

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AUGUST 27, 2009
SAN LUIS OBISPO VETERANS HALL
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA**

Commissioners Present: All. Paul Teixeira arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Pete Jenny, Ernie Del Rio, Jan Di Leo and Curtis Black

Other Staff: Stacey King

Call to Order: 6:05 p.m.

OPENING

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. **Public Comment.** Kathy Longacre thanked the commission for their annual report to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and for their support for using \$500,000 in Public Facility Fees for the acquisition of Wild Cherry Canyon (WCC). Stacey King thanked **Pete Jenny** for years of service to County Parks, and presented him with a cake. Scott Bennett, Templeton homeowner, requested that the Vineyard Dog Park development be put on the Park Commission agenda for discussion. He asked about the notification process and then commented on activities at Vineyard OLPA. Mr. Bennett asked the Commission how can the County continue to allow the OLPA to continue? **Commissioner Gonzales** asked where Scott's residence is in relationship to the OLPA. He said across the street. Dorothy Jennings shared her observations of Tuesdays BOS meeting stating she thought the BOS was enthusiastic about the acquisition of Wild Cherry Canyon. Thanked Pete for his service.
3. **Introduction of Curtis Black, new Deputy Director – Parks.** **Pete Jenny** introduced **Curtis Black** as the new Deputy Director – Parks. Curtis thanked Pete for his support. **Curtis** gave a background of his experience. Pete thanked Stacey and Staff for a successful program.
4. **Commissioner Comments.** **Commissioner Hilton** thanked **Pete** for his service and welcomed **Curtis**. He met with Kathy Longacre on the agenda for the September 8 joint Park Commission and Trails Committee meeting. **Commissioner Gonzales** thanked **Pete** and welcomed **Curtis**. She visited Santa Margarita Lake and road to the back country camp. Met with Paula O'Farrell of Vineyard OLPA and had a positive experience. **Commissioner Teixeira** welcomed **Curtis** and thanked **Pete** for his service. He went to the mixer at Dana Adobe and commented on further activities at the Adobe. **Commissioner Matthews** thanked **Pete** and welcomed **Curtis**. He congratulated all for their support of the acquisition of WCC. **Commissioner Nash-Karner** expressed appreciation of Pete's service. She thought that the Recreation Element and WCC acquisition were among the thousands of positive events in his

career. She said that on September 27, 2009 the SLO Botanical Garden celebration would be at El Chorro Park. **Commissioner Nash-Karner** offered to donate \$100 for WCC acquisition and challenged the other commissioners to do the same. She commented on the fence at Los Osos Red Barn area and asked staff if there is a way to work with Public Works on the project. She commented on Mustang Water Slides (MWS) saying she was concerned about slippery surfaces and weak handrails. She also said she thought the El Moro Pathway in Los Osos needs work and is working with Public Works to make the relationship more effective. Del Rio clarified that he was the appropriate contact to share information with MWS and that he would work with Public Works where possible.

5. **Approve minutes of July 23 meeting.** **Commissioner Matthews** moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting, seconded by **Commissioner Texeira**. Motion passed 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS

6. **Trails Committee report.** Trails Committee agreed to Park's process of accepting OTD trails. Kathy Longacre presented Trails Committee report.
7. **Deputy Director's Report.** **Pete Jenny** thanked those who commented on the WCC at the BOS. He commented on the GSA picnic and was happy to see the new County CAO there. Commented on budget impact of State budget cuts on social services and road funds. There will be a 9.7 million dollar cut to the general fund. The idea is to acquire a loan to pay the State. Plan B is to go to reserves. Parks is benefiting from the "staycation" type attitude and camping is up 8-10%. Long-term lease for 100 acres adjacent to Dana Adobe was adopted by BOS on August 11, 2009. Metro P.C. has entered an agreement for a cell site with a community recreation benefit to local recreation via SLOPOST by donating \$15, 000. Work on a similar agreement at El Chorro Park is ongoing. **Pete** thanked the Commissioners and previous Commissioners for their support. **Curtis** shared that he would do his best to support Parks, Golf and open spaces. Asked to meet one on one with commissioners.

BUSINESS ITEMS

8. **Consideration of Board Referral regarding acceptance of additional offers of dedication for public trails.** **Jenny** introduced Jan Di Leo to make a staff presentation. **Commissioner Hilton** asked if the acceptance of OTD have time constraints. Jan said none are in jeopardy as the process to accept offers will be complete in a year. **Commissioner Matthews** asked if trails are put in different tiers. Jan said yes. We may accept but not open some trails. Jim Harrison, Nipomo resident, said he would like the Inga Trail accepted first. ElJay Hanson encouraged the **Park Commission** to advise staff to accept trails before they are lost. El Jay Hanson said the County should accept trails before they have to pay to buy easements for connectivity. He encouraged **Park Commission** to support acceptance of the Inga Trail. Kathy Longacre said Trails Committee goals and objectives were to complete an inventory of all offers to OTD. Her job on the Trails Committee is to look at the entire County. Said it was not fair to focus on a specific area of the County

when there is no threat of losing trails. Former Commissioner Dorothy Jennings said community supported staff's process to stay on the course to continue inventory process. **Commissioner Hilton** suggested moving forward on the big picture and permit Park's inventory process to continue. **Commissioner Gonzales** moved to take stock in the bigger picture and accept Trails Committee recommendation, seconded by **Commissioner Hilton**. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Consideration of revisions to Commission's Annual Report based on feedback from Board of Supervisors. **Pete Jenny** gave an update. 1.) BOS would like to see traditional park project completion list. 2.) Park Commission Chair asked BOS what are your priorities? She suggested the following be included in the amended Annual Report to the BOS a. BOS should direct staff to perform needs assessment. b. Bos should provide direction on how Parks is going to pay for improvements? c. ask the BOS what are the options for fiscal sustainability? d. What are the Pros and cons of optional funding sources? **Commissioner Nash-Karner and Commissioner Matthews** will continue to work on Board Letter. **Commissioner Hillton moved to approve Commissioner Nash-Karner and Commissioner Matthews** on Board Letters, seconded by **Commissioner Texeira**. Motion passed 5-0.

10. Approve letters of donation. **Commissioner Teixeira** made a motion to approve letters of donation, seconded by **Commissioner Gonzales**. Motion passed 5-0.

11. Adjourn meeting. 9:00 p.m.