Los Osos Community Services District Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting April 2, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Call to Order, Flag Salute, and Roll Call	Chairperson Fourcroy called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and led the flag salute.	
	Roll Call: Alissa Feldman, Committee Member – Absent William Fitzgerald, Committee Member - Present Jennifer Foronjy, Committee Member – Present Andrea Lueker, Committee Member – Arrived at 5:45 p.m. Shaunna Sullivan, Committee Member – Present Christine Womack, Vice Chairperson – Present Matthew Fourcroy, Chairperson – Present	
	<u>Staff</u> : Renee Osborne, General Manager Marti Brand, Administrative Clerk I	
2. Review of Brown Act Guidelines	Chairperson Fourcroy introduced President Ochylski who provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Brown Act, explaining that it is a law which guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies and defining the open meeting requirements of the Brown Act.	Action: No Action.
	Committee Member Lueker asked President Ochylski if there is a possible cure to a Brown Act violation.	
	President Ochylski responded that the item would have to go back to the Board with the understanding that everything prior to this would be rescinded with the record wiped clean and they would have to start from the beginning. It is a complicated issue but it is about public trust and transparency and must be taken very seriously.	
3. Approve Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2019	Administrative Clerk Brand presented the draft minutes to the Committee for approval.	Action: File the minutes as amended.
	Public Comment – Julie Tacker commented that she was not in attendance at the March meeting but had listened to the audio. She requested that the record reflect that she objected to a statement by the General Manager regarding Julie's family not providing a bench at the 3 rd Street well site as they had offered.	
	Linde Owen requested that her comment in Item 5 be corrected.	
	Committee Member Fitzgerald moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 5, 2019, as amended. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Foronjy and carried by unanimous consent.	
4. Discussion Regarding District Properties with Potential to Support a Pocket Park	General Manger Osbourne provided a summary of the report as submitted with the agenda packet reporting that the packet contained a list of all District properties including sites that would not work, along with comments from District Engineer Miller, and four potential sites for pocket parks; and, that the 3 rd Street location currently experienced erosion problems.	Action: No Action.
	Chairperson Fourcroy reported that he would like to look at the Donna Ave and Lupine site as it had been listed as a potential park; he reported that he would discuss with President Ochylski a potential working group and hoped to speak about this at Thursday's Board Meeting.	
	The Committee reviewed the four potential locations, their advantages, drawbacks in terms of neighbors' acceptance and potential pushback.	
	At this point in the meeting Chairperson Fourcroy requested Julie Tacker provide a historical account of the Ferrell Avenue Community Gardens.	

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4. Discussion Regarding District Properties with Potential to Support a Pocket Park (continued)	 Public Comment – Julie Tacker commented on the matter of a bench at the 3rd Street Well site in memory of a loss of a young family member and that during a conversation with Board Member Cesena regarding the family donating a picnic table that he was surprised because there is already a picnic table in the area, there were problems with graffiti and vandalism and such a donation could invite further incidents and that the family stepped back from that offer and neither side has communicated about it. Ms. Tacker commented on the proposed locations having HCP issues; commented that the Fund 900 money is not for a Dog Park but is a seed fund that should not be spent unless there is a revenue stream and objected to the fund being used for the Rubber Chip Project. General Manager Osborne offered her apologies to Ms. Tacker regarding the memorial bench and that she did not know of the conversation with Director Cesena. Linde Owen requested designs showing the vision for the pocket parks; the possibility of leasing a portion of Sunnyside for community activities; supported pocket parks, rehabbing abandoned roads, property donations, multi-use trails, and strong community involvement; and, opposed the 3rd Street Well site as a possible pocket park location. Sarah Bryant asked how she could find out about upcoming meetings regarding the pocket parks. Chairperson Fourcroy responded that meetings are posted on the District's website, Facebook page, posted in the lobby windows, and hoped to have more information on a potential working group after the Board meeting. 	
5. Discuss Regarding District	General Manager Osborne reported that this Committee had discussed	Action: Several
Procedure/Approach in Requesting Reimbursement from the County Rubber Chip Project	 approaching the Board of Supervisors to request reimbursement for the Rubber Chip Removal Project, that this would be a good time as the County is working on its budget for the next fiscal year and reviewed several ways of approaching the Board of Supervisors. The Committee discussed letter writing and attending the public comment portion of the Supervisors' meeting by several members along with members of the community including children and those who volunteered for the project; the Committee agreed that their letter written to the Board of Directors in 2018 had salient points that could be presented again emphasizing project costs and what the project would have cost the County. The Committee agreed to provide a "heads up" to Nick Franco and to bring along samples of the removed materials. Public Comment – Linde Owen suggested the Committee provide before and after photographs of the project that could be projected on the meeting room screens, samples of the rubber chip material that had been used in the park and the new chips. She believed that all five Supervisors hearing comments will make an impact. Julie Tacker suggested calling Supervisor Arnold to let her know that an organized presentation would be attending their meeting; supported getting volunteers and children all wearing the same color to participate; to keep speeches to one minute as less is more; and, suggested inviting the District Board of Directors to attend as well. 	Action: Several members of the committee would attend the April 9 th Board of Supervisors meeting to request reimbursement for costs incurred by the District for the Rubber Chip Removal Project.
6. Update Regarding the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)	General Manager Osborne reported that Supervisor Gibson reported that the County will be mailing the HCP at the end of April to Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office and that it will take three to six months for their review; that Ventura will then submit it to the Federal Registry for their review which will take an additional six months; and, that it will then become a public draft with a public review period, the County's response period, the final draft, and lastly, public hearings.	Action: No action.

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6. Update Regarding the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) (continued)	 Public Comment – Julie Tacker commented on the confusion surrounding the HCP, what it's about, what has to happen in order to be able to use it, and that the HCP and the Community Plan both need to go before the Coastal Commission before the dog park plans can move forward. Linde Owen commented that the dog park site had been approved by the County to be used as a Frisbee park and opposed the HCP being dragged out for 14 years. 	
7. Consideration of Possible Change to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Date	General Manager Osborne reported that moving the meeting to the third Tuesday of the month gives staff more time to prepare the Committee's reports for presentation to the Board for their action. The Committee supported requesting that the Board approve Parks and Recreation Committee meetings be held on the third Tuesday of the month. Public Comment - None	<u>Action</u> : The Committee supported requesting Board approval for their meetings to be held on the third Tuesday of the month.
8. Public Comments on Items NOT on this Agenda	Linde Owen supported the use of a portion of Sunnyside for recreational use and that we need to push past the HCP and get permission to move forward with the dog park. Julie Tacker commented that if the dog park group really wanted to move forward that they could get organized and push the Board.	
9. Schedule Next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting	The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on May 7, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise approved by the Board to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, the third Tuesday of the month.	
10. Closing Comments by Parks and Recreation Committee Members	Committee Member Lueker commented on the need for trails and bikeways for students from the Monarch Grove and Baywood areas to safely walk or ride their bicycles to the Middle School; and, commented on Morro Bay's proposed sewer plant and its direct impact to Los Osos.	
11. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.	