

**Los Osos Community Services District
Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
December 5, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Call to Order, Flag Salute, and Roll Call	<p>Chairperson Tornatzky called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the flag salute.</p> <p><u>Roll Call:</u> Alissa Feldman, Committee Member – Present William Fitzgerald, Committee Member - Present Jennifer Foronjy, Committee Member – Present Andrea Lueker, Committee Member – Absent Shaunna Sullivan, Committee Member – Present Lou Tornatzky, Chairperson – Present</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> Renee Osborne, General Manager Ann Kudart, Administrative Services Manager</p>	
2. Approval of Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2017	<p>Administrative Services Manager Kudart presented minutes as submitted in the agenda packet.</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p> <p>Committee Member Sullivan moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 3, 2017. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Feldman and carried by unanimous consent.</p>	Action: Receive and file the approved minutes.
3. Update Regarding the Los Osos Community Dog Park	<p>General Manager Osborne reported that the lease has been discussed during the Board's closed session and that it will come back before the Committee at the February 6, 2018 meeting.</p> <p>Public Comment – Julie Tacker would like to hear an update regarding the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and that nothing can be done on the dog park property until the adoption of the HCP.</p> <p>Steve Best commented on the Habitat Conservation Plan.</p>	
4. Update of Committee Members' Findings Regarding Interested 501c3 Nonprofit Organizations	<p>Committee Members Foronjy and Feldman reported that the Los Osos Rotary and Small Wilderness Preserve were contacted. The Rotary will discuss at their next meeting and Small Wilderness Preserve has not yet responded.</p> <p>Committee Member Fitzgerald reported that People Helping People were enthusiastic and interested in the project. The South Bay Women's Network considered but respectfully declined the RFP.</p> <p>Committee Member Sullivan reported that The Bay Foundation declined. She recommended contacting the California Conservation Corp, or the Grizzly Youth Academy to get youngsters involved and that she will contact Karen Adler of SLO Post and Los Osos Kiwanis.</p> <p>Public Comment – Steve Best commented that the Love for Dogs group is working with SLO Post and is motivated to get their 501c3.</p> <p>Julie Tacker commented that the County, not the District, should be spearheading the dog park.</p>	
5. Report on Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Accomplishments of 2017	<p>Chairperson Tornatzky reported that the Committee's main focus this year was on the dog park. The Committee explored potential best practices, read technical articles, rated the options and came up with a sound picture of what they wanted to accomplish once the lease structure was finalized. When the dog park has been given the go-ahead, the Committee can then focus on other areas of Parks and Recreation needs in Los Osos.</p>	

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<p>5. Report on Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Accomplishments of 2017 (continued)</p>	<p>Public Comment – Steve Best commented on the need to look at the bigger picture and have a Parks and Recreation Department to make improvements.</p> <p>Julie Tacker – commented on a special Parks and Recreation tax to bring in revenues.</p>	
<p>6. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Goals for 2018</p>	<p>General Manager Osborne reported that she spoke with Nick Franco, SLO County Parks, regarding the removal of rubber materials from the LO Park. Mr. Franco responded in an email in which he stated that the rubber material meets the current safety and fall standards and cannot justify spending funding to replace a functional material that has five to ten years of life left and that the estimated cost to remove the current rubber material and replace with fibar ground mulch is \$20,000.</p> <p>The Committee discussed looking into the priorities of the community in terms of Parks and Recreation needs and organizing weed pulling parties.</p> <p>Julie Tacker commented on inviting SLO County Parks and Recreation Commissioner Pandora Nash-Karner to report on how she is representing the needs of the community.</p> <p>Steve Best commented on recruiting volunteers to remove the rubber mulching at the park.</p>	<p>Action: The Committee recommended that removal of the rubber material and replacement with fibar ground mulch be added to their 2018 Work Plan.</p>
<p>7. Public Comments on Items NOT on this Agenda</p>	<p>Steve Best commented on the donated property near Sweet Springs that is managed by the Audubon Society.</p>	
<p>8. Schedule Next Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noticed.</p>	
<p>9. Closing Comments by Parks & Recreation Committee Members</p>	<p>Committee Member Fitzgerald enjoyed serving on the committee this year and if invited to continue serving he will accept.</p> <p>Committee Member Sullivan is looking forward to 2018 and hopes that the Habitat Conservation Plan is approved sooner than anticipated.</p> <p>Committee Member Foronjy is looking forward to the removal of the tire mulch from the park.</p>	
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.</p>	