

PICKLEWEED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 1, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

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Telephone: (669) 900-9128 Meeting ID: 852 1560 3702

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mason called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Chair Mason Member Hau-Guiterrez Member Palacios Member Sprague Member Tanchez Member Vasquez Member Yost (arrived at 7:12) Park & Recreation Commission Representative Gutierrez (arrived at 7:19) p.m)
Absent:	Member Avalos Alternate Member Ceballos
Also Present:	Craig Veramay, Assistant Library & Recreation Director Becky Ordin, Senior Administrative Assistant Tracy Bays-Boothe, DrawBridge Jaemi Naish, Tam Adult School

Isabel Farga, Tam Adult School

Balandra Fregoso, Parent Services Project

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of April 13, 2022

Member Sprague moved and Member Tanchez seconded, to approve the meetings minutes of April 13, 2022.

AYES:Members: Hau-Gutierrez, Palacios, Sprague, Tanchez, VasquezNOES:Members: NoneABSENT:Members: Alvalos, YostABSTAINED:Members: None

Minutes approved as submitted.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Public Comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda

Rich Storek addressed the Committee. Mr. Storek is with The Canal Arts, which is supported by a coalition of 14 Marin organizations that promote and creating public art in the Canal, East San Rafael and other parts of Marin.

MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

If necessary, to assure completion of the following items, the Chairperson may establish time limits for the presentations by individual speakers.

3. Schoolyear Co-Sponsorship Application Committee Recommendations

Chair Mason noted that the five applicants had already presented to the committee at the April meeting. The members of the committee will have an opportunity to comment and ask questions, and each schoolyear co-sponsorship application will be voted on.

A. DrawBridge Weekly Expressive Art Groups

Chair Mason gave a brief detail of the application request for DrawBridge Weekly Expressive Art Groups Co-Sponsorship Recommendation.

Staff and applicant responded to questions from Members.

Public Comment: None

Member Sprague moved and Member Yost seconded, to approve the DrawBridge Weekly Expressive Art Groups Co-Sponsorship Recommendation

AYES:Members: Hau-Gutierrez, Palacios, Sprague, Tanchez, Vasquez, YostNOES:Members: NoneABSENT:Members: AlvalosABSTAINED:Members: None

Motion Passed.

B. Tamalpais Adult School – English As A Second Language Classes

Chair Mason gave a brief detail of the application request for Tamalpais Adult School – English As A Second Language Classes Co-Sponsorship Recommendation.

Staff and applicant responded to questions from Members.

Public Comment: None

Member Sprague moved and Member Tanchez seconded, to approve the Tamalpais Adult School – English As A Second Language Classes Co-Sponsorship.

AYES:Members: Hau-Gutierrez, Palacios, Sprague, Tanchez, Vasquez, YostNOES:Members: NoneABSENT:Members: AlvalosABSTAINED:Members: None

Motion Passed.

C. Troop 2000 Scouts BSA

Chair Mason gave a brief detail of the application request for Troop 2000 Scouts BSA Co-Sponsorship Recommendation.

Staff and applicant responded to questions from Members.

Public Comment: None

Member Yost moved and Member Vasquez seconded, to approve the Troop 2000 Scouts BSA Co-Sponsorship.

AYES:Members: Hau-Gutierrez, Palacios, Sprague, Tanchez, Vasquez, YostNOES:Members: NoneABSENT:Members: AlvalosABSTAINED:Members: None

Motion Passed.

D. Marin YMCA: YMCA 2022-2023 Afterschool Program

Chair Mason gave a brief detail of the application request for Marin YMCA: YMCA 2022-2023 Afterschool Program Co-Sponsorship Recommendation.

Staff and applicant responded to questions from Members.

Public Comment: None

Member Sprague moved and Member Hau-Gutierrez seconded, to approve the Marin YMCA: YMCA 2022-2023 Afterschool Program Co-Sponsorship.

AYES:Members: Hau-Gutierrez, Palacios, Sprague, Tanchez, Vasquez, YostNOES:Members: NoneABSENT:Members: AlvalosABSTAINED:Members: None

Motion Passed.

E. Parent Services Project: Aprendiendo Juntos

Chair Mason gave a brief detail of the application request for Parent Services Project: Aprendiendo Juntos Co-Sponsorship Recommendation.

