



AGENDA

Meeting of the Scotts Valley Parks and Recreation Commission

Date: February 18, 2016

Time: 5:30 p.m.

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| CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY 1 Civic Center Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (831) 438-3251 | MEETING LOCATION Recreation Division Offices 361 Kings Village Road Scotts Valley, CA 95066 | POSTING: The agenda was posted 2-11 -16 at City Hall, SV Senior Center, SV Recreation Offices and on the Internet at www.scottsvalley.org . |
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| Council Appointed Commissioners <i>Eric Seib, Chair</i> <i>David Sanguinetti, Board Member</i> <i>Pam Smith, Board Member</i> <i>Nick Thelen, Board Member</i> <i>Marci-Beth Maple, Board Member</i> | City Staff Members <i>Scott Hamby, Public Works Director</i> <i>Kristin Ard, Recreation Division Manager</i> <i>Carol O'Neil, Administrative Secretary</i> |
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CALL TO ORDER 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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| <p>PUBLIC COMMENT TIME</p> <p>This portion of the agenda is reserved for discussion by the public of items which are NOT agendized. No action may be taken by the commission except to refer the matter to staff and/or place it on a future agenda. It is in the best interest of the person speaking to the commission to be concise and to the point. All speakers are requested to sign their name at the podium so their name may be accurately recorded in the minutes of the meeting. A time limit of three minutes per individual will be allowed.</p> |
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ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

(Commissioners can remove or add items to the Consent Agenda.)

CONSENT AGENDA

(The Consent Agenda is comprised of items which appear to be non-controversial. Persons wishing to speak on any item may do so by raising their hand to be recognized by the Chair.)

- A. Approve Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of 09-17-15

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

(Commissioners can remove or add items to the Regular Agenda.)

REGULAR AGENDA

(Persons wishing to speak on any item may do so by raising their hand to be recognized by the Chair.)

1. 5:30 pm - Site Visits to Polo Ranch, Siltanen Park and Lodato Park
2. Parks and Recreation Update – Staff Report/Ard

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Update on tree inspection report
2. Collaboration between Parks & Recreation Commission and Advocates
3. CalFire and Linear Trail – Fire Chief
4. MacDorsa Park Design

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**City of Scotts Valley
Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes: November 19, 2015**

Call to Order: 6:00 pm by Chairman Seib

Attendance: Eric Seib, Commission Chair
Pam Smith, Commissioner
Nick Thelen, Commissioner
Marci-Beth Maple, Commissioner

Absent: David Sanguinetti, Commissioner

Staff: Kristin Ard, Recreation Division Manager
Scott Hamby, Public Works Director

Public Comment:

None

Consent Agenda:

Approve minutes of September 17, 2015, meeting
M/S: Thelen/Maple
Approved 4/0

Regular Agenda:

Community Gardens Update:

Recreation Manager Ard read the staff report discussing the squirrel and gopher problems at the Community Garden. The staff report included a list of suggested improvements to the garden in order to mitigate the small animal problems.

RMD Ard introduced Sherry Woo, a volunteer and gardener, who contacted the current plot owners and helped compile the list of suggested improvements that are believed necessary in order to make the garden a success.

Public Comments:

Sherry Woo said that the early plot renters suffered dearly due to the squirrels and gophers. She went on to say that the garden currently has a 50% vacancy rate. She also suggested making improvements sooner than later would be better in order to plant in the spring.

Dave Rosener, participant in the garden start up, said that a community garden is a valuable addition to Scotts Valley. He went on to say that many residents do not have the room to grow things at home. He said that repellants did not work, but he would expect them to respond to predators. He suggested physical barriers, planter boxes and trapping. He said much of the labor could be provided by volunteers.

Lillian Derrigan, who started renting a plot in May, used wire below ground, enclosed her plot, but still had squirrels. She never got anything out of the garden plot.

Stacy Rosener wondered if flashing is enough to deter the animals, and suggested contacting UCSC to see if the garden would be a good project for a student.

Janine Harts asked if anyone set out water for the squirrels, and wondered if the lack of water was why they eat the tomatoes. She also suggested a cat, owl boxes and a seed library.

Cindy Hart said that the squirrels are the real issue and could decimate a plot in one night. She said that gophers are slower moving. She suggested flashing and wire and asked about fund-raising efforts. Ms. Hart also asked if she needed to renew immediately because she could not commit without seeing some improvements in place.

