

**Los Osos Community Services District
Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
November 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
<p>1. Call to Order, Flag Salute, and Roll Call</p>	<p>Chairperson Fourcroy 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 – Absent Andrea Lueker, Committee Member – Absent Shaunna Sullivan, Committee Member – Absent Christine Womack, Vice Chairperson – Absent Matthew Fourcroy, Chairperson – Present</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> Ron Munds, General Manager Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager</p>	
<p>2. Approve Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2019</p>	<p>Administrative Services Manager Durban presented the draft minutes to the Committee for approval.</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p> <p>Committee Member Fitzgerald moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 16, 2019 and the motion was seconded by Committee Member Feldman and was carried by unanimous consent.</p>	<p>Action: File minutes.</p>
<p>3. Dog Park Discussion</p> <p>a. Location vs. New Library</p> <p>b. Progress Report</p> <p>c. Santa Barbara Dog Park Materials Overview</p>	<p>General Manager Munds commented on the first public workshop for the Library, the clear favorite was the existing library site; Library to pursue the existing site to renovate and extending.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy commented that the District is working on fostering relationship with CSD Parks and Recreation and the County Parks and Recreations; that a Landscape Architect at Wallace Group has Volunteer/Community Service hours that will hopefully be used to help us create a visual tool of what we are proposing for the Dog Park and how much capital it will take to pull the Dog Park off; one of the biggest challenges will be what we can permit and how do we hand off the park and who will maintain it.</p> <p>Committee Member Fitzgerald presented his report as submitted in the Agenda Packet including size, cost, who will administer, criteria for RFP proposals, vandalism/theft, and what will be included at the park.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented that the organization that will run it is one of the most important things.</p> <p>Public Comment – Yael Korin inquired about having one space versus having different spaces based on size of dog.</p> <p>Margaret Lent commented on having an extra fence down the middle to separate the two sections.</p> <p>Pat Imatil inquired if District is at the infancy stage on how big the Dog Park will be; will there be more discussion before the size is decided in this forum.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy responded that we are at the infancy stage, the size has not been presented yet, Wallace Group will be helping with the size as well as any land barriers for what we would need between the Dog Park and other properties.</p> <p>General Manager Munds responded that further discussions would be during the Parks and Recreation Meeting.</p>	

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3. Dog Park Discussion (continued)	Linde Owen commented that she would like to donate diagrams to Wallace Group to try to protect native plants; start looking for an organization that can form to start advocating and learning what the District needs to do; liabilities should be included on the list and disclaimers; and on fundraising.	
4. Ferrell St. Pathway and Pocket Park Discussion a. Snail Study b. Pathway Part of Circulation Plan c. Progress Report	<p>Chairperson Fourcroy gave a brief history of the Pocket Park; commented of phasing the Pocket Park into two, a path way and a pocket park; commented that a snail study is pending rain.</p> <p>Committee Member Feldman provided a diagram made available to the committee and the public for the Pocket Park; commented on the pathway going through the lot; that many members of the community like to navigate Los Osos without a car and improving this pathway would accommodate many residents; improving upon what's there with native plants and benches; suggested making it an adopt-a-park situation; initiated communication with Cal Poly to see if a class or student project could take on a simple diagram for the lot.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy expressed support for getting help from Cal Poly; commented that he brought the pathway to attention of a wider audience by bringing it to LOCAC, Traffic & Circulation, and the Bicycle Advisory Committee and what the best solution for the whole community would be.</p> <p>Public Comment - John Lin inquired on the length of trail at the Pocket Park; is there a budget for the path and trees.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy commented that this pathway is not a main street and is safer for riding; there is a Parks and Recreation budget and we are looking for projects to utilize that money, this pathway would be a superior alternative for the community.</p> <p>Paul Hershfield commented that having a nice place to go in that part of town would be nice, with a native garden you could put tags on the plants and make it an educational opportunity.</p> <p>Pat Imatil inquired if the thought process is to put the path down and then beautify the park as time goes.</p> <p>Linde Owen commented that Traffic & Circulation would like the pathway to go through; granite is more environmentally friendly; make the pathway as wide as we can get away with; to start planting when we can; to notify the neighbors ahead of time.</p> <p>Christina Grimm inquired on what materials would hold up against gophers; commented the District should go with something more solid.</p> <p>Committee Member Feldman commented on the walkway on Santa Isabela.</p> <p>Margaret Lent inquired if the pocket park is just north of the sandy trail that is in the lot and if the pocket park would fill the whole parcel or just the portion of it.</p> <p>Yael Korin commented that if the District goes through the trouble of improving the pathway that it should be multi-purpose; inquired if LOCAC Tree & Landscape will be involved.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy responded that a preliminary plan will be needed first.</p>	
5. Parks and Recreation Community Calendar Discussion	Chairperson Fourcroy commented that the description is not the best, we are going to discuss the Parks and Recreation Resource Page; asked Christina Grimm to present this Agenda Item.	

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	<p>Christina Grimm reported that while the District is waiting for the HCP and the Community plan to develop that the District should work on the Recreation part of Parks and Recreation. Recommends creating a Parks and Recreation Resource Page on the District website, where the District hosts a hub on information for all the various things that are happening and going on in our town. The District would start very carefully rolling out items seasonally and would start with natural resources and facilities. An example is camping, state parks, parks that are in Los Osos, organized sports leagues and clubs. Information that would help residents with Parks and Recreation, including information on being able to kayak from the Cuesta Inlet, and solicit community feedback for items that the community would like supported more in our community.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented that this webpage would be hosted on the CSD website and the District would work with volunteers to keep that website fresh as well as start using social media and email newsletters; that the district would promote things that are in other areas that promote community value.</p> <p>Public Comment –Yael Korin voiced support but inquired how we would let the community know it is there.</p> <p>Christina Grimm commented that there are so many places to get information and sometimes it can be hard to find the correct information that a person is looking for; the goal would be to make this a reliable resource so that the community would begin to trust that they can come to this one place to find the resources that they need.</p> <p>Linde Owens supported the idea and commented to connect with the Chamber of Commerce and put out an information sheet so residents can find the information.</p>	
6. Public Comment on Items NOT on the Agenda	<p>Yael Korin commented on LOCAC Tree & Landscape and planting trees in the community; inquired about planting on CSD properties; working on planting trees at the community center; formed a 501(c)3 so they can fundraise for trees and promote community involvement.</p> <p>Margaret Lent commented Los Osos Bear Roots Tree & Landscape Group can apply for grants but need permission from property owner to do the planting; inquired if any District properties could be beautified.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy responded that most properties the CSD own are industrial and we are under strict limitation on what the District can have on some of the properties.</p> <p>Linde Owen commented on the Nipomo and South Bay Blvd landscaping to hold the bank in place; commented on the Sunnyside lot to get an agreement to let the public have access to use the area.</p>	
7. Schedule Next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting	The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on January 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noticed.	
8. Closing Comments by Parks and Recreation Committee Members		
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.	