



# CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

## AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** RECREATION BOARD  
**MEETING DATE:** NOVEMBER 17, 2004  
**SUBJECT:** RECREATION BOARD MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2004

**RECOMMENDATION**

RECEIVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 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 – Special Meeting - Tuesday, October 5, 2004**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Board chair Gary Anderson.
2. Members present: Bell; Cotham; Manuiian and Tansill. *It should be noted that this was a special meeting to elicit audience participation on the issue of a possible skate park in Pacific Grove. There were 40-plus people in the audience, both adults and youths.*
3. All items listed under the consent agenda were approved. New Recreation Coordinator Christina Ferrante was introduced and welcomed.
4. There were no oral communications.

*By unanimous vote of the Recreation Board, item 8a was moved to this portion of the agenda to accommodate the many guests in the audience.*

- 8a. Recreation Director John Miller gave an informational PowerPoint presentation about skate parks, including many of the points that must be considered should the City of Pacific Grove pursue this matter. He explained that this issue was brought forward in 1997, but was not pursued. Now there is a resurgence of interest, including by at least two Councilmembers (Goldbeck and Stidham) and other leading citizens. Among the issues brought forward in the presentation were: cost of initial construction and ongoing maintenance; size of the land parcel and size of the equipment; equipment degree of difficulty; public accessibility to the park; supervised or not; rules and regulations; whether bikes should be allowed as well as skateboards and inline skates; and the PARSAC requirements, which Councilmember Goldbeck said would "non-negotiable". Audience members familiar with the cost of neighboring skate parks in Marina and Monterey estimated the construction costs of these two parks in the half-million range. Several people from the audience asked whether there was a designated spot that had been discussed as a possible location. John Miller cautioned not to let this blur the larger planning process. He also said that without the strong support of the public, a skate park will not likely be a reality. This especially means fundraising and other financial support. One audience member asked whether the funds (State bond acts) earmarked for other park and recreation improvements could be used for the skate park instead. The general consensus of the audience was that BMX bikes should not be included in the plans; rather it should be a skates-only park primarily for safety reasons. There was also some debate about whether building a skate park near a school would add to delinquency and truancy if children skipped class to skate and if students would feel they were "staying after school" if the park were located on the same campus. Currently, the Middle School and High School are often frequented by skaters who enjoy the ramps and benches around the campuses. On the basis of the interest shown by members of the audience, the Recreation Board unanimously voted to recommend to City Council that a committee be started to investigate the steps necessary to get a skate park built in Pacific Grove. This will be included on the October 20th Council agenda.
- 6a. Coordinator Amber Alewine reported on many activities at the Youth Center. She will hold the popular "Fear Factor" event October 21 and a Red Ribbon (anti-drug) Week essay and poster contest, along with other programs to go along with this message. She also is planning a Halloween dance and Haunted House. She also noted that on one recent Friday night when there was no high school football game, the attendance at the Friday Movie Night reached an all-time high of 87 students. Overall attendance also is up at the Youth Center, which she attributes to many sixth graders who seem to enjoy the programs there.

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- 6b. Senior Coordinator Don Mothershead reported that the youth soccer season is about one-third complete and has been enormously successful, with close to 400 children playing on one of 28 teams. The NFL Punt, Pass and Kick sectional competition will take place at CSUMB on October 16. Ten Pacific Grove children participated in the local competition held in September. The local basketball skills contest will be held on November 13. The nine adult socko teams continue to hold lively evening games. This season will conclude November 10. The annual softball tournament that is a fundraiser for adaptive sports may be cancelled because of lack of signups. The two individuals that have organized this event in the past will both be out of town and interest seems to have waned. Don continues to work with the Planning Department on the ballpark scoreboard.
  
- 6c. John Miller said that the bid process will begin soon on the Chautauqua Hall and tennis resurfacing projects.
  
- 7a. Molly Laughlin has assumed the responsibility for working with the State on the various recreation grants.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Recreation Board will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pacific Grove Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Miller  
Director of Recreation