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Meeting of the
Scotts Valley Parks and Recreation Commission
Date: August 17, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION	MEETING LOCATION	POSTING
Recreation Division 361 Kings Village Road Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (831) 438-3251	City Council Chambers 1 Civic Center Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066 Or Zoom Video Conference https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86905757283	The agenda was posted on 8-11-2023 at City Hall, SV Senior Center, SV Public Works Building, and on the Internet at www.scottsvalley.gov.

Call to Order - 6:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:	CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
David Sanguinetti, Chair Gillian McGlaze,Vice Chair Heidi Denger, Commissioner Rebecca Sorci-Murray, Commissioner Martin Spierings, Commissioner (attending virtually)	Mali LaGoe, City Manager Allison Pfefferkorn, Recreation Division Manager Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Public Hearing

1. Changes to Tennis & Pickleball Court Rules

RDM Pfefferkorn gave the background for the changes to the tennis and pickleball court rules and displayed the proposed rules.

Chair Sanguinetti opened the public hearing at 6:04 PM.

Mark Dettle, President of the Santa Cruz Pickleball Club and local pickleball player, had not heard of the odd/even days proposal and was not sure that would work. Pickleball at Skypark has become very popular and they have been sharing the courts successfully using their current rotation system. The pickleball players usually use the courts on Saturdays from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, and on Tuesdays/Thursdays from 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM.

Koh Stubbe, a local tennis player, noted that the pickleball rotation system does not work for tennis, and is actually considered poor tennis etiquette. She also expressed concern over the maximum occupancy and requested that the maximum occupancy be added to the sign.

Another local tennis player (name not stated) expressed concern over the disrepair of the courts as this limits access for tennis players.

Don Hutchison, a Skypark resident, requested that the hours of the courts be included in the new signage.

RDM Pfefferkorn read the proposed rules as they were hard to read on the monitor.

The commissioners discussed possible next steps and were advised by City Manager LaGoe that pursuant to the City's Municipal Code, the Recreation Division Manager has the authority to set the rules once input is received from the public through a formal public hearing. The input received this evening will be taken into consideration when developing the rules.

The public hearing was closed at 6:34 PM.

Staff Updates

1. Staff Updates - Department & Division - RDM Pfefferkorn

Public Works Director: Chris Lamm has left to work for the County of Santa Clara and Steve Jesberg is the Interim Public Works Director. Mr. Jesberg is the retired Public Works Director for the City of Capitola.

Administrative Secretary III: Brian Ogle-Youmans was hired for the position of Administrative Secretary III, and he is a great addition to the Recreation staff.

Commissioner Martin Spierings: Commissioner Spierings is moving out of California, so this is his last meeting. RDM Pfefferkorn thanked him for his service and for all that he has accomplished as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

Summer is Wrapping Up: RDM Pfefferkorn reflected on the great program offerings this summer, including 8 weeks of Day Camp offered by Four Points Camp at the Siltanen Park, 5 weeks of a day camp at the Skypark skatepark provided by Skateworks, as well as art classes, yoga, gymnastics, and bike maintenance at the Community Center.

Siltanen Pool: The pool has been closed since 2020 but reopened the first week in August. The City has partnered with Santa Cruz County for the operation of the pool, and it will be open on the weekends throughout the month of August.

Community Events: The Art, Wine, & Beer Festival is this weekend, 8/19 and 8/20; Music at Skypark will be on 8/27; and the Food Truck Friday events and the Taco Tuesday events will continue.

Fall Activity Guide: The new guide will be mailed to residents next week.

Dog Park: 300 yards of playground-grade woodchips have been delivered to the dog park for the large dog area, and an additional delivery will be made soon to the small dog area. New pet waste containers have also been installed.

Bocce Court: The bocce court was painted this week thanks to the donations and labor from Bocce Club member Dene Bustichi. A huge thank you goes out to Dene and the other volunteers.

Skypark Gazebo: A Boyscout member, Henry Kim, will be redoing part of the gazebo for his Eagle Scout project.

Public Comment Time

None.

