

**MORAGA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
December 15, 2009 - 7:00 PM  
Library Community Room – 1500 St. Mary’s Road**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Mallela called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

II. **ROLL CALL:** Commissioners: Crouch, Faoro, Haffner, Khanna, Lucacher, Reed

Commissioners Absent:  
Audience: approximately 17

III. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chair Mallela asked for a motion.

**Commissioner Khanna moved and Commissioner Lucacher seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** -  
1) Upper Commons Playground and Holiday Tree  
2) 12/10 Win-Win Solution, B. Symon, Municipal Liability Memo., Sub-Committee survey results, B. Reynolds – 12/14/09 memo./survey results

VI. **PARK FOUNDATION LIAISON REPORT** –  
Pear pruning 2/6 all day, Life member reception 2/2010

VII. **HACIENDA FOUNDATION LIASON REPORT** -  
Cinco de Mayo and Oktoberfest will happen in 2010. A few new board members have joined.

VIII. **MINUTES** - November 17, 2009

Chair Mallela asked for a motion.

**Commissioner Lucacher moved and Commissioner Reed seconded, to adopt the November 17, 2009 minutes as drafted. Motion carried unanimously.**

IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Rancho Laguna Program Plan Sub-Committee recommendations** –Staff provided a report.

Public Comments:

- M Simcoff (Orinda) – why was it concluded that anything was wrong
- J Dixon (Moraga) – why do anything with the park
- B Cosden (Orinda) – other parks have off-leash hours, liability not an issue
- B Symon (Lafayette) – Option B shape is too narrow, hazard to dogs
- D Dixon (Moraga) – where are the people opposed to off-leash dogs
- S Subow (Moraga) – keep park as is
- F Stevens (Moraga) – liability isn't an issue, don't need to do anything
- S Freeman (Moraga) – can't compare Moraga with other cities
- H Kantor (Moraga) – felt she was at a different meeting than on 11/17
- M Byner (Moraga) – better off-leash multi-use park
- D Snauw (Moraga) – leave park alone, Shop Moraga first
- L Salvado-Toledo (Moraga) – attachment C, comments most about poop only
- B Newel (Lafayette) – What was criteria in choosing an option
- B Carmen (Moraga) – how to profit with a dog park, 1 acre is offensive size
- R Vance (Moraga) – trees provide too many obstacles
- S Bowhay (Moraga) – concerned about TC mandate, sub-committee worked hard

**Motion by Lucacher, second by Faoro to forward both options, A and B, to the Town Council, passed unanimously.**

**Commission then went one by one to discuss their first option. By a vote of 4-3, the commission favored option B.**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Urban Forest Sub-Committee** – Commissioner Khanna gave brief report stating that we need the commission to seek two members of the public to serve on this sub-committee.

**XI. REPORTS**

**A. COMMISSION MEMBERS**

- **Schools** – new superintendent, principal at JM
- **Tree Planting Committee** – Khanna provided an update.
- **Grant Funding** – None
- **Natural Resources/Environmental Sustainability** – Rheem Theatre
- **Sports Alliance** – none
- **Other Reports Comments** – **PEAR FESTIVAL 9/25/10, chaired by Haffner. LM wine growers want to make it a Pear and Wine festival.**

**B. STAFF – none**

**XII. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGNEDA**

- Testing use of park by schedule different evenings.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

By order of Chair Mallela, the meeting adjourned at 10:18pm