



SAN BENITO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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***LOCATION: VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
649 SAN BENITO STREET, ROOM 204
Hollister, CA 95023***

AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING

**Saturday, October 18, 2008
11:00 to 1:00 PM**

- 1. Call To Order at 11:15 a.m.** by Chairman Don Kelley
 - 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Alliance was led by Commissioner Gonzalez
 - 1.2. Roll Call
Commissioner's Present: Don Kelley, Ray Pierce, Daniel Dungy, Fred Pagaran, Talia Gonzalez, Kyle Vallejo, and Jim West. Jim West was excused at 11:25.
Commissioner's Absent: Estevan Guzman, Janie Lausten
Staff Present: Janelle Cox, Enedina Ruiz, Renee' Flores
 - 1.3. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting : The agenda was posted on October 14, 2008 at 12:30 at the Library, County Courthouse, and County Administration Building.
- 2. Public Comment**
None
- 3. Staff Announcements**
None
- 4. Commission Announcement, Introductions, and Presentations—Information Only**
None
- 5. Consent Items**
Upon motion by Commissioner Dungy and seconded by Commissioner Pierce the minutes of October 7, 2008 special community meeting were unanimously approved.

6. Regular Agenda

6.1 Hold Public Workshop on the Parks & Recreation Facility Master Plan

Janelle Cox, Acting Public Works Administrator, welcomed the public attending and gave a brief introduction on the purpose of the master plan and the process to date. She introduced Jeff Gaffney (Hollister Hills) and Clay Lee (City of Hollister), members of the Parks and Recreation Facility Master Plan Project Team. She also introduced two Public Works employees present, Renee Flores and Enedina Ruiz and Edith and Anna from LULAC, who volunteered to babysit children during the meeting. Janelle then turned the meeting over to Lee Steinmetz and Elke Ikeda, consultants with Bellinger Foster Steinmetz, the firm hired to manage the development of the master plan.

Elke showed a brief power point presentation of the local, state and federal parks in San Benito County, highlighting their beauty and the recreation opportunities offered the community. She noted that many recreational opportunities exist in the parks and that the community loves the quality of the life in San Benito County, which attracts visitors from other counties.

Lee went over the *Draft Purpose, Vision, and Goals and Objectives of the Parks and Recreation Facility Master Plan*:

1. Leadership role
2. Trails that connect parks
3. Support General Plan growth patterns
4. Protect natural and cultural resources
5. Support economic development and tourism
6. Coordinate parklands with the County Emergency Response System.
7. Consider geographic distribution of parklands
8. Encourage recreation programs that meet the needs of all ages
9. Make sure resources are there to maintain parks.
10. Consider user safety in design of park facilities

Elke presented a conceptual map of trail systems throughout the county

Janelle readdressed the attendees, stressing that today was their day to inform the County about their park and recreation facility needs.

Following is the list of brainstorm ideas:

- Free open air concerts for different age groups
- Lake & park
- Go Kart track for kids
- Parks connected to neighbors by bike or walking trails
- More activities within the park/things for everyone's interest
- Dog park similar to the one in Morgan Hill – HDOG is advocacy group(www.hollisterdog.org)
 - Dog Park- safer, official and inviting/1 area for small dogs, 1 area for large dogs
 - posted rules for park, 1st /warning, 2nd /letter, 3rd /notify police
- Whale water feature
- Combination of trail types, multi-use
- Dog park at San Justo

- Rails to trails
 - portion of golf course for trail-connection to fairgrounds
- Small picnic/staging area along trails
- Aquatic Center/ Waterslide or water sports in the community
- Indoor Recreation Center/Teen Center
- Cultural Center/Community Center/Stage and Theater
- Facility for folkloric/Salsa Dancing
- Bigger Skate Park

At the end of the meeting, everyone was given three sticky dots to place on the list of items that interested each of them most. This information will be used to give the consultants more insight into the needs and wants of the citizens of San Benito County.

Each Commissioner took the time to thank the public for coming. Don invited the public to come and bring any interested citizens to the Parks and Recreation meeting on Tuesday October 21, 2008 to hear the results of the telephone, online and paper surveys, as well as give additional input.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40.

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