

	<p>CITY OF PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION, MUSIC & PARKS COMMISSION</p> <p>City Hall Council Chamber 11 English Street Petaluma, CA 94952</p>
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MINUTES
Wednesday, September 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00pm

ROLL CALL

Marianne Bertuccelli
Cody Chisham
Stacey Earl
Kate Greenspan
Megan Kelly
Hannah Rizzo Simmons
Karen Nau

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GENERAL

PUBLIC

COMMENT

During **General Public Comment**, the public is invited to make comments on items of public interest that are within the City Council's subject matter jurisdiction and that are not listed on the current agenda. Public comments are limited up to three minutes per person. Depending on the number of persons wishing to address the Council, time will be allocated in equal shares totaling no more than twenty minutes, subject to the Council's discretion (Cal. Gov't. Code §54954.3(a), Petaluma City Council Rules, Policies and Procedures, III).

Pat Crabtree – Spoke about the need for more pickleball courts in Petaluma, and a proposal for additional courts and additional space for players to wait to join the game on the courts at Lucchesi Park.

PRESENTATIONS

Petaluma Swim Center Pool Re-Plastering and Aquatics Programming Update - Presentation on the scope and timing of the Petaluma Swim Center Pool Replastering Capital Project, an Overview of the Existing Aquatics Program, and Operational Goals for City Managed programming - Kat Reisinger, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, Rachel Beer, Recreation Supervisor.

Clarifying Questions from Commissioners:

Greenspan – How do we prevent the contractor that replastered the tot pool last time from doing this project again?

Reisinger – We know who this contractor is, and we can't promise that they won't bid the project, but we will get the best contractor we can.

Simmons – Does weather affect the replastering?

Reisinger – Weather does impact certain parts of the process.

Kelly – How long does it take and how long of a window did you give yourselves?

Reisinger – Cannot give an exact amount of days, it depends on how long it takes for the old plaster to be taken off, and the lights to be replaced. We have 10 – 14 weeks for work with a 2 week buffer.

Kelly – Painted a really bad picture of the pool. Do we need to shut the pool down now? Is it dangerous?

Reisinger – We have internal maintenance staff that check water quality everyday, and we would not open the pool if it wasn't safe to do so. We had a recent detailed cleaning two weeks ago, and will continue to do this until the replaster.

Kelly – What programming typically happens during this window, and what will happen to those programs?

Reisinger – Programming will have to stop during this time.

Kelly – Why aren't we taking over the Cavanagh program as well?

Halter – There is a transitional period, and we will need to support going all in with recruitments at the Swim Center alone, and all of our efforts will be dedicated to this project for the time being.

Kelly – We want to keep the prices low for the community, and continue to provide services to the community as well. How will this all work?

Halter – We don't have the exact answer tonight, but we will be dedicated to reinvesting in aquatics, and we have many great regional examples to work from.

Kelly – Is hiring 50 staff a pipe dream?

Reisinger – To clarify, this is three full time staff, and many part time and seasonal staff.

Simmons – Is there a way we can use Cavanagh as a training center for staff?

Reisinger – Yes, we definitely can, and we will be doing a lot of the trainings at other facilities.

Nau – Didn't hear mention of the boiler in this conversation, can we fix boilers during this time?

Halter – Boiler is not included in this project. There is a City-wide assessment being done and the boilers are included in this study. We are repairing the boilers as we go, but we have both operable right now.

Nau – Hoping we can have some work done in the locker rooms while the pool is closed.

Earl – Is the study ongoing or when will it be done?

Halter – Not sure when it will be done, but will be able to provide an update soon.

Earl – While the pool is closed, we are doing recruitment and training of staff?

Reisinger – We are doing a class and comp study for full time aquatics positions now, and then we will be recruiting for our part time positions.

Earl – All of the lifeguards will be unemployed once the pool closed, will you be hiring them?

Reisinger – We will be offering them all an opportunity to apply for open positions with us.

Earl – What is the lifespan of a replaster?

Reisinger – It depends on each pool, depending on what the filtration system is, age of the pool, and many other factors. It also depends on level of use. Ideal lifespan is 15 – 20 years. Most municipalities push it out 30+ years.

Earl – When you reopen, will you change the entrance to the pool?

Reisinger – This is something that has been discussed. We have identified this as an area of opportunities.

Earl – I know you have a new vacuum, does it reach the center of the deep end of the pool.

Reisinger – Yes, it does. It will be employed after the replaster. It will be dropped three times a day. We have smaller vacuum that we ordered that we will use as an additional fix for the time being.

Public Comment for this agenda item:

Lucas Fleck – Third grader on the AC Swim Team. Loves swimming with his friends and thinks that the changing rooms need more improvements and more privacy. The pool needs to be cleaned more often.

Ronan Murdock – Perriera – Eight year old on the AC Swim Club and practices four days per week. Hoping the goals continue to be funded.

Nathan Spindel – Spoke about the Cavanagh pool. Lives closely to McNear Park and Cavanagh pool, and would love more access to the Cavanagh pool. The schedule is limited and there is not enough open time to swim on the weekends.

Lynn Dooley – Feels that management is doing a great job, and the activities that have been outlined are already being done well. Concerned that we are spending a lot of money doing a lot of things, when we need boilers that work, we need locker rooms that work well, and would recommend that we spend money on locker rooms and boilers.

Traci and Franc Distefano – Would like to have more lap swimming time, would like to have cleaner water as well. Excited about the replastering project. Would like cleaner and better locker rooms, as well as privacy. Wondering why swimmers can't have access to the Petaluma High School pool when the Swim Center closes. Other facility-wide issues beside the plaster. Would like to have a more modern facility in general.

