

MONTEREY COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

Thyme Room

1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA, 93901

April 5, 2018

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

DRAFT **MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Hertlein at 3:00 p.m. There was a quorum.

<u>Commissioners</u> <u>Present</u>	<u>Commissioners</u> <u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Joe Hertlein, Chair Jordan Caballero Ruben Zurita	Joanna Devers	Carl Holm Kelly Donlon Shawne Ellerbee John Dugan John Snively John Akeman Sarah Trueblood Susan Rosales-Nava	Beth Winters Susan Raycraft

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Burns

Mike Dove

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, REQUESTS OR REFERRALS

Commissioner Jordan Caballero mentioned informing the coaches at the Cross-Country Invitational scheduled on April 6, 2018 at North County High School to get ideas for Toro Park.

Commissioner Ruben Zurita thanked staff for including the parking lot next to the new Tatum's Garden as a non-smoking area at Toro Park on the ordinance.

Commissioner Jordan Caballero mentioned Manzanita Park is a good example on how the property is maintained and how it has incorporated organized sports.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the Parks Commission Minutes of March 1, 2018.

Motion: Commissioner Jordan Caballero made a motion to approve the minutes for March 1, 2018 with the change of formatting and with adding on item number 3 the reason the presentation was postponed was due to severe weather as mentioned by Chair Joe Hertlein. Commissioner Ruben Zurita seconded the motion and it was approved with the following vote:

AYES: Jordan Caballero, Ruben Zurita and Joe Hertlein

NOES: None

ABSENT: Joanna Devers

SCHEDULED ITEMS

2. Elect members of the Monterey County Parks Commission to serve as:

a. 2018 Chair; and

b. 2018 Vice Chair

Chair Joe Hertlein requested the election to be postponed until all four members are able to participate instead of the three that were present today.

3. Receive a presentation from the Southern Monterey County Rural Coalition (SMCRC) on the Dutton Hotel Ruins.

Beth Winters, Vice President of Southern Monterey County Rural Coalition and Susan Raycraft, an author gave a presentation on the history of the Dutton Hotel Ruins. The Dutton Hotel Ruins was known as the Dutton Station in 1875 and was the entrance to the gold mining area of Monterey County. Monterey County had the second largest gold mining in the United States at the time. The El Camino Real known as the Royal Road and what we recognize as Hwy 101 went through the town of Jolon up the Jolon grade and met up at Bradley where it is now. In 1946, the adobe began deteriorating and exposure to the elements and vandalism has further reduced it to ruins. On September 23, 1976 Dutton Hotel was formal Federal property granted to Monterey County for public Parks Recreation and historic monument purposes. The support structure is falling and the site is clogged with debris and the roof continues to decay. SMCRC would like to collaboratively work with the county to preserve and bring this ruin to a historical monument.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

4. Public workshop to consider amendments to Monterey County Code Chapter 14.12 (County Parks).

RMA Deputy Director of Administrative Services, Shawne Ellerbee introduced John Snively, RMA Management Analyst who presented the draft report to the Commissioners. John Snively informed the Commissioners the main objective of this revision is to provide the county with the framework that will allow the development of park rules and regulations to define enforcement, authority and guide the permit process. As the current ordinance, Chapter was reviewed there was no structure in how it was organized as sections were included on an as needed basis. In the draft revised Chapter, Sections have been organized from general to specific with sections 010 through 040 providing general direction for the department head to establish policies and procedures and establish basic criteria on fees and permits. Section 050, covers general park use guidelines. The remaining Sections address more specific issues. Attachment B to the report is a list of clauses that were removed, reorganized or restructured for clarity. John also informed the Commissioners of the sources used to draw clarity on agency codes were copied from Sacramento County and San Luis Obispo County. John mentioned they tried to copy their format on the draft ordinance to provide a clear process on the codes and on the use of the parks. John also mentioned the addition of Section 110, which refers to smoking in the parks which was taken from comments from what the Commission has given. John mentioned as this is a preliminary draft and future revisions may occur. Section 110 will work in conjunction with a planned revision to the County's general smoking ordinance in Section 10.70.

