



# Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

## Meeting Minutes | January 16, 2018

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.**
2. **Roll Call: Present:** *Cerio, Burdo, Ferris, Holtzer, Kerr, LaFranz, Michels, Naranjo, Olsen*, **Absent:** *Frost*
3. **Approval of Minutes: October 17, 2017 & November 21, 2017:**  
Motioned by *Kerr*, Seconded by *Olsen*. Ayes: 9, Nays: 0 Approved
4. **Open Time for Public Expression:** None
5. **Financial Report:**
  - a. **Review Recreation Fund Report for period ending November 30, 2017**

Mauk, reported that as of November 30, 2017, 42% of the fiscal year had elapsed, and the Rec. Fund has accrued 50% of its expected revenues while only having spent 39% of projected expenditures. Mauk reported that some of the savings were due to the postponement of big purchases until the end of the fiscal year. *Holtzer* asked how the Rec. Department's enrollment levels were doing, and Mauk noted that both Parkside and Robson Aftercare were at capacity, with a wait list. *Kerr* summarized the financial report as "in good order." Mauk remarked that in the event of a surplus, the excess profits are put back into the Recreation Fund.
6. **Parks Report:** AJ Shaw was reported absent -- Postponed until February Meeting.
7. **Presentation**
  - a. **Ross Valley Healthy Community Collaborative**

David Finnane, representative of the RVHCC, came to present their new initiative, "Raising the Bar," and the information behind the initiative. He began by listing some statistics about Marin County – numerous surveys claim that Marin is the healthiest county in California, even though it has staggeringly high rates of excessive drinking and alcohol impaired driving. With the 'Raising the Bar' campaign, Finnane wants to educate San Anselmo parents on how their social habits will impact their children's future habits. He stated that most kids begin to think positively about drugs and alcohol between the ages of 9 and 13. Pointing out the importance of having a discussion about the risks of drinking and using drugs even before children enter high school. The initiative specifically aims to eliminate the presence of alcohol at youth and family focused events. Finnane maintained that kids often imitate what their parents say and do, and this is especially true with regards to drinking. After concluding his presentation, Finnane's ask of the Commission was that they commit to the 'Raising the Bar' initiative, by considering the elimination of the Beer Booths at the Town's Country Fair Day. Even though these booths have been very profitable for the town, Finnane stated that this is a "family focused" event. Mauk commented that in order for a motion to be voted on, it would have to be on the agenda as a discussion item. Finnane said that he just asked that the Commission consider his presentation before finalizing the logistics for the next County Fair Day.



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#### 8. Discussion Items

##### a. Archery in Marin –

Scott Bullard, owner of Marin Archery Shop, came to present the possibility of repurposing a portion of Sorich Park for an archery range. Based on his survey, Bullard claimed that there are over 150 households in Marin who desire a public place to practice. He went on to state that Sorich Park is an ideal spot geographically, as it is a location central to Marin and that an archery range could slot right into the park, with minimal landscape change. *Cerio* asked specifically what kinds of changes would be critical for the range. Bullard responded that no grading or leveling would be needed, however, some bushes would be taken out and that a few gravel and a boundary fence should be installed. *Holtzer* was concerned about safety issues. Bullard responded that insurance companies rank archery in the tier of lowest risk sports, alongside table tennis and bowling. *Kerr* questioned whether archery would be considered a passive use of the park, which all activities within Sorich are required to be. *Holtzer* followed up by asking what the Open Space Committee's thoughts on this matter were. Bullard had not yet presented his idea to the Open Space Committee. While the Commissioners remained open and supportive of the idea in concept, *Holtzer* asked that Bullard return to the Parks and Recreation Commission after he had presented his ideas to Open Space, and when he returned to present a plan that was detailed with square footage, grading issues, costs and anything else that a public works would require for the proposed change at Sorich Park.

#### 9. Staff Updates:

- a. **Dog Park:** Postponed until February Meeting.

#### 10. Commission Comments, Questions, and Requests for Future Agenda Items:

- a. Discussion of the Archery Range, Parks Report, Ross Valley Healthy Community Collaborative, Memorial Park Master Plan, and Earth Day.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm**

**JKD**