
City of Hollister Parks and Recreation Commission

MEETING MINUTES
March 31, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jason Ballew called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Jason Ballew led the Commission in the pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Jason Ballew, Commissioners Laura Miller and Marlene Medina

Absent: Commissioner Robert Kutz

Also Present: Recreation Supervisor Tina Garza, Recreation Coordinator Trisha Lee, City Manager Bill Avera

VERIFICATION OF AGENDA POSTING

Recreation Supervisor Tina Garza informed the Commission that the agenda for the March 31, 2015 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was posted at both the Hollister Community Center and City Hall on March 27, 2015 per Government Code Section 54954.2.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

After review of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes from February 24, 2015, Chairperson Ballew called for a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Miller made a motion, while Commissioner Medina second the motion. The meeting minutes were approved with a vote of 3-0-1 with Commissioner Kutz absent.

Chair Person Ballew called for a motion to move the second item on the agenda under Old Business, Dunne Park Tennis Courts, to be first on the agenda. Commissioner Miller made a motion, while Commissioner Medina second the motion. The agenda items were approved to be switched.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Dunne Park Tennis Courts** –

Recreation Coordinator, Trisha Lee, that the bid process for the resurfacing project of the three Dunne Park Tennis Courts had closed a week and a half prior to the meeting and the City received a total of four bids, with one bid being substantially lower than the rest. Staff reported that the City decided to use the lower of the four contractors and the project will get started the middle of April due to other projects that the contractor has in May, as well as the HITS Tennis Program starting in April.

Public Comment-

John Bessa, a former educator and recreation leader, wanted to commend staff for provided a very informative, interactive and educational HITS Coaches Clinic. John also asked staff if the new tennis court surfaces were going to be up to USTA standards with blue and green colors. Staff responded and let him know they were going to resurfaced with the same colors as they current are; red and green. Mr. Bessa thinks that the courts will be a great asset to the tennis community and Hollister in general. He is aware of a number of groups who are already talking about their excitement regarding the new courts and the use they are going to get out of them. He believes that since a USTA Team and Tournament play only requires three courts; there will be a Hollister USTA Team from Dunne Park Tennis Courts.

Lastly, Mr. Bessa let the commission know that he would like to see a Recreation Leader stationed at Dunne Park for equipment check out and community program uses. He thinks it will make Dunne Park even more of a hub for Recreation programming.

2. Veterans Memorial Skate Park update –

City Manager Bill Avera informed the Commission that there hasn't been a hole lot of progression to the project due to some back and forth between the City of Hollister and the manufacturing company. Staff has been working with the company on the sales tax and a few other dollar issues and is trying to stay within the range that the project has been financially allocated. City Manager Bill Avera reported that staff will be in touch with the company at the end of this week or beginning of next week to order the equipment in hopes of starting to build and install the structures soon. It was reported also that City of Hollister Parks staff will be installing the equipment to save on costs.

Public Comment-

There was no public comment for this item

3. Vista Park Hill Stair Project –

City Manager Bill Avera let the Commission know that there was no new information to report. He looked through the City of Hollister Parks Master Plan and didn't see the Vista Park Hill Stair Project on the plan, so he believed that it wasn't approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission and/or City Council.

Public Comment-

Robin Pollard informed the Commission and staff that she had a copy of the signed and approved City of Hollister Parks Master Plan at home that had the stairs project on it. She told staff she would provide them with a copy in order to clear up the confusion.

Also, Robin Pollard is looking for direction on behalf of R.E.A.C.H. to go out and solicit/fund raise for the Vista Park Hill Stairs Project. She asked that R.E.A.C.H. be given approximate dollar amount the project will be in order to ask green space

companies/organizations who seem interested in funding the project, as well as looking for grants to do the same thing.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **City of Hollister/SBC PAL update-** Staff reported that the HITS Tennis Program's spring session that will be starting April 7, 2015 has maxed out at 50 participants ages 5-11. Staff reported that coaches and volunteers are still needed. Also, the Jr. Giants program has a total of 435 participants and parents combined and are expected to be around 500 by the May 22, 2015 registration cutoff date. It was also reported that volunteers are very much needed for that program still. Lastly, staff informed the Commission, and handed out flyers, for the April 18, 2015 MLB Pitch, Hit and Run event that will be held at Rancho San Justo.

REPORTS

1. **San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission Update** – There was no representative in attendance from the County in order to provide the Commission with an update on the recent activities of the San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission.
2. **Recreation Program Review** - Recreation Supervisor Tina Garza provided the Commission with a brief review of the month's Recreation Division activities.
3. **Parks Division Review** – City Manager Bill Avera provided the Commission with a monthly report of the Parks Division's activities

Next Meeting – Recreation Coordinator Trisha Lee informed the Commission that the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission would be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission. Chairperson Ballew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Second was by Commissioner Miller. Motion passed 3-0-1 with Commissioner Kutz absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha Lee, Recreation Coordinator
Parks and Recreation Commission