



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Lebeck Room - Pacific Grove Community Center
515 Junipero Avenue, Pacific Grove

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1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair, Laughlin
2. **Roll Call** Members present: Anderson, Laughlin and Lord
Members absent: Potter (excused)
Staff present: Becklenberg and Mothershead
3. **A. Acceptance of the Minutes of the November 16, 2010 Special Meeting**
Motion by Lord, second by Laughlin, the minutes of November 16, 2010 were unanimously accepted.

B. Approval of the Agenda
Motion by Anderson, second by Lord, the Agenda Item # 7 (Public Hearing on Municipal Ballpark Master Plan Amendment Request) to be heard immediately after # 4 (Oral Communications), was unanimously approved.

C. Board / Staff Announcements
Mr. Becklenberg announced that Lovers Point Park Improvement project would begin in early January. Work should be completed by April 1st, 2011.
4. **Oral Communications and Correspondence** – Staff did receive correspondence from CSUMB, requesting permission to have a summer science camp for two separate weeks along our waterfront, starting and ending at Lovers Point Park (9 am & 4 pm).
7. **New Business**
A. Public Hearing – Request to Amend the Muni Softball Park Master Plan to allow High School use in February and scheduled Youth League games on Saturday
Casey Boyns wrote a letter in support of extended use of the park for children as long as the lights are out by 10 pm. Augie Scornaienchi spoke in favor of the requests for Pacific Grove youth use, if other limitations on Adult play were consented. (Concerns are with the number of tournaments, trash, traffic safety, pedestrian safety, lack of cross-walks and lack of parking spaces.)
Margo Gurs spoke against any additional use in this residential setting. Things are fine now. (Issues with lights, noise and litter.) Also delivered a “Project and Environmental Review Opposition” to the Board.
Cathleen Wright spoke against any increased use of the park. Concerned about “Breaking the Agreement” which has worked very well. She also gave the Board a “Project and Environmental Review Opposition”.
Bob Gruber spoke in favor of both requests, as it is for our children. Feels the present plan is too restrictive.
Craig Bell hopes the kids can use the park. He is Vice President of PONY Baseball/Softball and will have over 400 children playing this Spring. The High School has 40 girls interested in playing Softball.
Lilly Consiglio spoke in favor of more use by children in the special park.
The Recreation Board then asked for clarification of the requests. The High School is asking to be allowed to use the field for weekday practices starting in March. Presently, they are allowed use in March, April and May for both practice and games. The request from PONY league is to allow the use of scheduled league games on Saturdays. Presently, no league play is to be scheduled. The board asked about use of the park. Staff reported that Adult play has dropped significantly
The Board requested that PONY League’s request be more specific, in order to make a more informed decision. Staff will then compile a report on the CEQA issues and bring this back at a future Public Hearing.
5. **Consent Agenda** - Motion by Anderson, second by Lord, the Consent Agenda was passed unanimously.
A. Financial Report – Department expenditures for October were \$27,362.08; total for the Fiscal Year is \$102,263.99 (30.5% of yearly budget). Revenue for October was \$10,539.89 (25% of expected income for the year).
B. Department Update - Youth Center attendance for November totaled 441 students on 19 days, averaging a Daily Attendance of 23 students. The Community Center Preschool is full with 27 students. Six of our PG students competed in the Elk’s Hoop Shoot Peninsula Free-Throw contest on December 11th. Of the six divisions, we had three winners, who will advance to the District level. Adult Basketball will start on January 9th with 17 teams playing at the High School.
C. Special Event updates – Our City Tree Lighting, Parade of Lights and Snow in the Park events all were well attended and successful! A new 5 K Run / Walk is scheduled for this weekend, December 11th, starting at Lovers Point park and out to Point Pinos and back. Street closures are from 6 – 10 am. The Arthritis Foundation is the organizing agency.
D. Report on Lovers Point Contract – The City Council did approve the first reading of an Ordinance Amending the Lease of the Grill at Lovers Point. The second reading is scheduled for December 15.

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6. Old Business

A. Tennis RFP – Sub-Committee Report and Recommendation of Tennis Operations

Three Proposals were received and a Sub-committee was approved to review and make a recommendation to the Recreation Board at this meeting. The Sub-committee will be comprised of Board members Anderson and Lord, and resident Nate Piotrkowski. Lord reported that the Sub-committee meet on Monday, November 22 & again on Tuesday, November 30. The Sub-committee considered issues as the residential area, court usage, fees to the City, marketing plan, All three members of the Sub-committee agreed on recommending Jeff McDowell to the Recreation Board. It was noted that all three members of the Sub-committee individually select Mr. McDowell and after two meetings again chose Jeff McDowell to recommend to the Board.

Motion by Anderson, second by Lord, to recommend to the City Council that Jeff McDowell's Proposal for the Tennis Operations at Community Center Tennis Courts be accepted.

Motion was approved unanimously, with Board member Potter absent.

8. Closing comments and adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Mothershead
Senior Recreation Coordinator