

MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2016  
MALIBU CITY HALL, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Randall called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Carl Randall, Vice Chair Justine Petretti, Commissioner Laurie Principe, Commissioner Roui Israel, and Commissioner Steve Parks (arrived at 6:08 p.m.).

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Stallings, Parks and Recreation Director; Amy Crittenden, Recreation Manager; Katie Gallo, Sr. Recreation Coordinator; and Theresa Odello, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Principe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Chair Randall moved and Vice Chair Petretti seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended, to add approval of the March 15, 2016 minutes along with the February 16, 2016 minutes. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Parks was absent).

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Recording Secretary Odello reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on April 15, 2016.

ITEM 1 PRESENTATION

Recreation Program Update – Katie Gallo, Sr. Recreation Coordinator

Sr. Recreation Coordinator Gallo provided a program assessment report on fee based recreation programs in the areas of adult classes, youth classes, aquatics, day camps, and sports. The report data was collected from summer 2012 through summer 2015. Gallo reviewed program lifecycles, redesigned programs, new programs, and current trends in the Malibu recreation programs.

Commissioner Israel asked why some of the Winter Camps and Spring Caps were cancelled. Sr. Recreation Coordinator Gallo stated there is a minimum number of participation for each camp and the camp's success depends on the times of the camps, the weather that week, if there is a holiday, and other reasons. The camps get cancelled ahead

of time if 75% of the minimum numbers are not achieved. There are many walk-ups to our camps, but staff relies on those walk-ups to complete the extra 25% to meet the camp minimum. If the 75% is not met then staff does not require the instructor to show up.

Chair Randall stated that spring break camp numbers are down because private schools holidays are different than public school holidays, and asked how many of the spring break classes were successful. Sr. Recreation Coordinator agreed, saying that the spring break dates from Muse and OLM were different than from the Santa Monica/Malibu Unified School District dates. 50% of the spring break camps that were offered occurred.

Commissioner Principe stated the website for camp and class registration is user friendly now and she likes the new options and seeing how easy it is to register. She was also surprised that some of the surf camp sessions are already full.

ITEM 2 WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Kian Schulman from Poison Free Malibu thanked the commission for all the work they are doing. She understands that the Independent Pest Management (IPM) policy will be on the agenda for next month and plans to return. Schulman wanted to emphasize that rodent trapping is an outdated practice that removes a few of the animals but does not resolve the problem. The first step would be to remove their habitat by using good sanitation processes. Schulman appreciates the parks initiative to replace chemicals with organic options, but staff should be working on adjusting the program.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Israel moved and Commissioner Principe seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Parks was absent).

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

A. Malibu Bluffs Regional Park Master Plan

Recommended action: Receive presentation of the updated Malibu Regional Park Master Plan Design to confirm the design reflects the results of the community outreach program and consistent with design directives from the City Council.

Director Stallings stated that the goal tonight is to review the design plan presented by Jeremy Franzini from Michael Baker International, and see if any adjustments need to be made before moving on with the plan.

Franzini reviewed the project progression and presented a design for final review by the commission. The design might be changed based on feedback from the California Coastal Commission and the LA County Fire Department.

Commissioner Parks arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Franzini stated that for the next steps, the plan will be reviewed by the California Coastal Commission and the LA County Fire Department. These reviews will take time and the plan might have to be adjusted. The Final Master Plan will come before the commission in September, followed by having the plan reviewed in October by the Malibu City Council for approval.

Commissioner Principe asked a question about the central park access point and if it will be safe even though there may be no lights at that location. Franzini stated that Cal Trans and the Safety Commission will have to review and approve the plans. At that entrance, the current plan is to use the shoulder for right turns in and right turns out only, and a gate will be there to control access. This will be done after the Final Master Plan is made.

Vice Chair Petretti asked if the skate park is large enough for the need and the population. Franzini replied that the linear skate park is 80 feet at its widest point, which is more than enough to get bowls and various sized ramps in that area. Director Stallings added that in the future staff will do the design with our skate community and work with a designer to get it done right to tailor the ramps for the needs and desires of the community.

Commissioner Principe asked if tot lot could be included in the western mesa near the pool. Franzini replied that the pool will be fenced, so there might be a small spot to the west of the area.

Commissioner Israel asked if we are definitely prohibited in having a community center on the Crummer property, and if so where would we put it. Franzini stated that one option is to not have a community center; another option is to relocate it to the corner of one of the fields as close to where it is currently in the plan as possible. He stated we are prohibited from putting a community center, so it is now a visitor center. Director Stallings added that staff would have to work on getting that clause removed from the property permit, and address ESHA at that time too.

Commissioner Parks asked if there were areas included for storage, stating that currently there are three containers that are being used at Bluffs Park. Franzini stated that there might be room in the snack bar and restrooms.

Chair Randall asked if there was a chance to have a building at the skate park for staff with our current ESHA restrictions. Franzini stated that it might be easier to get a covered shaded area approved versus an office or something with a wall. Director Stallings stated that we would work with the skate park designer to get something that would work for the staff and for seating around the park.

Commissioner Parks asked if there are enough bathrooms at the park. Franzini stated that each one of the three different park areas has a restroom. For dog park, the nearest restroom would be located at the pool.

