

# City of Calistoga COMMUNITY POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Committee Members: David Moon-Wainwright (Chair)  
Lindsay Richardson (Vice Chair)  
Kerry Eddy  
Olivia Lemen  
Shirley Blomquist

## MEETING MINUTES Wednesday May 1, 2013 9:30 am Calistoga Community Center 1307 Washington Street

1 **The meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m.**

2 Committee Member Blomquist was absent.

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4 **Public Comment**

5 None

6 **Adoption of the Meeting Agenda**

7 Motion to adopt the meeting agenda by Committee Member Eddy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
8 Committee Member Richardson. Passed unanimously.

9 **January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minutes**

10 Motion to approve minutes by Committee Member Moon-Wainwright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
11 Committee Member Eddy. Passed unanimously.

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13 **Review of pre-season pass sales and discussion of post-season**  
14 **opportunities.**

15 Recreation Manager Lemen presented the staff report stating that the “novelty” of  
16 the pre/post seasons seem to be wearing off. Hitting the target pass sales goal  
17 was difficult this time and it is forecasted that the post season will see a similar  
18 trend. Committee Member Eddy voiced her opinion about the long term  
19 responsibility of the City to pick up the cost of these pre/post seasons and that  
20 possibly the community feels as though they are “subsidizing” the city to open the  
21 pool which has led to the decline in sales. There has been a core group who has  
22 been consistent within each of these pre/post seasons. The goal should be to  
23 increase this core group to help create a more sustainable program.

24 There was discussion about the success of the High School swim team and how  
25 that translates into more pool users. There were questions about Solage Masters  
26 program and how many Calistoga swimmers are lost to that program and what  
27 their fee is. Committee Member Moon-Wainwright suggested that the committee  
28 make a recommendation to council for their support within the budget process for  
29 the post season in this upcoming year. There was much discussion about how to

30 financially support the extension of the swim season both this upcoming year and  
31 on into the future. The final recommendation is as follows:

32 CPAC recommends for staff to begin to finalize dates, schedules and costs  
33 associated with a post season schedule to prepare for any funding opportunities  
34 that come forward.

35 This recommendation was passed unanimously.

36 **Discussion about overall 2013 season and St. Helena Impacts.**

37 Recreation Manager Lemen gave an update on the switch of pool maintenance  
38 contracts from the City of Calistoga Public Works Staff to Diamond Quality Water  
39 Features Inc as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. There has been a dramatic improvement in the water  
40 quality in the past month and there are more adjustments left to go. The pump is  
41 now repaired on the Rec pool and they are currently applying a stain treatment to  
42 address some of the plaster staining. The goal is that this switch in contracts will  
43 address some of the on-going chemistry complaints over the past couple of  
44 years.

45 St. Helena pool project is slated to begin in the middle of July. At this point, the  
46 Rec. Department is planning on running swim lessons and a summer pool  
47 program through that time. There is expected to be very little impact to our  
48 program based on this schedule.

49 There was additional discussion about various upcoming marketing  
50 opportunities.

51 **Meeting was continued to June 19, 2013 at 9:30 am.**

52 **Adjournment**

53 The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. to a regular meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> of  
54 the Calistoga Pool Advisory Committee