

# MONTEREY COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

Saffron Room  
1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA, 93901  
May 7, 2020  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

## MINUTES

### 3:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sanchez at 3:00 p.m.

<u>Commissioners Present</u>	<u>Commissioners Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Sergio Sanchez, Chair Eric Rozance, Vice-Chair Paula Getzelman Joanna Devers Supervisor Mary L. Adams Joseph Hertlein		Brian Briggs, Deputy County Counsel Carl Holms, RMA -Director Shawne Ellerbee, RMA – Deputy Director of Administrative Services Jessica Cordiero-Martinez, RMA – Finance Manager II John Akeman – Parks Planning Manager Bryan Flores – Administrative Operations Manager for Toro, Jacks, East Garrison, and Fort Ord Gustavo Flores – Administrative Operations Manager for Royal Oaks, Manzanita, and San Lorenzo Nathan Merkle – Administrative Operations Manager for Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio Susan Rosales-Nava - Secretary

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Hertlein requested his name removed from item 3 on the acceptance of the vote as he was not present.

### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, REQUEST, RECOMMENDATIONS

None

### APPROVAL/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. Acceptance of the February 6, 2020 Parks Commission Minutes.

It was moved by Supervisor Adams, seconded by Commissioner Devers, and passed by the following vote to approve the February 6, 2020 Parks Commission Minutes:

**AYES:** Devers, Hertlein, Rozance, Supervisor Adams and Sanchez

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Getzelman

**ABSTAIN:** None

### SCHEDULED MATTERS:

Provide the Parks Commission with an update on the following:

2. a. Consider a proposal from King City Young Farmers to relocate the Avenue of Honor Memorial at San Lorenzo County Park (Board of Supervisors Referral No. 2020.08), and b. Provide direction to staff for the Avenue of Honor Memorial.

John Akeman, Parks Planning Manager gave a presentation on the Avenue of Honor Memorial at San Lorenzo Park. John informed the Commission of the proposal from the King City Young Farmers to relocate the Avenue of Honor Memorial to the interior of the park, it will consist of a decomposed granite pathway, a flag pole, plaques or markers commemorating each soldier and a sculpture that recognizes everyone who in one way or another was involved in this project. The proposal would require an agreement to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for using a different area in the park and in exchange they will be responsible for the design, development, installation, repair, restoration of the markers and site improvements. The estimated cost is \$12,500, of which \$500 came from an anonymous donor, \$6,000 from the Young Farmers and \$6,000 from the Parks Foundation and RMA will provide in-kind support staff. The dedication ceremony was initially considered for July 4, 2020 but has since been moved to November 2020.

**Public Comment:**

**Robert Eddington** – Informed the Commission of the renovation of the plaque which will be made from black granite. The back side of the entrance with the rock formation will have a bronze plaque with donor names and funding will be in a holding account to address future repairs.

**Heath Latosa** – Informed the Commission of maintenance going forward to be performed by the Young Farmers as they have funding set aside for this.

**A motion was moved by Supervisor Adams, seconded by Commissioner Hertlein, and passed by the following vote to approve the King City Young Farmers proposal and move it forward to the Board with the Commission's recommendations:**

**AYES:** Sanchez, Rozance, Getzelman, Devers, Hertlein, and Supervisor Adams

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

3. Receive a financial condition report on Lake Nacimiento Resort and Operations Enterprise Fund, Fund 452, for the period July 2019 through February 2020.

Jessica Cordeiro-Martinez, RMA Finance Manager II gave a presentation on the Lake Nacimiento Resort and Operations financial condition. Lake San Antonio fund was moved to the general fund and operates as a regional park. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic corresponding Shelter In Place orders, RMA closed Lake Nacimiento on April 1<sup>st</sup> for health and safety reasons. RMA worked with Basecamp to identify the financial impacts on the Enterprise Fund based on lost revenues, along with reduced operating expenses and developed three scenarios.

**Public Comment: None**

**The Commission received the report by consensus.**

4. a. Receive an update on the current rules and regulations for the Monterey County Parks Commission; and
- b. Provide direction to staff on recommended additional updates to the current rules and regulations for the Monterey County Parks Commission, including previously supported changes to Section 9 (Election of Officers) from the November 7, 2019 Parks Commission meeting.

Shawne Ellerbee, RMA Deputy Director of Administrative Services provided an overview of the discussion from November 7, 2019 regarding the rules and regulations and included the Commission discussions from the February 6, 2020 where this item was continued to the May 7, 2020 meeting.

