

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE



AGENDA REPORT

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: RECREATION BOARD
MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2004
SUBJECT: RECREATION BOARD MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

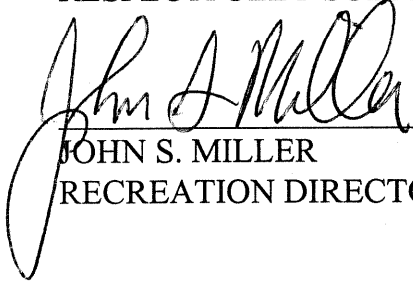
RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2004
RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

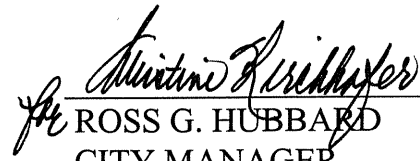
FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

REVIEWED BY,



JOHN S. MILLER
RECREATION DIRECTOR



ROSS G. HUBBARD
CITY MANAGER

**PACIFIC GROVE RECREATION DEPARTMENT
RECREATION BOARD**

Minutes – Regular Meeting - Tuesday, September 14, 2004

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Board chair Gary Anderson.
2. Members present: Cotham; Manuiian and Tansill. Absent: Bell. Guests: Vince LaRocca, Monterey Tennis Center and Sevan Zenopian, interim tennis pro, Morris Dill Tennis Courts
3. All items listed under the consent agenda were approved.
4. There were no oral communications.

By unanimous vote of the Recreation Board, item 6a was moved to this portion of the agenda to accommodate the two guests in the audience.

- 6a. Tennis Pro Vince LaRocca, from the Monterey Tennis Center, gave the Board a presentation about how his program works in Monterey to help them get a better idea about how they might wish to structure an agreement with a tennis professional to run the Morris Dill Courts. He outlined many issues, such as terms of his contract with the City of Monterey, his areas of responsibility for court upkeep, liability insurance, and his desire to help make tennis a more popular and accessible sport for all ages, both in Monterey and Pacific Grove. He stressed that the Morris Dill Courts will be a desirable place to play tennis once the courts are resurfaced. The Recreation Board soon will be considering bids for a tennis professional for the Morris Dill Courts. Mark Sydnor, the former pro left in July, and Sevan Zenopian has taken over in the interim. Zenopian also spoke and said he feels he is keeping the tennis program alive and well and would hope to stay on. He said is working on a proposal for the Recreation Board and will have a presentation for them at the next meeting. Recreation Director John Miller said Zenopian is doing a good job and praised him for his hard work and consistency. Miller said that he hopes to seek Council approval within the month to request bid proposals from individuals interested in applying to be tennis pro.
- 6b. Miller said the Recreation Department is in the process of going to bid for the tennis resurfacing job. He has met with Sherman Lowe of Niell Engineering. At this point, it will be spring before the work could begin, he said. The three trees on the 14th Street side of the court that are slated for removal will remain until the work begins in spring. Miller said the City Public Works Department can handle the tree removal work, but an outside company will be required to remove the stumps.
- 6c. Miller said he will request City Council approval to begin accepting bids for the construction work at Chautauqua Hall. This should be presented at the October 6th City Council meeting.
- 5a. Recreation Coordinator Amber Alewine said all is well at the Youth Center and many students, particularly sixth graders, are spending time at the Youth Center. Two weekend dances in September netted more than \$700. She is working to establish a Youth Center Advisory Council comprised of middle- and high school students to assist in improving Youth Center programs and services.
- 5b. Senior Coordinator Don Mothershead said the Youth Soccer league has almost 400 children participating this year on 28 teams. This is a record number of participants. The NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition will take place on September 25th at Breaker Stadium. Soccer pictures also will be taken that day. Youth basketball registrations will begin on September 27. There are nine teams playing adult socko and that league is off to a good start. The annual adult softball tournament, which raises money for the adaptive sports program is set for October 15-17. Elsa Rivera and Doug Beiswenger, who have spearheaded the tournament for the past several years, will be unavailable this year. However, Don Mothershead said the tournament will run without them.
- 5c. John Miller said that there were almost 1,800 competitors in the Triathlon held on September 11. Everything went very smoothly. Also that weekend was the Cherries Jubilee Poker Run that made a stop in the Lovers Point area.

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- 7a. John Miller had been approached by several local residents who are interested in building a skate park in Pacific Grove. The Recreation Board received a summary report compiled from numerous articles on this subject, including how other communities have approached this issue and some of the important considerations to keep in mind when planning such a venture. No one from the public attended the meeting, so the Recreation Board voted to postpone discussion on this item until the October meeting and to seek the viewpoints of the public, including the young people who would potentially use a skate park. To further encourage youth participation, the Board voted to move the meeting to the Youth Center and to schedule the meeting a week earlier than usual so it does not conflict with the PGUSD fall break. Ultimately a committee will be formed to look into the feasibility of a skate park.

John Miller said that eight candidates for the Recreation Coordinator position will be interviewed on September 17 at the Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Recreation Board, a special meeting, will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pacific Grove Youth Center.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Miller
Director of Recreation