

MINUTES
CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016, 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
215 E. BRANCH STREET
ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair King presided and called the Arroyo Grande Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Jensen led those present in the Flag Salute.

3. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Linda Sandy, Commissioner Jen Jensen, Commissioner Will Reichardt, Commissioner Shawn Blethen and Chair Greg King were present at roll call. Attending staff included Public Works Director Geoff English, and Administrative Secretary Jill Fitzgerald.

4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.a. Consideration of Approval of Minutes

Action: Upon motion/second by Commissioners Sandy/Jensen the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of February 10, 2016 were approved as submitted.

6. CONTINUED BUSINESS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.a. REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER – FIVE CITIES YOUTH BASEBALL

Director English reviewed the staff report to approve a fee waiver request from Five Cities Youth Baseball.

Jeremiah Moreno, Vice President for Five Cities Youth Baseball, spoke about the fee waiver request. He clarified that this request is for a reduction in fees based on improvements made by Five Cities Youth Baseball at the Soto Sports Complex.

Action: Commissioner Blethen moved to approve the fee waiver. Commissioner Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention from Commissioner King.

7.b. INSTALLATION OF TWO BATTING CAGES AT PORTER FIELD BY ARROYO GRANDE VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE AND FIVE CITIES YOUTH BASEBALL

Director English reviewed the staff report including a PowerPoint presentation showing

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the size and the proposed location of the batting cages.

Jeremiah Moreno, Vice President of Five Cities Youth Baseball, addressed the commission regarding the proposed donation of two batting cages to be installed at the Soto Sports Complex.

Tyson Kerr, of Arroyo Grande, lives near the proposed location for the batting cages. He expressed his concerns regarding the proposed location of the batting cages. Mr. Kerr is not in favor of the proposed location of the batting cages. He requests a better or alternate location to be explored. Mr. Kerr suggests expanding the existing cage near the pitching mound.

Director English answered questions from Commissioner Sandy, Commissioner Jensen and Commissioner Blethen regarding maintenance and notification of surrounding neighbors.

Commissioner King suggested the use of vegetation to be used as a screen to hide the batting cages from the neighbors view.

Discussion ensued about a possible schedule for the set up/take down of the batting cages.

Director English answered questions from the commission.

Action: Commissioner Sandy made a motion to accept the donation of two batting cages at the Soto Sports Complex by Arroyo Grande Valley Little League and Five Cities Youth Baseball, and that this donation would be contingent on an agreement between the city and associations agreeing on the season that the batting cages are to be available and the priority of use. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

8. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Director English thanked the commission for their deliberations.

Director English updated the commission regarding the Soto Sports Complex barrier removal project to improve access to fields. Community Development Block Grant Funds are being used to complete two barrier removal projects. The projects will improve the entrance to Campbell and Pilg fields by installing sidewalks and ADA accessible ramps.

10. COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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Action: Upon motion/second by Commissioners Blethen/Jensen the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was unanimously adjourned at 7:42 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting of May 11, 2016.

/s/ Greg King, Chair

ATTEST

/s/ Jill Fitzgerald, Secretary to the Commission

(Approved at Parks & Recreation Commission meeting 5/11/16)