

City of Calistoga COMMUNITY POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Members: Kerry Eddy
Sarah Gansa
Sandra "Sue" Harper
Indira Lopez
Jim McCann

MEETING NOTES Monday, January 12, 2009 – 4:30 P.M. Calistoga Police Department Conference Room

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The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members present included, Community Resources Commissioner Sue Harper, Calistoga Pool Project Committee members, Kerry Eddy, and Suzan Shaw (alternate), City Manager Jim McCann and Recreation Superintendent Frank DiFede. Absent: Community Resources Commissioner Indira Lopez.

Update on Aquatic & Recreation Manager Recruitment

The City Manager provided an update of the recruiting effort to date noting that approximately two dozen applications have been received and a pool of six qualified candidates have been identified for interviews scheduled for the 23rd of January. He listed the members of the interview panel and suggested that it appears that a number of capable candidates will be identified through the process.

Update on Pool Construction Activity

City Manager McCann provided a general update of progress at the pool and touched on some of the existing elements remaining to be addressed. He also provided a general update regarding the status of grant funding received and expended by the City of the project.

Update on Lifeguard Recruiting and other Programming Activity

Superintendent DiFede provided an update to the Committee on the efforts undertaken to date. He noted that approximately 30 individuals have expressed serious interest to be potential lifeguards. He added that approximately five individuals already have the necessary lifeguard certification and that the balance of the candidates are actively pursuing the necessary training and skills for certification. He indicated that a number of Calistoga boys and girls are participating and that scholarships and reimbursements will be provided for training for those participants who are successful. He also noted that many Calistogans have expressed interest in other part-time employment supporting the pool.

38 There was general discussion about the need for further community outreach to
39 encourage additional Calistogans to participate in lifeguarding and other part time
40 employment opportunities and the need to establish an active and robust
41 lifeguard program for the initiation of the pool and for future years.

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43 Suzan Shaw agreed to prepare a letter to the editors of the local newspapers
44 raising the employment opportunity and urging participation. Additionally, it was
45 suggested that notices be placed on the City's website and public access
46 channel.

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48 Update on Energy Study (Geothermal)

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50 City Manager McCann provided a copy of the draft study to Committee members
51 and provided a general overview of the report's content. He indicated that the
52 report suggests strongly that geothermal resources should be pursued to benefit
53 environmental considerations and to provide alternate sources of energy for pool
54 heating. He indicated that the report will be further refined and utilized for pursuit
55 of grant opportunities.

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57 Pool Marketing and Advertising

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59 The Committee had a general discussion about opportunities and ideas for
60 enhanced pool program marketing and promotional ideas. It was agreed that the
61 City's Activity Guide should include substantial information regarding the
62 anticipated activities at the pool and that Chamber of Commerce, local
63 newspaper, Boys & Girls Club websites and other outlets and sources should be
64 used to promote and market the availability of the pool and different programs.

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66 Pool Plaques

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68 There was general discussion regarding the anticipated placement of
69 commemorative and dedication plaques at the pool. It was agreed that language
70 for the plaques must be prepared and reviewed for recommendation to the City
71 Council. City Manager McCann shared a preliminary draft of language drafted by
72 the Public Works Department. Further discussion at future meetings on this topic
73 is necessary and will be placed on the next agenda.

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75 The Committee set their next meeting for Monday, February 2, 2009, 3:30 p.m.,
76 Calistoga City Hall.

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78 Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.