Consent Agenda

1. 4-20-23 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

M/S: McGlaze/Denger
To approve the 4-20-2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes.
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Spierings, Sorci-Murray, Denger, McGlaze, Sanguinetti)

Additions/Deletions to Regular Agenda

None.

Regular Agenda

1. Parks Master Plan & Recreation Strategic Plan Update - RDM Pfefferkorn

RDM Pfefferkorn gave an update on the Parks Master Plan and Recreation Strategic Plan. The public recreation survey is complete, and the City received 895 survey responses. In June, the ad hoc committee met with the consultant and were provided the survey results and also a map indicating inventory and open space. A 50% draft has been completed and will be reviewed by the ad hoc committee in September, then in November the 90% draft will be issued. At that time, a more comprehensive report will be given.

RDM Pfefferkorn responded to questions and comments from the Commissioners.

Cynthia Dzendzel, a Scotts Valley resident, asked if the public will be able to review the 50% draft. RDM Pfefferkorn responded that the results of the 90% draft will be available.

2. Resolution to form an Ad Hoc committee to address neighborhood issues associated with use of Tennis & Pickleball Courts

RDM Pfefferkorn presented this item which is to consider adopting a resolution to form an ad hoc committee to address the neighborhood issues associated with the use of tennis and pickleball courts (noise, parking, court sharing, etc.). Commissioners Denger and Sorci-Murray expressed interest in sitting on this ad hoc committee.

M/S: Denger/McGlaze
To adopt Resolution 2023-1 to form an ad hoc committee to address neighborhood issues associated with the use of the tennis and pickleball courts, and to appoint Commissioners Denger and Sorci-Murray to this ad hoc committee.
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Spierings, Sorci-Murray, Denger, McGlaze, Sanguinetti)

3. Plan to reduce off-leash dogs in parks - RDM Pfefferkorn

RDM Pfefferkorn noted that there has been an increase in complaints regarding off-leash dogs. The plan to mitigate this situation is as follows:

1. The staff and City Attorney have developed new signage and new placement for the signs.
2. Once the signs are posted, an education campaign will be launched through the City's website, social media, and flyer distribution.
3. After 2 weeks of education, Animal Control Officers and local law enforcement will be present at the parks to enforce the rules.

The commission recommended that the local dog trainer, who has contracted with the City for dog training classes, be involved in spreading the word.

Cynthia Dzendzel, a resident of Scotts Valley, asked if dogs could be off leash in Lodato Park. Chair Sanguinetti responded that the only place in Scotts Valley that dogs can be off leash is at the Skypark Dog Park.

4. Consider adopting Recreation Code of Conduct - RDM Pfefferkorn

RDM Pfefferkorn reiterated that the goal of Scotts Valley Recreation is for all parks and facilities to be safe and welcoming for all to gather, to recreate and to learn. RDM Pfefferkorn recommends adoption of the Recreation Code of Conduct which will be made available to all participants in programs, posted in all parks and facilities, posted on the City's website, and available on the reservation signup page.

M/S: McGlaze/Denger
To adopt the Recreation Code of Conduct.
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Spierings, Sorci-Murray, Denger, McGlaze, Sanguinetti)

5. Consider changing Parks & Recreation Commission meetings to bi-monthly - RDM Pfefferkorn

RDM Pfefferkorn noted that staff has re-evaluated the meeting schedule and recommends moving to bi-monthly meetings, and she clarified that the ad hoc committees can meet during the off months. She further clarified that a special meeting of the commission can be called at any time, if needed.

Cynthia Dzendzel, a resident of Scotts Valley, asked if the public could view or hear the results of those meetings. City Manager LaGoe noted that the ad hoc committees are project-based and are not Brown Act-noticed in the same way as the Commission meetings; however, the activities of these committees will be reported at the regular Parks and Recreation Commission meetings.

M/S: Denger/Sorci-Murray
To recommend to the City Council to amend the Parks and Recreation Commission bylaws to move to bi-monthly meetings.
Carried 4/0/1 (AYES: Sorci-Murray, Denger, McGlaze, Sanguinetti; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Spierings)

Adjournment

As a future agenda item, the Commission recommends that staff bring back to the Commission a list of the Ad Hoc Committees.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.