

City of Calistoga COMMUNITY POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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

MEETING NOTES Monday, February 2, 2009 – 3:30 P.M. Calistoga City Hall

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2 The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

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4 Members present included, Community Resources Commissioner Sue Harper,
5 Calistoga Pool Project Committee member, Kerry Eddy, City Manager Jim
6 McCann and Recreation Superintendent Frank DiFede. Absent: Community
7 Resources Commissioner, Indira Lopez, Calistoga Pool Project Committee
8 member, Sarah Gansa.

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10 There were no public comments.

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12 Previous notes from the January 12, 2009, were adopted as drafted.

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14 Update on Aquatic & Recreation Manager Recruitment

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16 City Manager McCann provided an overview of the recruitment effort, noting that
17 almost three dozen applications had been received and that those applications
18 had been reviewed and a candidate pool of approximately six individuals was
19 selected for further consideration. An interview panel interviewed the six and
20 selected the three top candidates. One candidate is clearly most suitable for our
21 particular needs and we expect to have her start with us later this month.

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23 Update on Pool Construction Activity

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25 City Manager McCann provided an update on the construction activities at the
26 pool and summarized the outstanding work yet to be completed.

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28 Update on Pool Programs and Staffing Update

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30 Recreation Superintendent DiFede provided an overview of the recruitment
31 efforts and training activity occurring to date. He noted that nearly a dozen
32 Calistoga teenagers are involved in conditioning and training for the lifeguard
33 certification program and that approximately two dozen individuals overall have
34 expressed interest in lifeguarding, water safety instruction and other
35 programming activities at the pool. There was much discussion regarding
36 additional recruitment efforts, including outreach to adults and seniors who may
37 be interested in part-time employment at the pool.

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39 There was general discussion about anticipated pool programming with the
40 agreement that much effort must be applied to discussing and refining initial
41 programming ideas upon the arrival of the Aquatics & Recreation Manager this
42 month. It was agreed that the item would be placed on the next agenda in the
43 hope that the Aquatics & Recreation Manager will be present to participate in the
44 discussion. City Manager McCann reminded the group that the settlement
45 agreement with the neighborhood group requires that they be included in a
46 discussion regarding anticipated programming and that their input be considered
47 in programming decisions. It was agreed that once initial programming ideas are
48 developed that outreach to the neighborhood group should occur to solicit their
49 input.

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51 Pool Plaques

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53 Kerry Eddy discussed thoughts regarding the plaques to be installed at the pool
54 and noted that the commemorative plaque to be installed by the CCPP will “tell
55 the story” and that the City’s plaque will likely be more concise, acknowledging
56 the City and CCPP partnership. It was agreed that City Manager McCann would
57 prepare a few alternate drafts of the City plaque language for Committee input.

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59 Geothermal Feasibility Study

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61 The Committee briefly discussed elements of the Geothermal Feasibility Study
62 and noted the strong interest in pursuing available grant and other funding
63 opportunities to install the geothermal heating system. City Manager McCann
64 indicated that it is the City’s intent to pursue such public and private funding
65 opportunities. Kerry Eddy indicated that the CCPP also hopes to pursue and
66 secure funding opportunities, principally through private funding sources. It was
67 agreed that this should be a priority for the pool project.

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69 The Committee set their next meeting for Monday, February 23, 2009, 2:30 p.m.,
70 Calistoga City Hall.

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72 Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.