County Counsel Kelly Donlon inquired whether the Commission had any prior knowledge as to why political, religious, or fundraising events needed to go to the Board as a consent item each time for approval. Kelly referred to section 14.12050 page 10 of the current ordinance. The Commission would like to know if in the revision of the ordinance the language could include if there is an appeal on the Director's decision or if denied it could be brought up to the Board for approval.

RMA Director, Carl Holm informed the Commissioner of the \$5,000.00 threshold that is already included in the ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brandy Garcia
Gonzalo Coronado
Mike Dove

5. Consider utilizing County Parks for Organized Recreational Sports.

RMA Deputy Director of Administrative Services, Shawne Ellerbee informed the Commissioners of the quantity of Facility Use Agreements recently received for organized recreational sports at park facilities, specifically Lincoln Park located at East Garrison. Shawne informed the Commission that reservations are not made for organized sports at the parks. She also informed the Commission that as an example, if cross country wants to hold a meet a Special Use Agreement is completed for that event. Shawne informed the Commission she is seeking guidance on how the Commission would like to see the parks be utilized moving forward and whether the fee schedule should be updated to incorporate organized sports as there is no fee structure for Soccer, Rugby or Football Leagues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Phil Craig
Robin Cohen
Mike Dove
Sue Benjaram
Dan Burns
Jimmy Hilleman

- 6. a. Receive report on Toro Park trails;**
b. Consider the US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Central Coast District's trail standards for multi-use trail management; and
c. Support the RMA's next steps to move toward a multi-use trail management system.

RMA Administrative Operations Manager, Sarah Trueblood gave an overview of the 4,700 acres of land known as Toro Park trails. Sarah also mentioned the challenges facing the management and stewardship of the Toro Park Trail System and the need to develop a volunteer trail patrol program. Sarah informed the Commissioners the next step is to show an existing map on Toro Park trails including the unauthorized trail building for informational purposes only.

RMA Director, Carl Holm informed the Commission the map presented in the next meeting will identify what is out there, both authorized and unauthorized. We will use this draft inventory map to help us to define what to keep, what to try to restore, other areas to create a trail or re-routing or re-alignment.

RMA Planning Manager, John Akeman gave an overview of the previous working group established to represent the different user groups that brought forward maps: authorized or unauthorized group. Fred Watson, a professor from CSUMB offered to do a lot of the maps with GPS units and provided that to the working group. The next step was to truth that information which was not completed. The routes were received but the cross slopes still need to be truthed along with confirming the uses, the surface conditions, the environment and sensitive resources and issues or need for restoration or extreme slopes or erosion.

RMA Director Carl Holm informed the Commission of part of why the previous working group dissolved was no one could agree to find consensus. He indicated the need for people to come to the table and work on solutions for all types of users and work with a smaller group to go forward with. Carl Holm also indicated he wanted to set clear expectations as far as enforcement at the parks. Most of the parks are large, rural, open-space parks surrounded by three strand barb-wire and it creates a challenge as it does not keep anyone out and there are issues with that especially with homelessness.

Sarah Trueblood informed the Commission that BLM started their current trail management system project in 1999 and partnered with Earth Systems Science Policy at CSUMB at the water OSHA Institute and comprised of volunteers who mapped all the trails, did a use assessment, and had volunteers go out every week at a certain period of time to see who was using the trails. It was a big project and came up with an assessment a scope of what was going on with each trail: the slope, the grade, the soil composition, erosion, decay, etc. Sarah

also informed the Commission most of BLM trails are multi-use but they do have single track that have slopes where hikers or equestrians might have a difficult time getting up or back and forth which would be the case at Toro. There are things that can be worked out, such as there can be two-directional trails, better signage, trail etiquette, visibility, and develop a volunteer patrol program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Chrisman

Phil Craig

Yuri Anderson from District 5, Supervisor Adams Office – Yuri indicated what was in the staff report and distributed to the public, Supervisor Adams was not able to say she was in support of.

Sue Benjaram

Darius Rike

Jeff Powers

Mike Dove

Robin Cohen

Peter Kwiek

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

RMA Deputy Director Carl Holm gave the Commissioners a current Organizational Chart of RMA. He informed the Commissioners of the three divisions within RMA: Land Use Development; Public Works, Parks, Facilities and Administrative Services Division. Carl Holm gave a brief overview of each division with their respective positions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

II. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Joe Hertlein adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Prepared by: Susan Rosales-Nava, Secretary