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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 3, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Cusack. Present were Commissioners Airoidi, Choquette, Eskildsen, and Valentini, along with General Manager McDonald and Department Manager Wilson. Commissioner Botta, Gomez, and Facilities Manager/Asst. Secretary Witschi were absent. Director Barassi and Commissioner Wais were also in attendance. Chairperson Cusack announced that Elaina Gomez has resigned effective January 1.
2. AGENDA ORDER: There were no requests to hear agenda items out of order.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Choquette thanked Ron Wilson for the fabulous Veteran's Day event held at Memorial Hall. Mr. McDonald informed the Commission that Crockett Marine Services and The Nantucket has lost its lease with State Lands and will be required to vacate the marina property and restore the area back to a natural state. He said it may be an issue the Recreation Commission wants to get involved with to protect recreation use of the area. Mr. Barassi added it may be an opportunity to develop the waterfront after the current tenants leave. He said he believes it is important to encourage all parties involved to keep public access to the waterfront. Mr. Cusack supports adding the item to next month's agenda for discussion.
4. CONSENT CALENDAR: The following consent items were approved unanimously (jv/lc):
 - a. Approve Minutes of November 5, 2018.
 - b. Receive Report from Facilities Manager.
- 5.a. USE OF RECREATION TAXES: Mr. McDonald presented the 2018 Annual Report on the Use of Recreation Taxes to the Commission for their review and comment. The report will be submitted to the District Board later this month as required by law. No comments received.
- 5.b. PROPOSAL ON DOG PARK: Mr. McDonald said the District Board has been hearing from a local independent Dog Park Committee (DPC) over the last few years as they work to develop a dog park proposal for the area below the bridge off 6th Avenue. The Board has supported the concept of a dog park in Crockett and staff has been working with the DPC and Caltrans on its implementation. Staff has recently received a draft lease from Caltrans for use of the bridgehead area. The Board has asked the Recreation Commission for their opinion on establishing a dog park as there is a possibility that if the DPC cannot maintain the dog park the responsibility would fall onto the Recreation Department. Mr. Wilson said he has already volunteered to empty the trash can at the dog park once it is developed. It was the consensus of the Recreation Commission to support development of a dog park at the bridgehead property. Staff will report back to the Board of the Commissions support.
6. FINANCIAL REPORT: The monthly statement of Department finances and report on investments were examined by the Commission. Mr. McDonald noted quarterly investment interest of \$2,193 has been received. No questions were raised.

7.a. DISTRICT BOARD ACTIONS: Mr. McDonald reported on the actions taken by the District Board in November. He said the Board approved a minimum wage increase to be effective January 1, 2019 to keep in line with State minimum wage requirements. The increases will primarily add to staff operating cost at the pool but this has already been factored into the current budget.

7.b. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: A motion to keep Tom Cusack as Chair and appoint Jeff Airoidi as Vice-Chair carried unanimously (jv/ja). Seating of the officers will occur at the next regular January meeting.

8. REPORT OF DEPT. MANAGER: Mr. Wilson reported that on November 11 a commemoration recognizing the end of World War I was held at Crockett's Memorial Hall. It was an absolutely fabulous event with about 200 people in attendance. The annual tree lighting and town Christmas party was held last night and attendance was the most seen in its history. It is one of the best and well received events of the year and really showcases small town life. This past Saturday the final Boy Scout Eagle project, the block retaining wall along Rolph Avenue back toward Alexander Park, was completed. The Community Center tar and gravel roofs on both sides of the center were repaired. During the repair a leak that was occurring on the east side of the building over the table and chair storage area was identified as coming from a transom window. The lawn area in front of the gazebo was leveled out and new sod planted. Mr. Wilson concluded with reminding the Commission of the upcoming District Holiday dinner on December 14 and urged those who would like to go to RSVP soon if not already done so.

9. COMMISSIONERS: Ms. Choquette thanked Ron Wilson for a wonderful year saying he went above and beyond in putting events on that benefit the community. She thanked him for his continued service to the community.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Mr. Airoidi asked that the discussion on Alexander Park trash should be considered in January. Chair Cusack asked that the Ad-hoc Committee of Airoidi, Valentini, and Cusack meet and present a report and suggestions next month. Ms. Eskildsen said she got involved with the Commission in part to develop programs that can benefit the community. She asked that programs for young children be added to a future agenda.

- Consider solutions for Alexander Park summer park use and trash (Jan.)
- Waterfront access and recreation at The Nantucket location (Jan.)
- Mid-year budget report FY 18/19 (Jan.)
- Children's Program Events

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: No reports.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM until January 7, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Dale McDonald
January 4, 2019