

**PACIFIC GROVE RECREATION DEPARTMENT
RECREATION BOARD
Minutes – Regular Meeting - Tuesday, May 11, 2004**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Board chair Gary Anderson.
2. Members present: Bell; Cotham; Manuiian and Tansill. Guest: Jerry Norton
Recreation Director John Miller was not in attendance.
3. All items listed under the consent agenda were approved.
4. There were no oral communications.

To accommodate the schedule of the guest in attendance, item 6a was moved to this portion of the meeting by unanimous consent of the Recreation Board.

- 6a. In the absence of Recreation Director John Miller, Senior Recreation Coordinator Don Mothershead presented for Recreation Board consideration a mockup version of three proposed plans for the Morris Dill Tennis Courts, featuring variations of three and four courts for the area to be resurfaced. Court #1, the upper court on the far west end, was not included in the plans. Discussion surrounded whether three courts would be sufficient for tournaments, the merits of extra space between the courts, fencing off the center so lessons could be given on one side with regular play on the other, and having a larger buffer zone on the east side facing 14th Street. Commissioner Cotham raised the point that it might actually be beneficial to orient the courts facing east-west as opposed to the current north-south because voices would be less noticeable. This thought intrigued the other Board members and will be brought up as an alternative at the next Tennis Committee meeting on May 12. Mothershead also said that City Forester Frank Ono has looked at the trees around the courts and agrees that they were perhaps not the best choice since root intrusion has caused damage. He will look into whether the trees need to be replaced. Tennis neighbor Jerry Norton (14th Street) brought a sack of trash (mostly candy wrappers and cans) he has collected from the tennis area and expressed concern that more play would mean more trash. Several Board members expressed the view that Tennis Pro Mark Sydnor should be more vigilant about trash pickup, but there also was a viewpoint that the trash actually could have been generated by youngsters leaving trash from the vending machine, things blown from across the street from the school area, or even birds getting into the trash cans. Norton said he has done a study of the root intrusion and he believes that the tree roots could be cut while salvaging the trees since some of the roots are already dead. There will be a tennis update at the June 8 Recreation Board meeting.
- 5a. Coordinator Walter Davis reported that summer programs are gearing up and there is one more Middle School dance before the end of school.
- 5b. Mothershead reported that adult basketball ended successfully and adult softball is under way. More than 20 youth participated in a baseball skills contest last month and the winners will participate in a sectional contest in Daly City, with a chance to advance to the area-wide contest at SBC Park. The youth track group has attended several meets, with more meets ahead, and that has gone well. There will be a youth soccer skills contest in late June. Finally, he reported that he has added an all-girls Under 14 soccer league this year. Until now, all of the youth leagues have been coed. Now, boys and girls in the Grades 7 and 8 will play separately.
- 5c. Davis reported that the recent special events (WalkAmerica, MS Walk and the Human Race) have all gone well. He said that Council will consider three resolutions at its May 19 meeting regarding the Robert-Z'Berg and Per Capita grants. These grants will go toward the Lovers Point restrooms, Community Center roof and gutters and playground equipment. The grant intended for Chautauqua Hall has been approved by the Office of Historic Preservation, but the

notice of exemption must be posted for 30 days with the County before actual money can be received. This 30-day period will be up soon, so the money should be forthcoming.

- 6a. Mothershead reported that he and John Miller met last week with Community Development Director Jon Biggs about proceeding with the planned scoreboard at Municipal Ballpark. Biggs said it is his opinion that the Rec Board should request that City Council initiate the procedures necessary to amend the Ballpark Master Plan to include the scoreboard. The Board is very keen on getting the scoreboard in place soon, since the need for a scoreboard is great (current one is broken) and there has been neighborhood support. The Rec Board unanimously approved recommending that Council get the plans in motion to amend the Master Plan. Commissioner Manuian expressed the view that he also hopes that in the future, the Ballpark master Plan can be further amended to allow greater public use (especially youth) of the Ballpark.
- 6c. Mothershead reported that John Miller is awaiting PG PONY Baseball to deliver the site plans for their proposed covered dugouts to take to the Planning Department. Planning will then determine whether the proposed plans constitute a repair or actual new construction.
- 7a. Davis showed photos of the proposed location at Lovers Point for display of the historic swan boat. The area proposed is directly above and to the east of The Grill. Recreation Board members were mixed in their feelings and had many questions about the swan boat display. Commissioner Bell asked if the display of the boat would necessitate opening the Lovers Point Master Plan, others were concerned about ongoing maintenance and whether it would block the views. The Board voted to table making any recommendation until further information and more detailed plans can be provided at the next Rec Board meeting in June.
- 7b. The Recreation Board received the report about the Lovers Point restroom. Davis explained that the plan is to repair the current bathrooms now and then to do the planned remodel when the grant money intended for this purpose can be available. Several members expressed the view that since the fire was intentionally set, the families of those caught should be forced to pay restitution. Commissioner Bell said he thought it would be good to get plans started now.
- 7c and 7d. The Recreation Board unanimously approved recommending to Council to approve a resolution allowing the Recreation Board to purchase new, fully compliant playground equipment for the playgrounds at Caledonia Park and the Community Center through Miracle Recreation Equipment Company. This new equipment can be purchased through the state of California Multiple Award Schedules. The current playground equipment does not meet acceptable standards.
- 7e. The Recreation Board received the information-only report that three bids have been submitted for the copper gutter work at Chautauqua Hall and one more bid is expected soon.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Recreation Board will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Miller
Director of Recreation