Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Agenda
4:00 p.m. – Monday, January 13, 2014
City Council Chambers
809 Center Street, Santa Cruz CA

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CALL TO ORDER –Chair Guara called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL –Commissioners Andrews, Bertuca, Gaura, Palochak, Pinheiro, Shallberg, and Widera.

Present: Commissioners Andrews, Bertuca, Gaura, Palochak, Pinheiro, Shallberg.

Absent: Commissioner Widera arrived at 4:12pm.

Staff: Dannettee Shoemaker, Director of Parks and Recreation

Mauro Garcia, Parks Superintendent

Carol Scurich, Recreation Superintendent

Andrew Bullington, Public Works Operations Manager

Noah Downing, Park Planner

Ali MacBird, Parks and Recreation Office Supervisor

STATEMENTS OF DISQUALIFICATION – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Dannettee Shoemaker thanked Commissioner Bertuca for her years of service on the commission as her term has expired.

Mauro Garcia introduced Noah Downing, Park Planner.

PRESENTATIONS- None.

GENERAL BUSINESS –

1. **Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 4, 2013**

Commissioner Bertuca motioned to approve the minutes as submitted for the November 4, 2013 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Shallberg. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Andrews, Bertuca, Gaura, Palochak, Pinheiro, Shallberg.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner Widera.
DISQUALIFIED: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

2. **FYI State Bill 751-** Action and Vote of Each Member in Open Sessions

3. **Rededication and Renaming of San Lorenzo River Levee**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Parks and Recreation Commission discuss and consider a recommendation that the City Council re-dedicate the San Lorenzo Riverway as a City Park and consider the renaming of the area as the Santa Cruz Riverwalk.

Dannettee Shoemaker presented the staff report to the Commission.

Greg Pepping, Executive Director Coastal Watershed Council, clarified the committee noted in the November 4, 2013 Commission minutes should be referred to as the San Lorenzo River Alliance. Mr. Pepping spoke in favor of the proposed renaming and suggested an overall rebranding of the river area.

Ross Gibson spoke in support of the renaming.

Commissioner Bertuca spoke in favor of the original name San Lorenzo Riverway. Commissioner Shallberg spoke in support of renaming the San Lorenzo River Levee. Commissioner Palochak, Andrews and Widera spoke in support of the name Santa Cruz Riverwalk.

Commissioner Shallberg moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to re-dedicate the San Lorenzo Riverway as a City Park and consider the renaming of the area as the Santa Cruz Riverwalk and forward their recommendation to City Council.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Andrews, Bertuca, Gaura, Palochak, Pinheiro, Shallberg and Widera.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
DISQUALIFIED: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

4. **Facility Study** – Public Works & Parks and Recreation

RECOMMENDATION: The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends 1) That the City Council authorize staff to develop funding strategies for urgent repair work and energy efficiency projects identified as high priorities in the facilities assessment report and 2) That staff incorporate projects identified in the report into the three year Capital Improvement Plan (FY15-17).

Andy Bullington, Public Works Operations Manager, presented the staff report to the Commission and answered Commissioners questions.

Commissioner Pinheiro moved, seconded by Commissioner Shallberg to 1) recommend City Council authorize staff to develop funding strategies for urgent repair work and energy efficiency projects identified as high priorities in the facilities assessment report and 2) That staff incorporate projects identified in the report into the three year Capital Improvement Plan (FY15-17) and forward their recommendations to City Council.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Andrews, Bertuca, Gaura, Palochak, Pinheiro, Shallberg, and Widera.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
DISQUALIFIED: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

5. **Lower Ocean Park Metal Fencing Design**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the floral design for the metal fencing to be constructed along the Lower Ocean Park street frontages.

Mauro Garcia announced the tentative dedication of the new Lower Ocean Park e held on March 1, 2014 at 10 a.m.

Noah Downing, Park Planner, presented the staff report to the Commission.

Celise Clevenger and Alan Ziegler, fence designers, showed Commissioners the sample model fencing and answered Commissioners questions regarding design.

Esther Greenberg, neighborhood resident, thanked staff and spoke in support of the fence design.

Deborah Wade, neighborhood resident, spoke in support of the park and the fence design but suggested the fence height be raised.

Commissioners discussed the fence height with staff.

JD Sotelo, neighborhood resident, spoke in support of the park and the fence design but would like the fence to be six feet for safety concerns.

Ross Clark suggested a raised pipe rail for the top of a fence as a deterrent.

Chair Guara closed public comment.

Commissioners asked further questions of the designers and staff.

Commissioner Palochak moved, seconded by Commissioner Bertuca approve the floral design for the metal fencing to be constructed along the Lower Ocean Park street frontages but raise the height to 6 feet and see a re-design at the higher level returned to the Commission for review.

Commissioner Palochak amended that the re-design come back to a newly formed subcommittee.

The motion failed unanimously by the following vote:

AYES: None
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioners Andrews, Bertuca, Gaura, Palochak, Pinheiro, Shallberg, and Widera.
DISQUALIFIED: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

Commissioner Palochak moved, seconded by Commissioner Shallberg to approve the floral design for the metal fencing to be constructed along the Lower Ocean Park street frontages but review a re-design at the 6 foot height

for comparison with the current design and return to the Commission at a Special Meeting on February 3, 2014.

AYES: Commissioners Andrews, Bertuca, Gaura, Palochak, Pinheiro, Shallberg, and Widera.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
DISQUALIFIED: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

6. Lower Ocean Park Renaming

RECOMMENDATION: That the Parks and Recreation Commission discuss recommendations for naming the new neighborhood park currently known as Lower Ocean Park and forward a recommendation to City Council for consideration as the formal name.

Ross Gibson shared the history of the area with the Commission and answered Commissioners questions.

Esther Greenberg spoke in support of the park and the Riverside Gardens name.

Deborah Wade spoke in support of the park and the Riverside Gardens name and thanked Ross Gibson for his work.

Commissioner Bertuca moved, seconded by Commissioner Shallberg to name the new neighborhood park currently known as Lower Ocean Park to Riverside Gardens Park and forward their recommendation to City Council.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Andrews, Bertuca, Gaura, Palochak, Pinheiro, Shallberg, and Widera.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
DISQUALIFIED: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

7. Information Items

A. Department Head Update – Dannettee Shoemaker, Oral Report
B. Open Tree Permit List

Commissioner Andrews asked about Arana Gulch. Mauro Garcia gave a status update on the project.

SUBCOMMITTEE/ADVISORY BODY ORAL REPORTS

ITEMS INITIATED BY MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURNMENT

8. The Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at5:57 p.m. from the regularly scheduled meeting of January 13, 2014 to the next Special Meeting scheduled for February 3, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ali MacBird