

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
JUNE 26, 2008
SAN LUIS OBISPO VETERANS HALL
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA**

Commissioners Present: Rick Mathews, Dorothy Jennings, Terry Eberhardt and Paul Teixeira.

Commissioners Absent: Pandora Nash-Karner

Staff Present: Pete Jenny, Ernie Del Rio and Ken Klis

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

OPENING

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

2. **Public Comment.** None.

3. **Commissioner comments. Commissioner Jennings** reported the Santa Margarita and Lopez Lake shuttle is in place; the Anza trail gathering went well with about 40 people in attendance and SLO County was well represented; expressed concern about the outreach program by the Planning Dept Re: SMART Growth, and whether their plans were consistent with the P.R.E.; commented on the Santa Rita Meadows project where trees were planted in trail easement; said Santa Margarita Ranch EIR is complete and she is reviewing it, and is concerned about completion of the trail that connects to the forest. **Commissioner Teixeira** thanked the BOS for approving land requisition adjacent to Dana Adobe and noted that the 27 acres immediately surrounding the Adobe is now in escrow; extended an invitation to Jacks Helping Hands fundraiser Saturday, July 19th at Santa Margarita Ranch. **Commissioner Eberhardt** said Avila Civic Association received a grant for the Achievement House labor this summer; he is working with the public to develop a skate park in Avila; expressed concern about the Memorial Day event on the Front Street Plaza in Avila. **Commissioner Matthews** has had an on-going conversation with group working to develop Creston Community Center; he and Supervisor Patterson attended a meeting of the Atascadero Horseman Association, which wants an equestrian campground at Santa Margarita Lake; he was contacted by William Miller of Garden Farms, who is interested in developing a trail in the community.

4. **Approve minutes of April 24 meeting.** Motion to approve April 24, 2008 minutes made by **Commissioner Jennings**, seconded by **Commissioner Teixeira**. Motion approved 4-0.

STAFF REPORTS

5. Trails Committee report. None

- 6. Park Manager's Report.** a) Commented on Dana Adobe acquisitions and looking forward to working with the Dana Adobe board; b) Shared the potential of land acquisition and development above Cave Landing near Avila; c) Gave an update and a presentation on the quagga mussel problem to the BOS; City of San Luis Obispo attended meeting to express support of Park's proactive approach to prevent the introduction of this invasive species; d) Informed Commission that the Public Works is no longer involved in the operations of Lopez Recreational Area effective July 1, 2008. Staff is working out a contract with Fluid Resources Management to manage water and wastewater facilities; e) Shared new General Services Agency vision and mission statements; staff will review Parks' mission statement to see if any changes are needed to keep it in alignment with GSA vision and mission statements; **Jenny** is on a team to develop core values for GSA; f) Updated Commission on recently completed park projects; g) Shared with Commission the results of a recent legal appeal of the proposed development of a dog park in Arroyo Grande; that project now moving forward; g) **Jenny** is now the GSA Deputy Director–Parks.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- 7. Recommendation to support development of a new dog park at Vineyards neighborhood park site in Templeton.** **Jenny** introduced a proposal by Parks-4-Pups to develop a dog park at the new Vineyard park site in Templeton. He presented the plan to the Templeton Area Advisory Group, which support the concept unanimously. All development costs will be borne by Parks-4-Pups who will also manage the area upon completion. This group developed and has been operating the dog park in Heilmann Park for over three years. Motion to approve the recommendation made by **Commissioner Jennings**, seconded by **Commissioner Eberhardt**. Motion approved 4-0.
- 8. Recommendation of proposed names for new campground and new trail at Santa Margarita Lake Regional Park.** **Ernie Del Rio** introduced **Ken Klis**, who stated that staff came up with recommended names. **Klis** explained the process of soliciting names for the group area from stakeholder groups which resulted in the suggestion of Heron for the new group camp and Falcon for the new trail. Following a discussion about using Native American names or their English equivalent, **Jenny** suggested the use of English and developing interpretative displays to explain the Chumash name and the role of the subject animals in their culture. Motion to approve the staff recommendation made by **Commissioner Eberhardt**, seconded by **Commissioner Teixeira**. Motion approved 4-0.
- 9. Recommendation to Board of Supervisors to approve an MOU with Lucia Mar Unified School District regarding a joint park/school site in Nipomo.** **Commissioner Teixeira** stepped out due to his role with the school district board. **Jenny** gave an update to the Commission about how the MOU came together. Essentially, it documents the idea of the County and the District working together on a

joint park/elementary school site should the circumstances still make sense when the project comes to fruition. The District Board has approved the concept; staff is seeking Commission endorsement hoping to take the item to BOS sometime this summer. Motion to support staff's recommendation made by **Commissioner Eberhardt**, seconded by **Commissioner Jennings**. Motion approved 3-0.

10. **Approve letters of donation.** **Commissioner Jennings** moved to approve letters of donation, seconded by **Commissioner Eberhardt**. Motion approved 4-0.
11. **Adjourn meeting.** Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.