

MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2014

SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER City Clerk Geri Johnson swore in new Parks and Recreation Commissioner Christopher Soto.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jason Ballew called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chairperson Ballew led the Commission in the pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Jason Ballew, Laura Miller, Robert Kutz and Marlene Medina
Christopher Soto.

Absent: Commissioners Absent (none)

Also Present: Executive Secretary Clayton Lee and Recreation Supervisor Tina Garza

VERIFICATION OF AGENDA POSTING

Recreation Supervisor Tina Garza informed the Commission that the agenda for the February, 25, 2014 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was posted at both the Hollister Community Center and City Hall on February 21, 2014 per Government Code Section 54954.2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2014, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting as presented. Second by Commissioner Kutz. Motion Passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Youth Commissioner Executive Secretary Lee informed the Commission that the City Council, at their February 3, 2014, meeting approved the appointment of a youth Commissioner to the Parks and Recreation Commission, one Commissioner shall serve as a youth Commissioner, and Mr. Christopher Soto was unanimously appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission and will serve his term as the first- ever Youth Commissioner for the City of Hollister..

2. Hollister Skate Park Commissioner Laura Miller provided a summary of the efforts of the Commission on meeting with various groups to gather feedback and support for the expansion of the skate Park at Veterans' Memorial Park. Commissioner Miller informed the Commission that she had presented her Power Point presentation to the Veterans' Memorial Park Commission at their meeting on February 3, 2014. That it was well received and the Commission was generally supportive of the effort. The Commission has obtained feedback from the skate boarding enthusiasts in addition to the youth involved in BMX bicycling. There have been a number of adults, primarily parents that have committed to helping with the planning and construction of the expansion project, after a brief discussion regarding potential funding sources, for the project. Commissioner Kutz made a motion to recommend approval of an expenditure of \$78,000 from the Park development Fund (205) which has a current fund balance of \$653,000. Second by Commissioner Laura Miller motion passed unanimously 5-0. Executive Secretary Lee stated that he would have this item on the agenda for a City Council decision at their March 3, 2014 regular City Council meeting.

3. Valley View Park Clean Up Day Executive Secretary Lee informed the Commission that a resident in the Valley View Park neighborhood, Mrs. Ashley Sand has contacted City staff about coordinating a cleanup day using neighborhood volunteers. Lee explained that he had discussed this concept with the Parks and Streets Division staff and they were supportive of working with Mrs. Sand's volunteers and after several emails with Mrs. Sand. A date of Saturday March 29 was scheduled for the cleanup day, the event will be held from 9:00A.M... to 12 noon.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Youth Rally Recreation Supervisor Tina Garza reported that she is involved with several other organizations in planning a youth Rally to be held at Veterans Memorial Park on M10, 2014. She stated that they are still in the early stages of planning the event and that staff would keep the Commission informed of the planning progress as the event nears.

2. Appointment of New Parks and Recreation Commissioner New Commissioner Christopher Soto provided a brief summary of his background, education, and work experience.

1. **Resolution no. 96-17 Youth Center Fund** Executive Secretary Lee explained to the Commission that Youth Alliance Executive Director Diane Ortiz, had recently contacted He, to inform him of a project at their facility called a youth Empowerment Center, in which they were going to make some improvements to their current facility to accommodate their expanding youth services. Lee described the services that were going to be offered at this expanded facility, after discussion, the Commission who had reviewed Resolution No. 96- 17 agreed that this Youth empowerment facility would be an appropriate expenditure of the Youth Center funds. Commissioner Medina, made a motion, to recommend to the City Council that the \$22,000. In the Youth Center Fund be contributed to the Youth Alliance, for their Youth empowerment project. Second by Commissioner Kutz. Motion passed 5-0, Lee stated he would be on vacation from March 7th through March 14th and would get the item to the City Council as soon as he could upon his return.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, Commissioner Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Second by Commissioner Kutz. Motion passed 5-0.

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on March 25, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clayton Lee, Executive Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission