

**PACIFIC GROVE RECREATION DEPARTMENT
RECREATION BOARD
Minutes – Regular Meeting - Tuesday, January 13, 2004**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Board chair Robert Sanchez.
2. Members present: Anderson; Bell; Cotham; Manuian.
3. All items listed under the consent agenda were approved.
4. There were no oral communications. It was noted that this was the final meeting for Board Chair Robert Sanchez, whose term of office expires at the end of the month.

- 5a. Youth Center Coordinator Walter Davis reported that the Youth Center staff is getting ready for two upcoming ski trips, a one-day trip to Boreal on January 24 and a three-day trip for high school students in February. The Christmas break Adventure Camp was successfully run by Amber Alewine. Funds from the City have been transferred to Easter Seals for the SHARP program, but he is waiting for the phone bill to be switched to Easter Seals. Walter will continue to serve on the SHARP Steering Committee.

- 5b. Senior Recreation Coordinator Don Mothershead said that both the youth and adult basketball programs have started and are going well. He has 20 youth teams (grades 3-8) in addition to leagues for grades K-2 and the special-needs children. There are 17 adult teams playing on Sundays.

- 5c. Walter Davis said he has sent new contracts to the professional providers for 2004. The new plan whereby these program instructors pay a flat monthly rental instead of the 75/25 percent revenue split took effect with the new contract. Walter said most of the instructors had no problem with the new terms, but he would not be surprised if some chose to go elsewhere. He is waiting to get the executed contract from the California Heritage Fund and will soon pursue two other grants.

- 6a. Don Mothershead suggested that the Recreation Board invite the Municipal Ballpark neighbors to the next meeting on February 10th to hear a staff presentation on possible new scoreboards and locations for where that scoreboard might go. It also will give the Board the opportunity to gain input and suggestions from the neighbors. A notice will be sent to all homeowners and occupants within a 350-foot radius of the park. John Miller also mentioned that several of the park neighbors have written to the City expressing displeasure that construction equipment used for the sewer project has been staged in their area.

- 6b. John Miller reported that Friends of PG Tennis has so far raised almost \$4,800 to help resurface the Morris Dill Tennis Courts. Local resident Sam Feldman is leading the fundraising effort, which hopes to raise \$20,000 in all. This would trigger a match from State funds. Miller said he is especially pleased that it is the tennis players themselves who have taken up this cause.

- 6c. The California Parks and Recreation Society annual installation and awards dinner is Friday, January 23 at San Juan Oaks Country Club. John Miller invited the commissioners to attend. Only Robert Sanchez and Gary Anderson said they were available to attend that night. The board had previously approved giving Elsa Rivera and Doug Beiswenger an award for organizing softball tournaments to raise almost \$10,000 for the Department's special-needs sports programs.

- 7a. John Miller showed the Board a preview of the 14-minute video on the Department that will be aired at the January 21 City Council meeting. The commissioners enjoyed the presentation and said they thought it would be well received by the Council.

8. Commissioner Teri Cotham said she wants to explore how proceeds from the Golf Course could help supplement other recreational needs. She said that she has spoken to others who also believe that this would benefit the Department's programs and services. Recreation departments in some local cities, including Santa Cruz, do receive money from their municipal golf course, in the form of a surcharge on golf fees.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting – a regular meeting -- will be Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at the Pacific Grove Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Miller, Director of Recreation