The Commission reached a consensus that the plan would be approved with the addition of a tot lot by the western side of the park.

Public Comment, Margaret Cole, stated that she would like to see an arboretum in Malibu, and the Bluffs would be a great spot for it. There are many plants that grow in Malibu but don't grow anywhere else due to the temperate zones and the water requirement. The Bluffs would be a wonderful location for an arboretum.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Funny Zoo Public Art Project

Recommended Action: 1) Review the Funny Zoo Public Art Exhibit Project proposal; 2) recommend City parks for placement of the exhibit; and 3) send a recommendation to City Council in support of placing the exhibit on the selected City park sites.

Recreation Manager Amy Crittenden presented the project that was proposed to the Cultural Arts Commission. The Funny Zoo project uses local artists to educate people about animals, and the Arts Commission supports the project in both Legacy Park and Malibu Bluffs Park. An artist will choose an animal to paint, and each animal is sponsored by a business or private donor. At the end of a six month instillation, the animal is auctioned off and any proceeds will go to the California Wildlife Center and some will go to the Arts Fund. Each animal display will have a sign which will include the artist name, and will have a QR code that participants can scan with their smartphone to get information on the animal, the charity, the Arts Commission, and the artwork. Exact locations within the parks have not yet been determined.

Chair Randall asked if the Funny Zoo carries their own insurance for the art pieces. Recreation Manager Crittenden stated that they do carry insurance and the signs will also ask people not to climb on the structures. If the art is vandalized the insurance will cover the costs of repair. Each animal is also waterproof.

Commissioner Principe stated that if there is a large display in Legacy Park near Pacific Coast Highway, such as the example of the upside down giraffe, the art may distract drivers.

Funny Zoo Founder Bernie Scoffie stated that they are currently working with the Malibu Country Mart and have plans to have a panda outside of John's Garden.

It is one that is currently white, and during the Malibu art festival it will be painted live, then it will go out afterwards. Currently working with the country mart: going to have a panda outside of John's garden that would be neat.

MOTION Commissioner Principe moved and Chair Randall seconded a motion to recommend to City Council to approve the placement of the Funny Zoo Exhibit in Bluffs Park and Legacy Park as a temporary art instillation. The motion carried 5-0.

B. Trancas Canyon Dog Park Rules

Recommended action: Review the current Trancas Canyon Dog Park Rules and provide staff with changes or additions to be included in the updated rules.

Director Stallings reported that staff received a number of phone calls concerning this topic from residents saying that supervision at the park is not adequate, there are aggressive dogs whose owners have no control over, and that more rules are needed to keep people in line. Director Stallings met with the sheriff, who stated that the Animal Control should be the primary enforcement agency for this, but because they are stationed in Agoura they are not effective in doing periodic patrols. The Volunteers On Patrol (VOP) are not trained to enforce rules or laws or cite people, with the exception issuing parking tickets. Lieutenant Royal will notify deputies to respond as appropriate and to try to patrol the park more often. They will be more vigilant in their observations and reporting any problems in the area. VOP have been to Trancas Park and made contact 8 different times over the weekend.

Vice Chair Petretti stated that she believes having the VOP visits will help out tremendously. Her friends who visit the park frequently complain about participants with many dogs at once who are not under control or off leash. There is a group that meet at the park every night and Vice Chair Petretti stated she will ask the group to help enforce the rules of the park.

Commissioner Principe suggested more signs asking participants to keep their dogs on a leash. She expressed concern that the rules sign had too much wording and that park visitors will not take the time to read the entire sign. Director Stallings agreed that the more words that you put on a sign the less people will read it.

Chair Randall stated that if the VOP is able to monitor the park more that would be helpful.

MOTION Chair Randall moved and Commissioner Principe seconded a motion to retain the current park rules and add additional signage as needed. The motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Recreation Manager Crittenden announced that there will be a Concert on the Bluffs presented by the Cultural Arts Commission. The event will be on Sunday, June 12 at 4:30 p.m. at Malibu Bluffs Park. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and children five and under will be free. The concert will feature musicians from the Malibu Chamber Orchestra and the Los Angeles Philharmonic, with a special performance by members of the New York City Ballet. Audience members are invited to bring picnic baskets, blankets, and beach chairs, and food trucks will also be available. Vice Chair Petretti stated she received an email that recommended that the Malibu Ukulele Group perform at this event.

Director Stallings notified the commission that City Manager Jim Thorson is retiring and will be replaced by Reva Feldman.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Parks stated that things are going great for the Malibu Little League and he thanks the City staff for all of their assistance.

ITEM 8 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Malibu Bluffs Park Master Plan
- B. Integrated Pest Management Policy and Program Review
- C. 2016-2017 Commission Work Assignments
- D. Scheduled Use of Trancas Canyon Park Multi-Purpose Field
- E. Shade Covers for Baseball Facilities and Malibu Bluffs Park

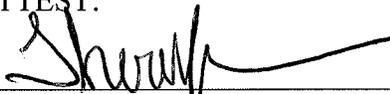
ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 7:22 p.m. Commissioner Parks moved and Commissioner Principe seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried 5-0.

Approved and adopted by the Parks & Recreation Commission of the City of Malibu on May 17, 2016.

  
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CARL RANDALL, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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THERESA ODEILLO, Recording Secretary