

**PACIFIC GROVE RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
RECREATION BOARD  
Minutes – Regular Meeting - Tuesday, February 10, 2004**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Acting Board chair Gary Anderson.
2. Members present: Cotham; Manuiian and Tansill. Absent: Bell.  
Guests: Eleanor Rogge, Jerry Norton and Mike Consiglio
3. All items listed under the consent agenda were approved.
4. Peter Tansill was officially welcomed as the newest member of the Recreation Board.

*To accommodate the schedule of the guests in attendance, item 8a was moved to this portion of the meeting by unanimous consent of the Recreation Board.*

- 8a. Senior Recreation Coordinator Donald Mothershead made a presentation about a proposed scoreboard for the Municipal Ballpark. He explained that the current scoreboard is inoperable and \$7,300 in donations for a new scoreboard were received upon the death of David Kuwatani in April 2000. For more than a year, the Recreation Board and staff have been working toward getting a new scoreboard for the park. At the January meeting the recreation Board directed staff to invite the ballpark neighbors and other interested groups to share their views about this proposal. Mothershead showed several types and sizes of scoreboards that might be suitable for the park. He also showed mockups of how these scoreboards would look in various locations. He suggested that the new scoreboard be placed in the outfield where it would be more visible to both fans and players. He added that since the Master Plan was originally approved, the vegetation has grown significantly at the park, making an outfield scoreboard fairly well concealed from neighboring homes. He further said that the scoreboard could be placed in a box, shielding the light. Neighbor Eleanor Rogge spoke and said that she did not see a problem with the proposal, but would like to see an actual life-size mockup. She added that she was heavily involved in the original Master Plan, and "lives comfortably" with the ballpark. Mothershead said he would work with Gary Anderson to create an actual mockup for neighbors to see, and the Recreation Board members will have a special viewing half an hour before the regular March 9 Recreation Board meeting so they can preview how it might look. Letters will be sent to neighbors again inviting their input. Also in attendance at the meeting were residents Jerry Norton and Mike Consiglio (neither of them ballpark neighbors) were at the meeting and both agreed that a new scoreboard would be a welcome addition.
- 6a. Youth Coordinator Walter Davis reported that Winter Adventure Camp went well. There also was a successful one-day ski trip for teens on January 24<sup>th</sup> to Boreal; however the overnight trip planned for high school students over the Presidents' break was cancelled for lack of signups. The Youth Center is planning a Valentine's dance for Middle School students and will offer a trip to Marine World during Spring Break in April.
- 6b. Don Mothershead reported that the youth basketball season is half over and has been going well. He received \$500 from the Elks Club to sponsor the Hot Shot skills contest, which will be held on March 13 at the Boys and Girls Club in Seaside. The PONY Baseball group has finished tryouts and its season will begin in March. The Track Club kicks off on March 10. Adult basketball continues on Sundays at the PGHS gymnasium and adult softball will begin in April. Signups for adult softball has started.
- 6c. Davis reported that the new policy of collecting rent from the professional providers (rather than the 75%/25% split) has been a success and over all, it will increase the revenue collected by the Department. David Hayward, from the Pacific Coast Church, which rents the Community Center for Sunday services, has informed the Recreation office that it is escrow to purchase the former Christian Science building on Central Avenue, and would probably be in their new location by May. Davis said he is thinking about recommending increased fees for the rental of the City parks for events such as weddings. The California Historic grant has been executed and soon bids will be sought for the Chautauqua Hall work. Once the bid is awarded, Davis can receive an advance of \$40,000 (80%). He continues to work on the per-capita and the Roberti-Z'berg grants.
- 7a. John Miller reported that to date, \$10,241 has been raised from the public to resurface the Morris Dill Tennis Courts. Jerry Norton, who lives across the street from the courts on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, said he is generally supportive of the effort to resurface the courts and knows that this is necessary. However, he would like to request that the neighbors be included in discussions about the future of the courts since increased use would impact parking and noise. He suggested that a "sunset" committee might be formed.
- 8b. Gary Anderson was nominated and unanimously elected Recreation Board chairman for 2004-2005.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2004, beginning first with a site visit to Municipal Ballpark at 6:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at the Pacific Grove Community Center. At 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Miller  
Director of Recreation