



## SAN BENITO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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<b>Mindy Sotelo</b>	<b>Valerie Eglund</b>	<b>Timothy Foley</b>	<b>Luis Patino</b>	<b>Don Pidd</b>	<b>Richard Gallagher</b>
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### MINUTES REGULAR MEETING February 14, 2018 5:30 PM

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Commissioner Don Pidd.

##### A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Pidd. Commissioner Pidd asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for the lives that were lost in the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school in Florida.

##### B. Roll Call

Clerk of the Board Janet Slibsager called roll. Commissioners Valerie Eglund, Timothy Foley, Richard Gallagher, and Don Pidd were present. Commissioners Mindy Sotelo and Luis Patino were absent.

##### C. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

MOTION:

To acknowledge the certificate of posting:

Made by **Tim Foley** and seconded by **Valerie Eglund**

**4 - 0**

For (4):

Against (0):

*Ayes: Eglund, Foley, Gallagher, Pidd*

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public who wished to speak.

*Opportunity to address the commission on items of interest not appearing on the agenda or not scheduled for public hearing. No action may be taken unless provided for by GC 56954.2. Each speaker is limited to five minutes.*

### **III. CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Approve the action minutes of the October 11, 2017 and November 8, 2017 regular meetings.

The meeting minutes will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

### **IV. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS - Information Only**

#### **A. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Update on New Staff department organization relative to Parks Recreation Commission and County Parks and Recreation Program.

Adam Goldstone from the Resource Management Agency (RMA) stated that there was nothing official to report at this time. The RMA is continuing to work on filling many of their vacant positions and interviews are being conducted.

#### **B. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Update on website (sbcParks.org) operation and content development.

There is nothing new to report at this time. The IT Department is making progress on getting the website back up and running. The webmaster for REACH San Benito Parks Foundation has found that the links are not live from the County website.

#### **C. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Update on request for Parks Recreation Commission membership in California Parks and Recreation Society.

No update is available on the status of the request. Commissioner Pidd will check with Management Analyst Louie Valdez regarding it.

### **V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

#### **A. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Egland reported that San Juan Bautista is working on their Parks Plan. She also announced that she will be leaving her position on the Parks and Recreation Commission to go to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Foley reported that the Pinnacles National Park Foundation has a long term renovation project for the Bear Valley School that they have received funding for.

Commissioner Pidd reported that the dangerous trees have been cut down at the Historical Park. They are also developing a new tree and trail system through REACH San Benito Parks Foundation. Additionally, the County is in the process of updating the Tres Pinos Creek.

#### **B. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Discuss and make recommendations on the landscape improvement plans for the new Santana Ranch Community Park and the Santana Ranch Trail at the Santana

## Ranch development by Stonecreek Properties, Inc.

Adam Goldstone, from the Resource Management Agency, reported that the developers have submitted their ideas to the County and they are currently reviewing them. Representatives for the developer attended the meeting.

Brian Curtis, a representative for Stonecreek Properties, provided information, including a map showing the parks and school area project.

The Commissioners asked several questions about the project details and Mr. Curtis provided clarification.

### MOTION:

To make a recommendation to present the project to the Board of Supervisors:

Made by **Richard Gallagher** and  
seconded by **Tim Foley**

**4 - 0**

For (4):

Against (0):

*Ayes: Eglund, Foley, Gallagher, Pidd*

### C. Committees' Reports.

No reports.

## VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Commission will consider and may take action on the following items:

### A. **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Presentation by Point Blue Conservation Science - Jenni Benson.

Jenni Benson of Point Blue Conservation Science provided information on the STRAW Program (Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed). The program facilitates habitat restoration projects with schools and has been working in the Hollister area for the past three years.

Commissioner Pidd asked how the restoration sites are chosen. Ms. Benson responded that many partners approach them, there are some contracts that are already in place, through word of mouth, etc.

Commissioner Eglund asked how the projects are funded. Ms. Benson responded that they are funded through grants, RCDs, donations, etc.

Commissioner Foley asked about project design, how they are approved, etc. Ms. Benson provided clarification, saying that most projects don't need a lot of permitting and the process goes quickly.

### B. **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Update on Upcoming Subdivisions: The commission will receive a report of the upcoming subdivisions for the unincorporated area and be given an overview of their role in regards to park elements and subdivisions.

Adam Goldstone, from the Resource Management Agency, reported that no formal applications have been received but anticipates that some will be coming in soon. There is nothing to review at

this time.

Commissioner Gallagher asked when the Parks and Recreation Commission is going to have any kind of influence on the new developments. Mr. Goldstone responded that they are currently in the process of doing so.

C. **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Discuss and make recommendations for assigning Staff to work with the Parks Recreation Commission to update the San Benito County parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan.

Adam Goldstone, from the Resource Management Agency, reported that the Board of Supervisors is having their annual retreat on February 15, 2018, where they will be discussing this issue. He will report back at the next meeting.

D. **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Discuss plan to identify and map (GIS-Rene Archieta presentation) all existing trails and parks in San Benito County and how best to work with each Supervisor to connect these existing trails and parks within their District (including City parks and trails), to adjoining Districts, and to neighboring Counties.

Rene Archieta, from the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department, provided a Powerpoint presentation on what he has done with GIS. He presented a map gallery of parks showing bike routes and trails, information on the Historical Park, etc. The Commissioners discussed the bike route information.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gallagher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Egland. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

MOTION:

Motion: Made by **Richard Gallagher** and seconded by **Valerie Egland**

**4 - 0**

For (4):

Against (0):

*Ayes: Egland, Foley, Gallagher, Pidd*