Mary – Wanted to reassure herself that the lane markers are included in the scope of work. Reiterated that Forevers Aquatics is doing a great job working with the aquatics community. Appreciates that the pool is open year-round, and hopes that this remains.

Lisa Davis – Thankful for cleaning the pool. Called out the manager, Chelsea, for her work during the pandemic. Would be nice to have a Senior season pass. There are a lot of Marin groups that use the pool. There needs to be information about the mural. Look into the Honeybee pool in Rohnert Park, it was way off time. Pool is a big gem of Petaluma.

Moaya Scheima – AC Swim Club parent wants to address timing of the replaster. AC team is 100+ kids that swim 6 days a week all year long. They are competitive and they are going into high school teams and moving onto college swimming as well. The long shutdown will affect the athletes. Look at high school swim team schedules and work with that.

Katie Fleck – Parent of AC Swim Club. Positive sports community, it is a family situation. Students go directly after school, and they need to change there, and they need changing stalls. Gets questions a lot about where to get swim lessons. There is a need for more swim lessons as well.

Commissioner Comment on this Agenda Item:

Greenspan – Wish that we would have been put this presentation in that larger context of the goals of what we have been working on. Locker rooms, operations, Ad Hoc

Committee, and other projects. Had hoped the public could have been informed more about that. Glad the public showed up and spoke. Great idea to reach out to the high school to fill gaps in programming. Agrees about more use of Cavanagh pool for the community.

Simmons – Assuming October versus January was due to high school schedules. Agrees about the use of Cavanagh pool and would love more access and swim lessons at Cavanagh pool.

Kelly – Has concerns for the tiny Park and Rec department. Worries about the team and staffing overall. Feels like we often do part and not the whole. The locker rooms need to be part of this project. Worries about the staffing model with bringing on that many staff with a lot of people to bring on and manage. Worries about the timeline as well. Swim Lessons are severely needed in the community as well. We hope everything remains affordable for the community.

Nau – Agrees that more money should be allocated toward the locker rooms. Will mention that we need a plaque for the public art.

Chisham – Management needs to be paid regardless. The resurfacing is necessary and the downtime is inevitable, we need to be clear with our expectations. Don't oversell or under deliver. Don't say a timeline you can't promise.

Earl – Think we need better communication to the public. Most of the swimmers don't know what's going on. Lap swim in the evenings is a great idea. Winter is the best time to do this replastering. Can the shower heads be cleaned and be replaced? Didn't realize we didn't have a senior pass. More swim lessons would be great. AC Swim Club already does swim lessons.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of July 17, 2024.

Bertuccelli- Motion, Kelly Second. Motion Approved

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

COMMITTEE COMMENT

Greenspan- Parks are looking good, things are dry overall. Trying to visit a new park each week as a family. It is fun to see the work the parks team is doing each week. Wants to highlight Harvest Beats event at the Fairgrounds.

Simmons – Loves seeing all of the programming being added to the fairgrounds. Got to see the kids playing at the PCSF baseball field. Doesn't understand why trees weren't planted when the PCSF multi-use fields were put in. No garbage cans by the baseball field. Not on a committee this year. Concerned about dogs on the McNear baseball infield. The softball field needs work as well.

Kelly- Soccer fields look good and have been very busy. Mission and visioning work has been going on at the Museum Board, and new exhibits are being displayed as well. Walking Tours are still happenings on the weekends, and Cemetery Tours as well.

Bertuccelli – Tree Advisory Committee is finalizing a recommended street tree list that will be published to the community. Also doing some outreach with PGE about damaged trees in the community. Planning for the Arbor Day festival, and hoping to partner with the Recreation department. The issue of dogs on ballfields is an ongoing battle in parks and will continue to be an issue. There has to be an ongoing public education regarding the damage that dogs cause to the playing fields.

Nau- General Plan workshops are upcoming. Proclamation to the Little League team that competed in Oregon. Proclamation for Service Dog month as well. Approved a purchase of a smaller street sweeper for trails and bicycle lanes, as well as sidewalks. Had a presentation from the County about kitchen businesses within homes. Leghorn park needs some power washing. Dog poop bags need to be put in the parks. Dogs off leash in parks are an ongoing problem.

Chisham- First Public Art Committee meeting tomorrow and will report back next month.

Earl- PCSF bleachers need shade, they are really hot. More garbage cans are needed throughout the entire facility. Proposed partnering with PYSL on the Adopt a Park program to help with trash cleanup in parks. Mentioned the Leghorns Park play structure and the age of the playground. Spoke about LumaGo.

STAFF COMMENT

Halter- There will be trees at the Petaluma Community Sports Fields complex. In 2016/2017, all efforts were put into adding a third synthetic field. Staff met on site this week to lay out dimensions for temporary fencing at the McNear baseball field. We are expanding our tennis and pickleball programming this Fall, Lego engineering camps for children, and more. The Senior Center is running many programs this month, from HomeCare invitations, to new classes through the SRJC Older Adults program. Our Adult Softball tournament was on September 7, and our Adult Softball league also kicked off and is running on weekday nights at Prince Park. Our fourth Movie in the Park is next Friday night, and we are playing "UP." We are excited about Harvest Beats at the Fairgrounds tomorrow evening. Playgrounds were topped off with engineered wood fiber. Recent parts of playgrounds replaced at Leghorn and McDowell. A reminder if you ever see a safety concern at a park or playground, please let us know. Lynn Haggerty King Memorial Bench was installed at the Tennis Courts at McNear Park. New owl boxes have

been installed in parks throughout the City. La Tercera community garden is ramping up, and working with Girls Garage to make improvements to this space. Fast tracking irrigation work now before the winter, to get ready for the Spring. Big thanks to everyone who came out to the Lynch Creek cleanup, we had about 70-80 people out total. We've installed some dog waste dispensers and signage, and we have some great momentum out there.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.