



SAN BENITO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Mindy Sotelo	Tim Powers	Timothy Foley	Paul Hain	Luis Patino	Don Pidd	Richard Gallagher
District No.	District No.	District No.	District No.	District No.	Historical Society	Veteran's Park Commission
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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING March 14, 2018 5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Commissioner Don Pidd.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Don Pidd.

B. Roll Call

Clerk of the Board Janet Slibsager called roll. Commissioners Mindy Sotelo, Tim Powers, Timothy Foley, Paul Hain, Don Pidd, and Richard Gallagher were present. Commissioner Luis Patino was absent.

C. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

MOTION:

To accept the certificate of posting: Made by **Paul Hain** and seconded by **Richard Gallagher**

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For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Foley, Gallagher, Hain, Pidd, Powers

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

IV. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS - Information Only

A. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Introduction of New Parks Recreation Commissioners:
Timothy Powers
Paul Hain

Commissioner Pidd introduced the new members, Tim Powers and Paul Hain.

Commissioner Powers gave some background information about himself.

Commissioner Hain gave some background information about himself.

B. 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), reported that there is no update that will affect the commission. The RMA did recently fill an administrative position.

C. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

No update.

D. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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

The request is being worked on.

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

A. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Sotelo reported that she had received the REACH San Benito Parks Foundation mailer that had a map that listed the local parks and trails. She said it was well done.

Commissioner Powers reported that the Aromas soccer park continues to move forward. Hopefully it will be available for use before the year ends.

Commissioner Foley reported that he attended the Bluegrass Festival at the Historical Park.

Commissioner Gallagher asked if there was a financial report regarding the rentals at Vet's Park or an update on the fire damage at Vet's Park.

Adam Goldstone, from the Resource Management Agency, responded that there were no financials at this point. The Board of Supervisors has approved the work order to repair the light pole that was damaged by the fire.

Commissioner Gallagher reported that there will be an Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 at 12:30 at Vet's Park.

Commissioner Pidd reported that there was a small Bluegrass Festival at the Historical Park that was put together at the last minute. They will probably hold it again next year with more time to plan, it in addition to the Bluegrass Festival in August, the Civil War Reenactment, and the Olive Festival. Additionally, the PG&E donation funds (\$18,000) were handed over to the REACH San Benito Parks Foundation to restore the trees at the Historical Park. Dead trees were removed, trees were pruned, and mistletoe was removed.

B. Committees' Reports

No reports.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

A. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

No updates.

B. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Discuss and form an ad hoc committee to update the SBC Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan.

An ad hoc committee consisting of Paul Hain, Mindy Sotelo, and Tim Foley was formed.

C. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Update on proposed restoration of the Tres Pinos Creek at the San Benito County Historical and Recreational Park.

Commissioner Pidd reported that they lost about a quarter to a half of an acre of the park due to storms. The County is working with FEMA in order to develop a restoration plan for the creek. The organization STRAW has also been contacted to help with the project. It will probably take about 2 years to complete.

D. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Discuss and make recommendations for park and/or recreation projects to be included in the 2018-19 Budget.

Commissioner Pidd suggested getting a potable water system at the Historical Park.

Commissioner Foley suggested more restrooms at the Historical Park.

Adam Goldstone, from the Resource Management Agency, asked if the Commission supported the Master Plan update. The Commission responded that they did.

MOTION:

To include a recommendation to install a potable water system at the Historical Park:

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

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For (6):

Against (0):

Ayes: Foley, Gallagher, Hain, Pidd, Powers, Sotelo

Mr. Goldstone reported that last year there were 5 approved projects in the master plan. They included the River Parkway Regional Park, the Vet's Park well improvements, the Bertha Briggs Building renovations, the Vet's Park parking lot lighting improvements, and the Vet's Park bathroom and barbecue pit improvements.

Next month they will go to bid on the property for the River Parkway.

The majority of the work on the Vet's Park well project is done.

The Bertha Briggs renovation has not begun since the Board of Supervisors did not approve a contract with an architect to complete the project.

No progress has been made on the Vet's Park bathroom updates.

The Commissioners discussed whether to continue with the 3 projects approved from last year that didn't get finished. Commissioner Sotelo asked for an estimated figure for the cost of the three projects. Mr. Goldstone responded that he estimated it to be about \$600,000 for all three.

Commissioner Foley suggested new restrooms at the Historical Park.

Commissioner Powers suggested a bike path connecting Aromas and San Juan Bautista.

MOTION:

To approve the three projects from last year's Master Plan and recommend that they be included in the 2018-19 Budget: Made by **Richard Gallagher** and seconded by **Mindy Sotelo**

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For (6):

Against (0):

Ayes: Foley, Gallagher, Hain, Pidd, Powers, Sotelo

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pidd made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gallagher. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

MOTION:

Motion: Made by **Don Pidd** and seconded by **Richard Gallagher**

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For (6):

Against (0):

Ayes: Foley, Gallagher, Hain, Pidd, Powers, Sotelo