

City of Calistoga COMMUNITY POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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

MEETING NOTES Monday, February 23, 2009 – 2:30 P.M. Calistoga City Hall

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

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4 Members present included, Calistoga Pool Project Committee members, Kerry
5 Eddy and Sarah Gansa, City Manager Jim McCann, Aquatics & Recreation
6 Manager, Olivia Lemen and Recreation Superintendent, Frank DiFede. Absent:
7 Community Resources Commissioners, Indira Lopez and Sue Harper.

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9 There were no public comments.

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11 Introduction of Olivia Lemen, Aquatics & Recreation Manager

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13 City Manager McCann introduced Olivia Lemen and she provided a review of her
14 background, interest in Calistoga and thoughts for the Community Pool.

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16 **February 2, 2009, were adopted as drafted.**

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18 Community Pool construction progress

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

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23 Pool Programs and Outreach Ideas

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25 City Manager McCann outlined his thoughts and progress to date and stated the
26 need for discussion to define scope and the need to recognize the obligation to
27 the Calistoga School District and to meet with and receive input from the
28 Concerned Citizens of Calistoga Group. The consensus of the Committee was
29 to reach out to the Concerned Citizens Group to bring them up to speed on initial
30 thinking regarding programming, to introduce ideas, share plans and include
31 them in future meetings. It was also decided that Olivia should meet with Robert
32 Bragg as soon as possible to begin this process.

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34 Olivia presented preliminary programming and conceptual ideas for the spring
35 and summer schedules.

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37 Sara Gansa reiterated the need for a focus on training and hiring bilingual
38 lifeguards and also the importance of serving the senior population. She urged
39 staff to speak with Kevin Twohey regarding the St. Helena Masters swim
40 program and discuss the likelihood of the St. Helena pool closure this season.

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42 There was discussion regarding preliminary facility guidelines and appropriate
43 attire for pool staff. The Committee agreed that the first year programs should
44 be kept focused and simple and allow them to grow over time.

45 46 Staff Recruitment and Training

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48 Recreation Superintendent Frank DiFede reported that the first lifeguard class has
49 concluded and that six Calistoga teens passed and are now certified lifeguards.

50 51 Opening Statement for Summer Activity Guide

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53 There was discussion about creating a letter to the community outlining the pool
54 opening and programming for the Activity Guide.

55 56 Plaque Language

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58 City Manager McCann stated that the wording is in progress and the committee
59 reviewed the draft wording. Kerry Eddy presented alternate language for
60 consideration.

61 62 Promotional and Marketing Ideas

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64 None.

65 66 67 Miscellaneous Pool Related Updates

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72 The Committee set their next meeting for Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 3:30 p.m.,
73 Calistoga City Hall.

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75 Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.