

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Board chair Gary Anderson.
2. Members present: Bell; Cotham; Manuian and Tansill. Guests: Peter Meuse and Jerry Norton
3. All items listed under the consent agenda were approved.
4. There were no oral communications.

To accommodate the schedule of the guests in attendance, item 7a and item 6b were moved to this portion of the meeting by unanimous consent of the Recreation Board.

- 7a. Pacific Grove resident Peter Meuse, a popular local musician, spoke to the Recreation Board about his request to rent Chautauqua Hall for his 50th birthday party on November 6th. In lieu of paying the \$1,500 rental fee to the City, he would have two of his bands perform at public concerts in Jewell Park. His usual nonprofit charge would be the exact amount as that to rent the Hall. Each afternoon concert would last for three hours. There was considerable discussion about whether this would set a precedent for other individuals to follow, and whether it is wise to enter into such “swap deals”. Meuse pointed out the Arts Commission wants to continue the Sundays in the Park series but does not have the funds to do so. Finally on a motion by Cotham/Tansill, the Recreation Board unanimously voted to enter into an agreement with Meuse to perform at two concerts and that he coordinate this through the Arts Commission, which will meet on the following night (April 14) pending their approval.
- 6b. John Miller reported that the first meeting of the ad-hoc Tennis Committee had a profitable meeting on April 1 and that many issues were ironed out among the tennis players, the neighbors and tennis pro Mark Sydnor. Approximately 20 people attended this meeting. Issues discussed included: number of courts, hours of operation, security, landscaping, parking and proposed number of tournaments once the courts are resurfaced. 14th Street neighbor Jerry Norton said he favors the plan with four courts rather than five because it will create a larger buffer zone. He also spoke about the need to rewire the fences because youths are sneaking under the fence and doing such things as bicycling, roller hockey and generally misbehaving on the courts after hours. Finally, he said he hopes that the new, resurfaced courts will not mean that there will be a substantial increase in the number of players using the court because he worries about the amount of trash more users will generate in the neighborhood. John Miller said that Mark Sydnor has now installed a combination lock for the gate which should help increase after-hour security.
- 5a. Walter Davis reported that the Youth Center offered many hours of community service to youths during the Good Old Days. Amber Alewine coordinated the volunteers. Spring Adventure, which ran over the Spring school break, was fully subscribed and was very popular. Plans for the summer activities are well under way.
- 5b. Don Mothershead said there will be a baseball skills contest on April 25th. His track program has nearly 40 participants and there are several meets scheduled for the upcoming months. Adult basketball will hold its final championship games on April 18th and Adult Softball/Socko will kick off on April 21. So far, there are 11 men’s’ teams and three co-ed teams signed up.
- 5c. Walter Davis reported that as of July 1, all contractors will pay a fee to have space in City buildings. Park fees for events, such as weddings, will double starting July 1. He has finished the Heritage grant. The Lovers Point bathroom roof has crumbled, which will require repair. Dave Bindel of the Old Bath House said he will take care of this.

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- 6a. Mothershead said he gathered more information for the Recreation Board about the sizes, styles and durability of the type of scoreboard proposed for the Municipal Ballpark. The Recreation Board unanimously approved getting a board that is forest green to blend in well with the surroundings. The Board also approved having the scoreboard higher, rather than too close to the ground. There was some discussion about whether that would cause maintenance problems, but Don assured them that the company said this would not be an obstacle.
- 6b. John Miller said that he will take PONY Baseball's plans for a covered dugout at George Washington Park for review at Community Development as soon as he receives them.
- 7b. The Recreation Board reviewed a request from Narcotics Anonymous group that uses the Little House on Sunday mornings. The group would like to hold a public informational session following one of their meetings that would feature homemade goods and entertainment from members of their group – jazz, folk, etc. The Recreation Board voted to approve this request, but with the stipulation that the professional quality and type of music be approved by the Arts Commission the following night.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pacific Grove Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Miller
Director of Recreation