Staff and applicant responded to questions from Members.

Public Comment: None

Member Tanchez moved and Member Vasquez seconded, to approve the Parent Services Project: Aprendiendo Juntos Co-Sponsorship.

AYES:Members: Hau-Gutierrez, Palacios, Sprague, Tanchez, Vasquez, YostNOES:Members: NoneABSENT:Members: AlvalosABSTAINED:Members: None

Motion Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS

4. Other brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Commission members.

A. Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee Update

Member Sprague did not have updates. Craig Veramay attended the May 25th meeting and provided an overview. He gave an update on the inventory and assessment of parks and recreation facilities, and the community outreach process to date.

B. Other Reports

Chair Mason shared that Albert J Boro Community Center hosted a Parks and Recreation Master Plan Community Meeting in Spanish on May 11th.

Member Vasquez attended and felt like the event was a great success but felt like there should have been more publicity.

Park and Recreation Commissioner Gutierrez representative shared that Member Tanchez was out the past two meetings is because she was completing her Bachelor's degree and wanted to congratulate her.

Member Yost reminded everyone that Dining Under the Lights has started up again on Fourth St. On Friday evenings there will be bands on the West End.

STAFF COMMENTS

5. Events of Interest

Chair Mason shared the soccer fields opened a month early but did not have formal scheduling. The Department is still pursuing grants for the parks in hopes for the field to be open year-round. The Canal Mini Soccer League opened for registration last Friday. 113 participants registered that evening and another registration/information date will be this Friday.

Junior Giants, which is led by our Program Coordinator Stephen Rogers, has 64 registered, and is still open for registration.

Our new summer basketball academy that Stephen will also be leading is filled with 22 participants.

The Albert J. Boro Community Center continues to host vaccination clinics twice a month.

The Recreation Supervisor and the Program Coordinator at the San Rafael Community Center have both resigned, so we will be hiring those positions.

Dia de los Muertos – Has been planning since February and had a planning meeting prior to this meeting. Mr. Mason is coordinating with San Rafael Police Department and organizing the walking and car processions. He is also updating the in-person event and the downtown altar application process. The Committee has received \$26,150 in sponsorship donations to support the event.

The Community Center is a polling place and will have a drop-box out front this Saturday – Tuesday.

The Open Gym programs resuming soon and we are currently hiring staff.

Voices del Canal, which the Committee approved their co-sponsorship application last year, is now able to meet at Canal Alliance and has therefore terminated their contract with us. The slot has been filled with a youth program rental. Mr. Mason received an email from Omar at Canal Alliance this afternoon stating that:

Canal FC completed 2 successful soccer clinics (1st clinic = 70 kids; 2nd clinic = 50 kids). The interest is there, but they will need more time to organize competitive clubs. The goal is to offer in the fall clinics during the week (twice a week) and organize friendly games on the weekends so that the children can practice the lessons learned. Kids who are ready for a higher level of competition will join Marin FC teams to play on the weekends. We hope that by the fall of 2023, Canal FC will have the first competitive teams formed.

According to Omar, this approach will allow us to do multiple things:

- Promote the programming of Canal FC with a larger audience
- Offer soccer program to all children, regardless of the level of competition
- Test and adjust the model before creating competition teams

Canal FC is also organizing a parent meeting to share these details and next steps.

Mr. Mason has asked if Canal FC's adjustment frees up any of the requested timeslots that can then be provided to other soccer programs.

Additionally, San Rafael Soccer has reserved two fields on days they are available as well as added games at Pickleweed on Sundays where they use to only do Saturdays.

Member Sprague asked if there were any updates on the East San Rafael Parking Task Force? Mr. Mason replied that the last meeting they discussed the areas around the businesses and they are currently on hold while they are conducting a survey of commercial use parking zones.

Member Vasquez shared that the last Saturday of the month the Marin Sanitary Service is putting out a large dumpster in front of the Albert J. Community Center for Community use.

Member Yost asked when the next vaccination clinic was. Mr. Mason would need to follow up with the dates at the Albert J. Community Center. Member Vasquez shared they would be at the Canal Alliance center on June 4th from 10:30-2:30 and June 18th from 1-5pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mason adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021

Catherine Quffa, Library & Recreation Director