Commissioner Seib asked if anyone had requested funding from the Advocates.

Commissioner Thelen asked if the plots could be rented on a month to month basis.

RDM Ard stated that the current plot owners are all on staggered dates. They will need to get on the same schedule perhaps by pro-rating those who start later in the year.

Director Hamby stated that the City maintenance staff would look at the list and start making some of the improvements (for example the flashing) in the near future.

Polo Ranch Park Design:

Recreation Manager Ard read the staff report regarding the park design changes proposed by Lennar Builders in July. The Commission is standing by their decision to not approve the requested changes.

Parks and Recreation Program Update:

RDM Ard read the staff report, including the success of the Friday Twilight swims, a new baton twirling class and a new pickle ball league.

Bocce ball court improvements are scheduled to begin within the week. The improvements will allow wheel chair access all around the courts.

The City had an ADA inspection in November, which will result in a report issued by the consultants sometime in the next few months.

The Senior Center had a very successful Holiday Craft Faire, and now has a new Bingo Board with a blower for the numbers.

The Valley Vineyard Church has started moving into the Community Center. The Chamber of Commerce is now located in the Nob Hill shopping center.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

City of Scotts Valley
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 18, 2016
TO: Parks and Recreation Commissioners
FROM: Kristin Ard, Recreation Division Manager
SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Update

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

Scotts Valley Recreation has been busier than ever this 2016. Carol O'Neil, Administrative Secretary, will be retiring April 1, 2016. She worked ten years for the Parks and Recreation Department and will be missed greatly. Joann Pursley, former Administrative Analyst for SVPD, came out of retirement to help in the front office. She is a wonderful asset to the department assisting through the busy times.

Our popular Youth Basketball League has begun with an incredible enrollment of 220 students, the highest ever! Pickleball continues to do very well on Saturdays from 9am – Noon, averaging 25 participants each time. Currently, there are four volunteers, each one being responsible for one Saturday a month. The Recreation Division Manager is looking for one more volunteer to be the lead on either the 4th or 5th Saturday of the month. Some NEW classes this spring are: Brains & Balance, Boxing, Central Coast Baton Twirlers, and Performance Voice. Returning and new camps are: Play-Well TEKnologies (Lego engineering), Bike Dojo, and British Soccer Camps.

Activities at the Senior Center continue to grow along with their memberships! There are currently over 400 members. They have amazing volunteers who bring over 25 different activities a week to the center. There are health classes, games, art, music, armchair topics, and Muncheon movies, just to name a few. The Senior Center received a new Bingo Board with an electronic blower which they use on Wednesdays after Meals on Wheels luncheons. The exciting feature of the Bingo Board that lights up the pattern of the game they are playing!

School Age Recreation is bursting at the seams this year! Afterschool, Wednesday Care, Drop In, and Before School are just some of the programs that are full. Staff continues to offer lots of fun activities, trips, and new this year is Art with Saree! We are so thankful to have Saree working with the children and displaying their art in the Recreation Office. Staff has planned a fun Spring Camp. They will be going to the Boardwalk, BBQing at Skypark, and taking a tour of MAH (Museum of Art and History) in downtown Santa Cruz.

Coming soon is a tennis ball recycling program. We just received two plastic containers that mount on the fence at the tennis courts for the public to place their used tennis balls. Each container holds approximately 200 balls. The collected balls are then shipped at no charge, to a company which grinds them up and putting the material back into court surfaces. The Parks and Recreation Department is proud to be a part of this program.

The memorial rock at Siltanen Park went to Council. Council approved the rock memorial and maintenance crews have done what is needed to make sure the rock is secured.

Lastly, there has been a lot of positive progress at the Community Garden headed up by a wonderful volunteer, Sherry Woo. Sherry has a group of volunteers ready to put up flashing around the perimeter of the garden to help keep the squirrels out. In addition, she has reached out to current plot owners to let them know the City is providing materials such as, wood, gopher wire, and soil to help make secure garden beds in their existing plots. Sherry and Division Manager Ard have scheduled a work day at the Community Garden for the weekend of March 5 & 6, 2016. A BIG thank you to Sherry Woo for stepping up and taking on this worthwhile project!

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Enjoy!

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