SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, January 22, 2015
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Deanne Gonzales
Connie O'Henley
Chairperson Pandora-Nash Karner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Bruce Hilton
Kenny Dahlen

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Iaquinto, Shaun Cooper, Megan Pankratz, and Anna Diaz

Pledge of Allegiance

1. This is the time that is reserved for the flag salute.

Chairperson Nash-Karner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

2. This is the time set for public comment on items that do not appear on the agenda.

Chairperson Nash-Karner opens the floor to public for comment.

Lionel Johnston, from Shell Beach with One Cool Earth spoke on his concern about County Parks trees.

Commissioners' Adjustments to Agenda

3. This is the time set for any proposed adjustments to today's agenda.

Chairperson Nash-Karner asked Commissioner's to reschedule the next Park & Recreation Commission meeting from February 26 to February 19, 2016.

Commissioners' Comments and Outreach

4. This is the time set for Commissioner remarks on their outreach efforts since the previous meeting.

Commissioner O'Henley, took a trip to Oregon.

Chairperson Nash-Karner will visit Santa Cruz Island; forgot to mention at the last Park & Rec. meeting she attended the Fire Safe groundbreaking at the SLO Botanical Gardens; attended a couple of Board of Supervisors meeting but missed the announcement of the new Park & Recreation Director; Park & Rec. report will be at the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 10, 2015 for a hearing.

Commissioner Gonzales, no comment.

Approve Draft Minutes From Previous Meeting

5. This is the time set for consideration and acceptance of the previous meeting minutes.

No minutes to approve.

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Trails Advisory Committee Report

6. This is the time set for a report on the latest Trails Advisory Committee meeting. This item is skipped when no meeting has occurred.

There was no meeting to report.

Golf Advisory Committee Report

7. This is the time set for a report on the latest Golf Advisory Committee meeting. This item is skipped when no meeting has occurred.

There was no meeting to report.

Staff Reports

8. 2015 Parks and Recreation Commssion Elections

Commissioners discussed the election of Officers for the 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Dahlen is nominated for Chairperson.
Motion by: Deanne Gonzales
Second by: Connie O'Henley

COMMISSIONERS	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Gonzales, Deanne	x			
O'Henley, Connie	x			
Nash-Karner, Pandora	x			

COMMISSIONER KENNY DAHLEN IS ELECTED AS THE PARKS AND RECREATION CHAIRPERSON FOR 2015.

Commissioner Gonzales is nominated for Vice-Chairperson

Motion by: Connie O'Henley
Second by: Pandora Nash-Karner

COMMISSIONERS	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Gonzales, Deanne	x			
O'Henley, Connie	x			
Nash-Karner, Pandora	x			

COMMISSIONER DEANNE GONZALES IS ELECTED AS THE PARKS AND RECREATION VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2015.

9. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors: 1) Certify the Bob Jones Pathway project Environmental Impact Report in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.; and, 2) Approve the Bob Jones Pathway project between the Octagon Barn, on South Higuera Street and Ontario Road staging area.

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Shaun Cooper, County Parks Senior Planner spoke on the Environmental Impact Report, project description overview, overview on the EIR report and recommended alternative.

Ms. Ryan Hostetter, County Planning & Building spoke in more detail about the EIR aspect on the project.

Mr. Cooper and **Ms. Ryan** answered Park Commissioners questions.

Chairperson Nash-Karner opens the floor to public comment.

Mr. Gary Felsman, San Luis Obispo spoke in favor of the project and his concern on regular report on the trail committee.

Mr. Larry Iaquinto, County Park Superintendent responded.

Mr. Myron Amery from San Luis Obispo spoke in favor of the project.

Ms. Lea Brooks from San Luis Obispo and the Bob Jones steering committee spoke in favor of the project.

Ms. Jessica Berry from SLO Council of Governments spoke in favor of the project.

Ms. Ann Wyatt from San Luis Obispo spoke in favor of the project.

Ms. Kaila Dettman executive director of the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo spoke in favor of the project.

Chairperson Nash-Karner brought it back to Commissioners for questions.
Commissioner O'Henley spoke on the plan and comments.

Chairperson Nash-Karner read correspondences from **Mr. Ray Bunnell** in opposition of this project and **Mr. Hilton** in favor of this project.

Commissioner Gonzales thanked County Parks staff for an excellent job towards this project and others.

Chairperson Nash-Karner had questions which Mr. Cooper answered.

Mr. Steve McMasters, Public Works answered Commissioner's question.

Staff is recommending that the Park & Recreation Commission make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to certify the Bob Jones Pathway EIR and approve the Bob Jones Pathway project alignment between the Octagon Barn and Ontario Rd. staging area.

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that the Board: 1) Certify the Bob Jones Pathway project Environmental Impact Report in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.; and, 2) Approve the Bob Jones Pathway project between the Octagon Barn, on South Higuera Street and Ontario Road staging area.

Motion by: Deanne Gonzales
Second by: Connie O'Henley

COMMISSIONERS	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Gonzales, Deanne	x			
O'Henley, Connie	x			
Nash-Karner, Pandora	x			

COMMISSIONERS RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CERTIFY THE EIR FOR THE BOB JONES TRIAL PROJECT AND APPROVE THE PATHWAY BETWEEN THE OCTAGON BARN AND THE TRAIL.

Deputy Director-Parks' Report

10. This is the time set for the Deputy Director of Parks report.

Mr. Larry Iaquinto, spoke on behalf of the Deputy Director on the Vista Lago Adventure Park opening, Rocky Mountain Santa Margarita Lake Marina opening, lake level; Dairy Creek Golf Course update, spoke on the projects from last PCom

meeting and holding off the remodel of the office, working on Park and Golf budget, new Director Nick Franco and answered Commissioners questions.

Chairperson Pandora Nash-Karner would like to add on next month's agenda the discussion and scheduling for the parks tour and retreat.

Commissioner O'Henley mentioned she will re-up and it will be on the Boards Agenda.

Approve letters of donation

11. This is the time set for the Chairperson to acknowledge and accept any Letters of Donation received.

There are no letters of donation this month.

Adjournment

12. Adjourn Meeting

There being no other business, on motion duly made and unanimously carried the meeting is adjourned.

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