

**MORAGA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
October 20, 2009 - 7:00 PM
Library Community Room – 1500 St. Mary’s Road**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Mallela called the meeting to order at 7:02pm
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Commissioners: Crouch, Faoro, Haffner, Khanna, Lucacher, Reed
- Commissioners Absent: None
Audience: approximately 19

III. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chair Mallela asked for a motion.

Commissioner Haffner moved and Commissioner Reed seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Speakers included S. Freeman, Luis Salgado-Toledo, Bob Simon, Blair Newall, Scott Bowhay

- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** -
- 1) Letter and flier regarding Hacienda de Las Flores from George Fisher
 - 2) 10/19 e-mail from Mr. Freeman
 - 3) Staff response to Mr. Freeman e-mail

- VI. **PARK FOUNDATION LIAISON REPORT** –
- C. Treat reaffirmed the \$6,000 commitment to the upper playground. The Lieutenant Governor of California presented the Park Foundation with proclamation thanking them for the 11 years of service with the Pear Festival.

- VII. **HACIENDA FOUNDATION LIASON REPORT** -
- C. Treat and S. Bowhay spoke briefly on the success of Oktoberfest at the Hacienda.

VIII. **MINUTES** - September 15, 2009

Chair Mallela asked for a motion.

Commissioner Haffner moved and Commissioner Reed seconded, to adopt the September 15, 2009 minutes as drafted. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Fields Sub-committee report (discussion)** – The Commission received the verbal report from staff and Commissioners Mallela and Crouch. Public comment: Harriet Campid – Why CP and not another MSD field, Doug Cole - \$622,300 is just enough to do one field, Seth Freeman – wanted clarification how fields committee and Rancho sub-committee intersect. By law Rancho is a park that allows dogs during certain hours, it is not a dog park, Bob Symon – Rancho needs too much grading – money should go to CP, Scott Bowhay – What is the nature of the discussion between the Town and MSD regarding the joint use agreement (phase out Town payment), Ed Greely made a comment about fencing.
- B. **Rancho Laguna Program Plan Sub-Committee** – Staff and Commissioner Reed presented a brief verbal report. Public comment: Seth Freeman - Commission needs to supervise the survey, it is not a good survey and it is unreliable. William Carman – Moragadogs.org, this process is being rushed, Harriet Campid – Why after 30 years is Town Council looking into changing this great park, Ed Greely – If there was spatial separation, off-leash dogs would be allowed all day long.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Upper Commons playground recommendation** – Commission was presented with three playgrounds to review. A brief discussion and questions were followed by a motion.

Chair Mallela asked for a motion.

Commissioner Reed moved and Commissioner Khanna seconded, to approve the playground by Miracle PlaySystems Inc. assuming staff is satisfied with a toxicity, safety and testimonial report. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. REPORTS

A. COMMISSION MEMBERS

- **Schools** – Superintendent Schafer is retiring in June
- **Tree Planting Committee** – Khanna provided an update of the sub-committee charter revision meeting of October 5.
- **Grant Funding** – None
- **Natural Resources/Environmental Sustainability** – None
- **Sports Alliance** – None

- **Other Reports Comments** – Haffner provided a bocci ball update with St. Mary’s College and Dr. Bill Perkins. Two of his students should be able to assist.

- B. STAFF** – mentioned the JUA with MSD has been received and appears that it might receive signatures.

XII. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGNEDA

- Fields sub-committee report
- Rancho Laguna Park Program Plan
- Service club recognition on play structures that received assistance

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

By order of Chair Mallela, the meeting adjourned at 9:20pm