

# City of Calistoga COMMUNITY POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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

## MEETING NOTES Tuesday, January 26, 2010 – 4:00 p.m. City Hall Conference Room 1232 Washington Street

1 **The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.**

2 Members present included, Kerry Eddy, Sarah Gansa, Sue Harper, Indira Lopez  
3 and City Manager Jim McCann.

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5 Others Present: Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen.

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7 **Adoption of the December 8, 2009 Meeting Notes**

8 The meeting notes were adopted as drafted.

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10 **Recognition of Award of Excellence – Facility Design-Aquatics Facilities.**

11 Aquatics & Recreation Manager Lemen reported that the City of Calistoga  
12 received the 2009 Award of Excellence from the California Park & Recreation  
13 Society (CPRS) for the Community Pool. She noted that there will be a formal  
14 presentation at the 2009 California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park  
15 Training Conference in Palm Springs, March 9, 2010.

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17 **Continuation of Strategic Planning Discussion**

18 There was Committee strategic planning discussion and consensus to focus on  
19 family, recreation, and teaching, with a special focus on Latino youth and water  
20 safety. The Committee agreed that the Vamos a Nadar program was very  
21 positive and successful.

22 Committee Member Harper asked about how to involve the School District in use  
23 of the pool to develop PE or team sports.

24 Aquatics & Recreation Manager Lemen agreed that this should be encouraged  
25 but noted that it is difficult for school schedules to accommodate this. She stated  
26 that the school suggested involvement with the Boys & Girls Club and Think  
27 Tank for possible after school programs.

28 Committee Member Eddy discussed the Sebastopol Rotary Club's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
29 teaching program where each student gets a 30 minute swim lesson per week.

30 Aquatics & Recreation Manager Lemen gave reference to a YMCA program  
31 called "First Wave" where they had a similar swim lesson program.

32 Committee Member Gansa commented that work should be done to move  
33 toward starting a swim team on a recreational level with potential for School  
34 District involvement.

35 There was Committee consensus for the pool's focus on teaching and  
36 community focused recreation and the need to build and expand partnerships  
37 with the Boys & Girls Club, the School District and the City of St. Helena to form  
38 private swim groups in the area.

39 There was Committee discussion about bringing a swim team to Calistoga and  
40 the need for kids to grow and have progression options and ideas about  
41 developing a Calistoga swim team vs. contracting with an outside, established  
42 team. Aquatics & Recreation Manager Lemen mentioned that initial discussion  
43 would take place soon with St. Helena Waves to explore that idea.

44 Committee Members Gansa and Eddy discussed the desire for the City to take a  
45 more proactive approach to fund raising to ensure that all the programs  
46 discussed had adequate funding and suggested ideas such as service clubs,  
47 wineries and local businesses. Additional advertising ideas were also discussed.

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49 **Adjournment**

50 The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. to the next meeting of the Calistoga  
51 Pool Advisory Committee, \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.