

MINUTES
Town of San Anselmo
Parks and Recreation Commission
Monthly Meeting
Council Chambers
Thursday, August 7, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:11 p.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners present: Donery, Childs, McInerney, Coleman
Staff present: Long

Approval of Minutes: Minutes dated July 3, 2008.

M/s, Coleman/Childs Ayes all, minutes approved

Open Time for Public Expression: None

Special Events: Long briefly explained the need for the recreation department to develop a signature special event that would occur annually. He stated that although Country Fair Day may serve that purpose, he advised the commission that other opportunities may be available and are worth discussing at a future date.

Coleman stated that the recreation department would need more community support to effectively organize the Country Fair.

Alternative Site for Dog Park: Long reported that staff has identified alternative sites that will accommodate dog owners while the new dog park is being constructed at Red Hill Community Park. Those sites include Memorial Park, Sorich Ranch Park, and Robson-Harrington Park. Long stated that these locations have been available to dog owners for some time and there are rules and regulations specific to dog use at each location. Long emphasized the fact that these locations will still be available to the public after the new dog park is completed bringing the total to four locations where dog owners have access.

Coleman asked if a fence could be installed at Sorich Ranch Park, Long responded no. McInerney, speaking for Commissioner Doug Kelly who was not present at the meeting, stated that Kelly asked if the hours at Memorial Park for having dogs off-leash could be expanded. Long indicated that he would check with staff to determine if that was possible.

McInerney asked if there was a plan to raise money for the completion of phase two of Red Hill Community Park. Childs responded that although the fundraising committee is still in place, there is a need for new community members to volunteer to help raise funds.

Ted Bakkila stated that he was concerned about directing people to Sorich Ranch Park as an alternative to Red Hill because of the potential increase in traffic on San Francisco Blvd. and his concern that more owners who do not control their dogs would be frequenting the park.

Developing a relationship with the Ross Valley School District: Long provided a brief overview of the recreation department's current relationship with the school district. He indicated that policies have changed over the past several years regarding the distribution of promotional material from the recreation department and how it is distributed to the student body making it more difficult for the department to promote recreation activities through the schools. Long also indicated that the school district may entertain the notion of charging the recreation department for using school facilities something that is currently not being done.

E-Newsletter: Long reported that the first e-newsletter was sent to families who have signed up for recreation programs offered by the recreation department. The e-newsletter provides information on instructors and upcoming events.

Memorial Park tennis courts: Long stated that Public Works Director Rabi Elias had contacted the contractor that installed courts 3 & 4 and requested that the holes be repaired in addition to any other defects.

Dolly Frauens stated the importance of getting the courts repaired and she volunteered the services of the San Anselmo Tennis Club to help with that endeavor.

Future agenda items:

Healthy Foods at Snack Shack

On-line Registration

Memorial Park Tennis Courts

Red Hill Park Update

Present Recreation Guide

Motion to Adjourn: M/s Donery/Kelly Ayes all

Adjournment: 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Long , Community Services Director