

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2008 – COMMUNITY CENTER

A) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson More on May 21, 2008 at 6:33 p.m. in the Community Center. Commissioners present included Chairperson More, Commissioners Chang, Henderson, Harper, Cachu, Maldonado and Secretary to the Community Resources Commission, Mary Cahill. Commissioner Lopez was absent.

B) PUBLIC COMMENT

Chino Yip from the Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District gave a short report on Oat Hill Mine Trail restoration work on the May 17 and 18. There were 195 volunteers that participated in the project and approximately 50 volunteers were from Napa County. They repaired signs, hiking trails and built a kiosk at the Silverado Trail head. There was a small ceremony on Sunday afternoon with local dignitaries.

Matt Hickerson (Adult) and Terry Wilson (Teen) gave a short report to the CRC on the need for a local skateboard area. Matt has the signatures of 100 teens from Calistoga High School who would like to see a skateboarding area in Calistoga and he gave the list to the CRC. Terry Wilson said that skateboarding has become more and more popular, at the same time they have been banned from downtown and the school. They are looking for support from the CRC in finding a location for a skateboarding area in Calistoga.

Mary Cahill said that the Community Resources Department would like to continue the discussion with the teens on the list. Bev More suggested that discussion of a possible site for a skateboarding area be added to the CRC work schedule.

C) Consent Calendar

- 1) Minutes of regular Community Resources Commission Meeting on April 16, 2008.

The following corrections were made to the April 16, 2008 minutes.

- Line 70 – should be Erik with a k
- Line 159 – delete “to be discussed”

These changes were made and the Minutes for the April 16, 2008 and the Minutes were approved with the changes.

D) ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

1) The Agenda for the May 21, 2008 Community Resources Commission was adopted by the Commission with the change in the General Government section, since Matt Hickerson gave his presentation during the Consent Calendar portion of the meeting.

E) GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- 2) Swearing in of new Commissioner Chris Henderson. Su Sneddon, City Clerk swearing in of Commissioner Chris Henderson
- 3) Skateboard presentation given during Consent Calendar portion of meeting. Although there was some further discussion of possible locations for a skateboarding area by the Commissioners and Staff.
- 4) Review of Community Resources Department Activity Guide for Spring/Summer 2008 – Presentation by Mary Cahill
Mary gave a detailed explanation to the content of the Activity Guide and answered questions from the Commissioners
- 5) Fiscal Year 07-08 Work Program Update – Presentation by Mary Cahill
A review of the Council approved 07-08 CRC Work Plan. The approved 07-08 work plan included the following topics:

- Napa River Trail
- Oat Hill Mine Road
- Recreational Facilities
- Dog Park
- Youth Issues
- Special Events
- Outdoor Dining
- Downtown Beautification
- Historic Preservation
- Aquatic Programs

There was some further discussion of what should remain on the Work Program and what should be added. The discussion lead to the conclusion that the CRC should try to find projects that did not fall into the scope of another City Commission or City Department. However the CRC would like to get updates on the progress of some of their past work projects. Examples: Pioneer Park, Sidewalk Dining, Dog Park, Bicycle Trail. The Commissioners would like to help expedite the process not become part of the bureaucratic roadblocks that delay projects. Also the Commissioners would like to celebrate their successes so that the public becomes more aware of the CRC role in local government.

6) Discussion of possible Fiscal Year 08-09 CRC Goals. Staff presented a suggested list of items for the 08-09 CRC Work Projects:

- **Cultural Outreach** – Latino cultural outreach and Senior Outreach
- **Community Programming** - Youth/Teen Issues – Six Teen Events per year, skate park location
- **Trails** - Oat Hill Mine Road and additional trail projects
- Recreational Facilities and Parks – facility needs for new programs, bridge the relationship with the Fairgrounds, downtown beautification (pocket park), Dog Park
- **Aquatic Programming** – pool fees, staffing, volunteers, rules
- **Green policies and practices** – apply to programs and events
- **Periodic review** of past CRC projects and to watchdog projects so they don't stall in the City bureaucracy.
- **New projects** – Staff would be preparing for a 2 year budget cycle. Input from CRC is valuable for guidance during this process.
- **Departmental Analysis**, marketing and communication
- **CRC Training** – 2 commissioners per year go to CPRS Annual Conference along with some City staff.

Projects discussed but not added to 08-09 Work Program, which the Commission wants updates were; River trail and Bike trail, clean-up of lower Washington Street and bike trail, downtown beautification (Chamber to take lead).

7) Election of Officers – Presentation by Mary Cahill
Karen Chang made a motion to change bylaw that requires the CRC Secretary be the Police Chief. Motion was made to change the bylaw and have it read that the Community Resources Director be the Secretary of the CRC.

Bev More said she would be open to another term as chairperson of the CRC but also wouldn't mind stepping down if another commissioner would like the job. It was getting late and election was carried over to the next meeting on June 18, 2008

F) COMMISSIONER OPEN DISCUSSION

Commissioner Harper requested that the Dog Park item be reviewed at the next CRC meeting.

G) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Community Resources Commission was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at the Calistoga Community Center, 1307 Washington Street, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Approved by:

Beverly More, Chairperson