

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
JUNE 25, 2009
SAN LUIS OBISPO VETERANS HALL
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA**

Commissioners Present: Deanne Gonzales, Paul Teixeira and Bruce Hilton

Commissioners Absent: Rick Matthews and Pandora Nash-Karner

Staff Present: Pete Jenny and Ernie Del Rio

Other Staff: None

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

OPENING

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. **Public Comment.** Margaret Winslow asked the Park Commission to take steps to move the Vineyard Dog Park in Templeton. She said she had appealed to park staff with little success.
3. **Commissioner Comments.** **Commissioner Gonzales** commented on the amount of press Parks has received recently and that she is concerned about potential State Park closures. **Commissioner Hilton** said had questions about the Biddle Park master plan process and he is interested in hearing more about the results of the most recent meeting. He commented on tree plantings at the golf course. He would like to revisit County Parks planting pallet for trees. **Jenny** commented that Park Planner Shaun Cooper is working on the master plan for Biddle Park and has asking the community for their ideas on appropriate uses. **Jenny** suggested bringing a tree planting policy brochure and planting pallet back to the Park Commission for review. **Commissioner Teixeira** said he also received emails about Biddle Park. **Commissioner Teixeira also** said he was honored to be at **Pete Jenny's** retirement party and thanked Mr. Jenny on behalf of the Park Commission.
4. **Approve minutes of April 23, 2009 meeting.** Minutes approved by consensus.

STAFF REPORTS

5. **Deputy Director-Parks' report.** 1) **Jenny** updated the Commission that the Board provided tentative approval for State Parks to implement a daily fee program at Montaña de Oro SP on June 23; 2) Also on June 23 the Board tabled the Dana Adobe property lease due to questions raised about potential placement of a playground on the 100-acre site; 3) The Board adopted a budget for FY 2009-10; Parks is also losing two rangers, 20% of the seasonal budget, and 5% of General Fund support; there may be further cuts depending on what happens with the State budget; 4) In addition to an annual \$5,000 operational subsidy Parks has been contributing to keep the Creston

pool open, staff will soon propose a project to the Board to allocate nearly \$20,000 in Quimby funds for major upgrades to the facility; 5) The Board approved a contribution on nearly \$20,000 in Public Facility Fees to the Cambria Community Services District for construction of a short trail near Moonstone Beach that would provide safer connection to existing trails; 6) All currently vacant Park Ranger II positions have been filled, however one further Ranger retirement today will result in one additional vacancy; 6) Deputy Director-Parks recruitment continues.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- 6. Discussion of recommendation to Board of Supervisors regarding site name of 100-acre County Parks site at Dana Adobe.** Jenny gave a background of the naming policy and said the Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos, Inc. recommends the name "Rancho Nipomo Historic Site." **Commissioner Hilton** asked about the history of the name Nipomo. Marina Washburn, Executive Director of Dana Adobe, said that Nipomo means "foot of the hill" in Chumash. **Commissioner Hilton** moved to accept the name recommendation of "Rancho Nipomo Historic Site;" motion seconded by **Commissioner Gonzales**. Motion approved 3-0.
- 7. Presentation on Dana Adobe vision by DANA board.** Jenny turned over the presentation to **Herb Kandel**, Past President of Dana Amigos. **Kandel** gave an overview of past process and thanked the Park Commission for helping create a legacy. He also introduced **Stephanie Franks**, Treasurer, **John Fowler**, Project Manager, **Donna Kandel** and **Marina Washburn**. **Washburn** gave a presentation and overview of the vision for the Dana Adobe. **Fowler** gave a presentation on restoration efforts. He has recently approved improvements on the East side veranda. The Commission was invited to Heritage Days on July 19. **Commissioner Hilton** asked if there is a Chumash component to the site and the programs. **Kandel** explained that their programs include native plant use, plantings, reconstruction of huts, etc. **Commissioner Hilton** asked if cattle are planned and **Washburn** explained that limited use of cattle on the site is planned to recreate the historic context of the Adobe.
- 8. Approve letters of donation.** **Commissioner Teixeira** reviewed letters of donation. **Commissioner Gonzales** moved to accept letters of donation; seconded by **Commissioner Hilton**. Motion approved 3-0
- 9. Adjourn meeting.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.