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**Meeting ID: 852 1560 3702**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mason called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chair Mason  
Member Palacios  
Member Sprague  
Member Tanchez  
Member Vasquez  
Member Yost  
Park & Recreation Commission Representative Machado

**Absent:** Member Ceballos  
Member Hau-Guiterrez

**Also Present:** Craig Veramay, Assistant Library & Recreation Director  
Becky Ordin, Senior Administrative Assistant  
Marissa Williams, Marin YMCA

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

None

**MINUTES**

**1. Approve regular meeting minutes of August 3, 2022**

Member Yost moved and Member Tanchez seconded, to approve the meetings minutes of August 3, 2022.

**AYES:** Members: Palacios, Sprague, Tanchez, Vasquez, Yost

**NOES:** Members: None

**ABSENT:** Members: Ceballos, Hau-Guiterrez

ABSTAINED: Members: None

*Minutes approved as submitted.*

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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

None.

**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. Co-Sponsorship Applications and Final Reports**

**A. Marin YMCA: YMCA Summer Camp at Al Boro Community Center**

Chair Mason presented a background of the San Rafael City Schools and YMCA partnership of their summer camp program and recommended that the Committee consider co-sponsoring all or part of the program.

Chair Mason introduced Marissa Williams with the Marin YMCA who presented the Co-Sponsorship application for the YMCA Summer Camp program.

Staff and applicant responded to questions from Members.

Public Comment: None

**4. Review Proposed 2023 Pickleweed Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule.**

Chair Mason presented the 2023 Pickleweed Advisory Committee meeting schedule.

Staff responded to questions from Members.

Public Comment: None

Member Tanchez moved and Member Sprague seconded, to approve the 2023 Pickleweed advisory committee meeting schedule as submitted.

AYES: Members: Palacios, Sprague, Tanchez, Vasquez, Yost

NOES: Members: None

ABSENT: Members: Ceballos, Hau-Guiterrez

ABSTAINED: Members: None

*Motion Passed.*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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

Member Sprague reported that she attended the final Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee. The community center needs have been prioritized. The Albert J. Boro Community Center and Pickleweed Park are one of the most utilized, so she hopes the Canal community will speak up as there are opportunities for additional feedback. She also showed appreciation for the large item garbage pickup days that have been going on.

Member Vasquez shared Voces del Canal along with the leadership from 400 Canal are raising funds to help the 10 families that were displaced from the fire around the holidays. The fundraiser will be 10am to 4pm on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Member Yost commented that Día de los Muertos was a great event, well organized and well attended. The Canal Community Garden is at its winter stand still. March 4<sup>th</sup> will be the first community workday.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

### **6. Events of Interest**

Chair Mason gave an updated on the Albert J. Boro Community Center and the following programs:

Custodian, Juan Carlos Sorto, utilized the holiday closure to perform deep cleanings of the Albert J. Boro Community Center and waxed the Center's floors, steam cleaned the Center and Pickleweed Library's carpets and deep cleaned Library and Center restrooms. On a personal note, staff are very proud that Juan Carlos officially became a US Citizen last Friday.

The heavy rains last month took their toll on the community center that has regular leaks. Staff place buckets and remove soggy/drooping ceiling tiles that customers work around. Patching is being done where possible but many of the leaks involve a bigger project of removing the HVAC systems on the roof.

The following programs have started in January at the Albert J. Boro Community Center:

Adult Programs:

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| • Intro to Pickleball 2.0/2.5                        | Wednesdays & Fridays |
| • Introduction to Merengue, Salsa, and Bachata - New | Tuesdays             |
| • Rainy Day Drop-In Pickleball                       | Varies               |
| • Open Gym Sports (Basketball & Volleyball)          | Mon, Wed, & Fri      |
| • Multicultural Older Adult Program/Lunch            | Wednesdays           |

Youth & Adult Program:

- Canal Karate

Youth Programs:

- Introduction to Ballet - New Wednesdays
- Introduction to Ballroom & Latin Dance Fridays

Other regular programs at Albert J. Boro Community Center in January:

Adults Programs:

- Zumba by Vivalon Thursdays
- The Moving Center Dancing Saturdays
- ESL Classes Mondays & Wednesdays

Youth Programs:

- CYO Basketball Saturdays
- Dave Fromer Soccer Saturdays & Sundays
- Firebolts Volleyball Tuesdays & Thursdays
- After School Program Monday – Friday
- ABC Playgroup Wednesdays and Thursdays
- Aprendiendo Juntos Thursdays & Fridays
- Friday Storytime Fridays
- Drawbridge Art Class Mondays
- Canal Arts Second Saturday
- Troop 2000 BSA Mondays
- Voces del Canal Arts Fourth Saturday

Other Events:

- Church Sunday
- Family Celebrations/Rentals Saturdays
- Food Distributions Tuesday

The Pickleweed Park Enhancement Project continues to move forward. Craig informed Mason the previous day that requested updates were made to our LWCF grant application and we hope to be awarded the funds soon. The consultants have been making great progress and soil samples have been taken, design worked on, because part of the project falls within BCDC (Bay Conservation and Development Commission) jurisdiction they are going through their review process. We expect that the Pickleweed Advisory Committee will receive a formal project presentation and be able to provide feedback at the Advisory Committee's April 5th meeting. A presentation will then be given to the Parks and Recreation Commission at their April meeting. If all goes well, construction will hopefully start this fall.

Mr. Veramay had a few things to share. Spring activity guide will be released next week. Walk in program registration begins February 8<sup>th</sup>, and February 10<sup>th</sup> online registration starts.

The Age Friendly task force in collaboration with the City of San Rafael will host a celebration for community members who are 85 years and older on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Pickleweed preschool has had a water intrusion. We are currently working on solutions for the building.

There is still time to review the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and provide feedback. There is a link on the City of San Rafael website for feedback. The plan will be taken to City Council on February 21<sup>st</sup> for feedback, and the final plan will be in late March or early April. There are more than 150 projects in the plan. Some of the community feedback includes repairing or replacing current infrastructure is a priority. Walking and pedestrian access is also a priority. There is a long list of things identified that have been prioritized.

Chair Mason announced the next Pickleweed Advisory Committee meeting will be in person on Wednesday, April 5th in meeting room #3. Guests can come in person or participate via Zoom.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mason adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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BECKY ORDIN, Senior Administrative Assistant

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Catherine Quffa, Library & Recreation Director