

**Advisory Committee on Joint Use of Recreational Property
MINUTES**

City/County Library Conference Room
995 Palm Street
Tuesday, December 2, 2008 12:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Michael Parolini called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Committee Members Terry Conner, Nancy Cochran, and Colin Jones and Jill Lemieux

ABSENT:

STAFF: City of San Luis Obispo: Linda Fitzgerald, Recreation Manager; James Bremer, Recreation Supervisor; Marti Reynolds, Supervising Admin. Asst.; and Arnie Silacci, SLCUSD Building & Grounds Supervisor; Audrey Hooper, City Clerk

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Consideration of Minutes

MOTION: (Cochran/Jones) Approve the November 4, 2008 minutes as submitted/corrected.

Approved 4 yes: 0 no: 1 abstained (Lemieux)

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald proposed switching agenda items 3 and 4 so that City Clerk Audrey Hooper could go ahead. Chair Parolini approved.

3. Consolidation of the JUC and PRC

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald informed the committee that she had consulted with the Clerk's Office as well as the Attorney's office. She clarified that the initial request to make this part of the goals was not appropriate.

Proposal was to take no action at this time on the request to consolidate the JUC and Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) until the City Council and PRC have been notified and direction is received.

Committee Member Lemieux offered to present as part of her liaison report to the PRC on December 3. If the PRC supports the idea then work will be done to move forward.

City Clerk Hooper encouraged discussion and discouraged taking action before support from Council who, if the majority supports, will place on their agenda and give further direction.

SLCUSD Building & Grounds Supervisor Silacci noted that since the JUC was formed at the request of the School District in 1964, they should also need to be included in the decision.

Committee Member Conner conveyed his initial thoughts in suggesting the idea was a stream-lining and cost cutting activity for the City but otherwise had no strong feelings one way or the other.

City Clerk Hooper conveyed that last year the Clerk's Office examined the advisory bodies and who they could consider merging but as they spoke to the commissions they felt the extra workload would be unmanageable. She said it could still be done but would have to look into expanding the PRC. Suggested the JUC reconsider the number of members needed when reviewing the bylaws which will be due in the next few months.

Committee Member Conner added merging could possibly aid with filling openings on the PRC by automatically filling with JUC members.

City Clerk Hooper indicated there may be new candidates with the January recruitment.

Committee Member Cochran conveyed her interest in the possibility of merging was partially as a solution to the JUC's occasional lack of a quorum, but that if there is a potential for new candidates is not as concerned.

Committee Member Lemieux stated that although it sounded like a nice solution, it would be an increase in work, affecting multiple layers such as the need to also change the PRC bylaws, but is open to discussing.

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald noted it would probably take about six months to a year if there is enough interest to go forward; she will put bylaws into the February agenda.

At Committee Member Conner's inquiry into a schedule for Building and Grounds Supervisor Silacci's presence, Committee Member Lemieux suggested the attendance of the School District at the JUC meetings could be more convenient if it was only quarterly as is done with the Parks Maintenance Supervisor at the PRC meetings and Public Works at the Jack House Committee meetings.

Chair Parolini summarized that the interest from the Committee no longer seemed to be there and suggested not supporting the consolidation at this time but rather review the possibility again in the future.

4. Council Goal Setting

Chair Parolini confirmed that all had reviewed the consolidated goals from the City's Advisory Bodies and had no other goals to add to the list. Recreation Manager Fitzgerald suggested that defining the importance and funding source along with their goals, as both the Parks and Recreation Commission and Mass Transportation Committee had done, may help to strengthen the JUC's goal statements. Committee members proceeded to clarify and define the goals in discussion.

Chair Parolini expressed the desire to expand goal #5 to match the PRC's goal #3 making it more apparent as a united view to Council. Recreation Manager Fitzgerald said would include the JUC's goal #5 in the PRC's goal #3 and clarify language emphasizing the importance of tennis courts and remove language regarding the senior center.

Commissioners proceeded to prioritize the goals as follows:

1. Maintain funding for the San Luis Obispo Youth Sports Association at the current level of \$20,000 each year to assist in field improvement projects on school district sites that are completed in lieu of payment of user fees by affiliated members.
2. Allocate funding to complete the Santa Rosa skate park, which includes the development of plans and specifications as well as construction of the park.
3. In order to update the Parks & Recreation Element/Master Plan, complete a Community Needs Assessment as a basis for plan development with special emphasis on the need for a Senior/Community Center and tennis courts with associated lighting.
4. Resume implementation of the Sinsheimer Park Master Plan.
5. Support the construction and maintenance of the City's bicycle path system, including extension of the Bob Jones City to Sea Trail. Encourage bicycle-related events and activities to support the concept of San Luis Obispo as a "bicycle-friendly" community.
6. Endorse recreational and competitive events that will enhance tourism to San Luis Obispo.

5. Staff Reports

Recreation Supervisor Bremer indicated there still has been no payment received from the SLO Blues for stadium use. The Damon-Garcia turf priority meeting is December 2, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. for January 1 through June 30 use. Also the Diamond Sports meeting is December 4, 2008 for stadium use for the year. Explained what agreement process would be involved for the SLO Blues to use the stadium again. Mr. MacPherson is still the legal owner of the organization as far as is known, however the Department has not received any communication from him. The SLO Rattlers' agreement extension is on the consent agenda for the December 2 Council meeting. The SLO Rattlers are still trying to

honor previous use requests of the SLO Blues in the agreement as to number of games and weekend use in the meantime.

6. Additional Items

SLCUSD Building and Grounds Supervisor Arnie Silacci reported:

- The YSA field at Laguna is going well with a January 1 target date for play/use. All valves are located to the side now so there is easier access.
- Has been working with the Parks and Recreation Department and Recreation Supervisor Rich Ogden and reduced the number of hours involved in locking up and cleaning up at the end of basketball games and practices thereby, reducing overtime to the City by half. Credits increased communication.
- Has been working with Recreation Supervisor Bremer on scheduling with district. At last month's YSA meeting discussed needs and actual use. YSA will submit best guess for 2009 schedule as result of communication surrounding Athletic Field Needs Assessment and as an attempt to maintain all school district fields in July.

Recreation Manager Fitzgerald added that there will be a "rain out" hotline available this week and number will be published in the new brochure.

Committee Member Lemieux invited all Committee members to the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on December 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. where outgoing JUC Committee Member and PRC Commissioner Rick May will be honored.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m. to the January 27, 2009 Joint Use Committee Meeting at 12:00 p.m.- location TBD.