

**MORAGA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2012 - 7:00 PM
Hacienda de Las Flores – 2100 Donald Drive**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Faoro called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

II. **ROLL CALL:** Commissioners: Vice-Chair Reed, Crouch, Haffner, Khanna, Lucacher and Mallela

Commissioners Absent: None
Audience: Approximately 20

III. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chair Faoro asked for public comment - None

Chair Faoro asked for a motion.

Vice-Chair Reed moved and Commissioner Haffner seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented – Passed Unanimous

IV. **MINUTES - November 15, 2011**

Chair Faoro asked for public comment – None

S. Freeman – Is the Notice of Exemption its own matter? CEQA will probably be subject of a lawsuit filed by the deadline.

Chair Faoro asked for a motion.

Commissioner Haffner moved and Commissioner Mallela seconded, to adopt the November 15, 2011 minutes as presented - Unanimous

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** -
Staff reported: 1) Casino Night, March 3, 2012.

VII. **PARK FOUNDATION LIAISON REPORT** –
D. Ayers mentioned that the Foundation is working on funding details and WW funds.

VIII. **HACIENDA FOUNDATION LIASON REPORT** -
President Crossley informed the Commission and audience that the Foundation is hosting its second Wine and Art event at the Hacienda, March 24, 2012.

IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Prioritize projects for remaining EBRPD Measure WW funds – (discussion/action)

Staff provided report

Public Comment

K. Lewis – Pull out the \$26,000 for dog park area and do the playground, no dog fencing

D. Shapiro – True that the Town Council voted for the map, but Commission decides how to implement. Just putting up a fence won't finish the job.

B. Cosden – 24 year old son had his second birthday at the park

G. Crossley – Pres. Hacienda Foundation, use WW funds for Commons, allows completion of the park. The \$42,000 for Hacienda is fluid. It is important that the Hacienda bring in revenue and improving it could allow this to happen. Improving the restrooms would help.

J. Morreau – Wanted to see the Park Foundation get a concrete amount, not “up to \$30,000.”

Bring the Rancho Laguna Park item back to Town Council, it is possible to change the vote, they did this with the Rheem/St. Mary's Road subdivision item. Believed this whole Rancho Laguna Park process killed Bob Symon.

J. Ayres – Most speakers are dog people, no one else is here

D. Ayres – Provided a cost sheet for the bandshell project

S. Freeman – Good idea to spread WW money around. Hacienda does have a couple hundred thousand dollars worth of improvements. What was the genesis of combining two project into one at Rancho Laguna Park? There was no money funded for playground replacement. Town should write a check for fencing.

Commission Discussion

Mallela – Ask Park Foundation if they would start bandshell project now?

Reed – Wants to see final costs for Rancho Laguna Park before recommendation

Chair Faoro asked Commission about all three projects. Commission agreed that all projects are good, they just wanted better/more accurate numbers.

Haffner – The Hacienda is a revenue producers, spend money on the Hacienda. Would like to get the play structure going.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Rancho Laguna Park (discussion/Action) – Staff provided brief report.

Public Comment

G. Crossley – Do not have a fixed one bid, set a range so Town Council has a range to look at.

J. Morreau – Double check on AKC, they go by numbers of dogs. Take the time to put up the right structure.

J. Ayres – Concerned about the surface of the dog park

L. Beans – like the large structure. We could find 1,000 ways to slow this process down. Let's meet the deadlines.

S. Bowhay – Dog park will be a farce, another speed bump kind of fiasco.

K. Lewis – Read letter into the record

T. Briar – Park is unique and beautiful open space, think long about fencing

B. Cosden – It was staff objective to increase use of the park. Do away with off-leash hours and leave the park alone.

Commission Discussion

Chair Faoro – The north side was determined by Town Council. Now we look at the south side and help give direction like the tire swing.

Vice-Chair Reed – Like the taller structure. Fence around playground should be rustic, get costs

Commissioner Haffner – Like the tire swing and small structure, want better looking fence

Commissioner Mallela – Like high tower concept, want more swings, look at a two tower concept. Bob Symon had good drawing for fence ideas, should look at those

Commissioner Crouch – Look at the CMAS process more, want other options, look at fence options

Commissioner Khanna – Like the tower concept, nothing much on the ground level. Berkeley dog park has a nice chain link fence.

Commissioner Lucacher – Like the tall structure, don't like the alternative. Fence makes spatial separation clear, fenceline was in the Park and Recreation Commission approved recommendation.

Motion by Vice-Chair Reed to continue the discussion, second by Commissioner Lucacher. Passed unanimous.

XI. **REPORTS**

A. **COMMISSION MEMBERS**

- **Schools** – none
- **Grant Funding** – none
- **Natural Resources/Environmental Sustainability** – None
- **Sports Alliance** – None
- **Other Reports** – None

B. **STAFF** – None

XII. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Continuation of topics from this meeting

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

By order of Chair Faoro adjourned the meeting at 10:28pm. Special meeting was scheduled for 7:00pm at the Hacienda (Mosaic Room), January 24, 2012.