



County of San Mateo
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
July 11, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tunitas Creek Beach
20775 Cabrillo Highway South
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Draft Minutes

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Bonilla, Vice-Chair Green, Commissioner Merrilees,
Commissioner Okelo, Chair Manneh

Absent: Youth Commissioner Bhat

3. Public Comment

This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Commission on any Parks-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the Commission should complete a speaker's slip. Speakers are customarily limited to two minutes.

No public comment.

4. Presentations

4.1 Update regarding Tunitas Creek Beach - Nicholas Calderon, Assistant Parks Director

Assistant Director Calderon thanked POST, project partners, and meeting attendees, and outlined the next steps for the Tunitas Creek Beach improvement project.

Members of POST and the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) discussed the CAC vision report. Speakers included Taylor Jang, POST Project Manager; Rita Mancera, Executive Director of Puente de las Costa Sur; Cambria Bartlett, a member of the founding chapter of Heirs to Our Oceans (H2OO); and John Clausen, Chair of the San Mateo County Surfrider Foundation. These CAC members made remarks on the process and the outcome of working on this report.

Commissioner Merrilees, as the Commission liaison to and representative on the CAC, expressed appreciation for the process and the outcome.

At this point in the meeting, the Commissioners and all meeting guests visited the beach.

At 5:25 p.m. the meeting reconvened at the meeting location. Commissioner Manneh thanked everyone and was very happy for this opportunity to visit Tunitas Creek Beach.

Commissioner Okelo thanked POST for purchasing Tunitas Creek Beach and working with Parks on the project. He appreciated the report and the work that went into its production.

Commissioner Bonilla expressed gratitude for the report.

Commissioner Merrilees thanked everyone for driving down here. Tunitas is a great location and he suggested we meet here more often.

Commissioner Okelo asked the Parks Department if we knew what the operational costs for Tunitas Creek Beach are. Will POST continue to raise money for the property? Commissioner Okelo expressed concerns about inclusiveness in the community engagement process, and the ongoing financial constraints. He also wanted to ensure that Parks and POST continue their involvement past the property transfer.

Interim Director Jensen said that the Board of Supervisors is very supportive of the Tunitas Creek Beach property. They provided the Department with funds for two rangers, vehicles, and possibly two more staff to help manage the beach operations.

It was recommended that an Action Item for the August 1 Commission could be to vote on a liaison to the CAC from the Parks Commission.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.