhardt** said as long as we have means for collection and the money stays local, he supports a fee system; would like language in an agreement with State to address annual passes that are inexpensive. **Commissioner Jennings** asked about requirement to update 1988 Master Plan; **Franco** said the Public Resources Code is not specific about updates. **Commissioner Nash-Karner** asked how do we know fees will stay at MdO and will be used appropriately? **Franco** said development of an interim use plan would be most likely way of moving forward but still requires specific review process and permits. **Commissioner Nash-Karner** asked about priority spending; **Franco** said Irish Hills is #1 priority, but still requires review and permit process. **Commissioner Nash-Karner** read comments she received from the community. **Commissioner Jennings** read an email she received from Nancy Graves. **Commissioner Matthews** supported idea of reviewing MdO General Plan, transparency of the state budget for MdO, and supported the idea of fees. **Commissioner Nash-Karner** suggested Los Osos raise money to support purchase of passes for low-income families in Los Osos. **Commissioner Nash-Karner** moved to support staff recommendations to support fees with addition of an agreement to support passes be included, seconded by **Commissioner Teixeira**. Motion approved 5-0.

7. **Discussion of Annual Report to Board of Supervisors.** **Commissioner Nash-Karner** asked that all Park Commissioners do their homework and forward responses to her.
8. **Update on AB 1234: Ethics Training for Advisory Commissions.** **Jenny** gave Park Commission an update on AB 1234. He said although not mandatory training, it is recommended by staff.

9. Consideration of meeting calendar for November and December. Next meeting is December 10, 2008.

10. Approve Letters of Donation. Motion to approve letters of donation by **Commissioner Teixeira**, seconded by **Commissioner Jennings**. Motion approved 5-0.

11. Adjourn Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.