Supervisor Adams suggested a Sub Committee or Ad Hoc Committee be formed, but that it be held off for a couple of months due to the rapid changes of the COVID-19 pandemic.

County Counsel advised if a Sub Committee is created it cannot exceed three Commissioners it is recommended to have two. Counsel also indicated that direction be provided to staff on whether this is a standing committee under the Brown Act or whether it is an Ad Hoc Committee that is not subject under the Brown Act.

**A motion was moved by Commissioner Hertlein, seconded by Commissioner Getzelman, and passed by the following vote for the Chair to appoint three Commissioners to form an Ad Hoc Committee to work on developing alternative considerations for the roles, responsibilities and duties of the Parks Commission.**

**Chair Sanchez appointed Commissioner Hertlein, Getzelman and himself as the members of the Ad Hoc Committee:**

**AYES: Sanchez, Rozance, Getzelman, Devers, Hertlein and Supervisor Adams**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**Public Comment: None**

**The Commission received the report by consensus.**

#### **DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

Provide the Parks Commission with an update on the following:

**5. RMA – Parks Organization/Operation changes**

Carl Holm, RMA Director informed the Commission of the resignation of both the Chief of Parks, Jim Rodems and the Administrative Operations Manager, Brett Fulgoni. He introduced the three Administrative Operations Managers recently hired: Bryan Flores with primary area of focus on Jacks Peak, Toro Park, Fort Ord, and East Garrison Areas; Nate Merkle with primary area of focus on Lake Nacimiento, including managing the third party management company, Basecamp, and Lake San Antonio South Shore & North Shore; and Gus Flores with primary area of focus on Royal Oaks, Manzanita and San Lorenzo Parks. Mr. Holm will be functioning as the technical lead for Parks and Ms. Ellerbee will be functioning as the Administrator lead. Mr. Akeman will remain integrated as part of the team.

Mr. Holm informed the Commission of the status of the parks as they are officially open only for use of trails and hiking. Lake Nacimiento will be opened officially on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and limit access up to 120 boats, maximum 4 adults per household to observe the shelter in place order. Lake San Antonio will be limited to 50 boats for fishing, use of trails, equestrian, hiking, biking, where all other amenities such as the campgrounds and picnic areas are closed. Jacks Peak and Toro Park are open for hiking. San Lorenzo Park is not open including the Museums. The County's Emergency Operations Center has staged fifteen trailers to be used for COVID-19 positive tested individuals. People are permitted to hike the trails along the Salinas River and Royal Oaks is open for hiking only. Manzanita Park sports facility is closed but people can access the trails for equestrian and hiking use. East Garrison neighborhood parks, playground area and basketball courts are closed. Ft. Ord open spaces: biking, and hiking trails are open. A request has been made to the Bureau Land Management (BLM) to open their trail heads. Communications are on-going with the City of Salinas regarding the opening of City parks, as well as with the City of Monterey regarding opening boat ramp launches and doing it safely.

**Public Comment: None**

**The Commission received the report by consensus.**

6. Aromas Sports Center

Mr. Holm informed the Commission of the notes given to him by the previous Chief of Parks, Jim Rodems, after his meeting with Steven Johnson and Ed Wheeler representatives of the Aromas Sports Park on December 17, 2019.

Mr. Holm recited the current condition of the sports park that include a community dog park, one restroom complex, one usable field space (1/4 of the property), a parking lot and storage facility for equipment and supplies. Which was built on the site and in place is moderate irrigation infrastructure. In Mr. Rodems notes, he indicates reviewing the future plan of the sports complex as submitted to the County and answered questions. He provided opinions regarding changes to the plan, including discussing special events and reviewing the permitting process. The representatives of the Aromas Sports Park inquired whether the County would have any interest in purchasing the property and operating it in the future. Mr. Rodems recommended they have a discussion with their District Supervisor. Mr. Holm interjected that ultimately such a decision would come to the Parks Commission to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to do initial work on what purchasing the park entailed and get ideas on terms that can be brought forward.

**Public Comment: None**

**The Commission received the report by consensus.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

7. Future Agenda Items

Chair Sanchez inquired on ID Badge for Parks to explore each respective park.

County Counsel suggested RMA Director, Carl Holm provide a letter to each Commissioner that will allow each one to explore each park, respectively.

**Public Comment: None**

**The Commission received the report by consensus.**

**AD JOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m. by Chair Sergio Sanchez.