

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

CITY OF DEL MAR

Minutes

Meeting of Jan. 8, 2020

Del Mar Town Hall

1050 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar CA

1. **Call to Order:** 4:45PM
 2. **Roll:** Present: Mac McLoughlin, Chair, Claire McGreal, Mary Friestedt, Felise Levine, Linda Chisari, Andrea Moreno, Jack Peterson, members; Mohsen Maali, Deputy Director of Public Works ("PW"), Council Liaisons Sherryl Parks and Dwight Worden.
 3. **Announcements.**
 - A. Dwight announced he would be leaving our meeting early in order to attend another advisory committee meeting, but that if we needed him, he would be across the hall.
 - B. Felise announced her great concern about apparent over-watering at Shores Park. The park is very wet in the early mornings.
 - C. Mac expressed his thanks to Jack for serving as President of the P&RC for the past year and to Claire for serving as Secretary.
 4. **Oral Communications**

Tyden Chinowsky, an 8th grader and Del Mar resident, gave a PowerPoint presentation on his "Adopt-A-Spot" project in the Del Mar Canyon Preserve at the south end of town along CDM. Tyden and his team of friends and classmates have removed invasive species from the spot, and are in process of planting native species. They are 80% complete. They have added a sustainable irrigation system, which will remain until plants, can survive on their own without irrigation. They are adding ropes so that new plants are not stepped on. They have moved boulders to the area and planted young Torrey Pines. (Applause for Tyden).
 5. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the Dec. 4, 2019 meeting were approved as sent.
 6. **Staff Updates.** Nick Fisher updated the Committee on the progress of creating a Drone Policy. After legal review, the "racing" language was removed as racing would be included in the ban on "reckless flying actions". Under FAA rules, we cannot call out specific areas in town for banning drones. Any enforcement would necessarily come under the jurisdiction of the FAA, so Del Mar would be handing out warnings only. Commercial film permits for drones may be obtained from Community Services. The City is exempt from the permit requirement.
 7. **Committee Reports / Actions:**
 - A. **Election of Vice Chair:** Andrea Moreno was unanimously elected as vice-chair.
 - B & C. **Scripps Bluff Preserve Subcommittee:** Claire mentioned we should consider planting one or two native trees this winter as we have had so much rain, and trees could help with bluff stability by establishing a good root system. Mary recommended November as the ideal time for planting natives. Sherryl interjected that she would speak to the City Manager about this.
 8. **Goal Setting for 2020:** Mac asked for ideas for the goal setting list.
 - A. Finish mobile "App" for parks, trails and paths.
 - B. Planting more trees in parks and preserves.
 - C. Codification of "Goals, Policies and Regulatory Standards for Scripps Bluff Preserve.
 - D. Creation of Shores Park Subcommittee
 9. **Future Items:**
 - A. Presentation on the Brown Act.
 - B. Creation of Shores Park Subcommittee, and Over-watering at Shores Park.
 - C. Scripps Bluff Subcommittee Report.
 10. **Adjournment:** 5:43 PM
 11. **Next Meeting:** Feb. 5, 2020 at 4:45 PM at North Breezeway Conf Room
- Respectfully Submitted,
Claire McGreal, Secretary to P&RC