

# County of Santa Cruz

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AGENDA: 1/26/99

January 13, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Attached is the Annual Report of the Parks and Recreation Commission for calendar year 1998. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chairperson to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,

JEFF ALMOUIST, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

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cc: Parks and Recreation Commission

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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 1998 ANNUAL REPORT

#### **ROLE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

- Assess the needs and resources of the County for parks, open space and cultural services and recommends programs to satisfy those needs.
- Advise the Board of Supervisors on matters regarding parks, recreation and open space plans for the County.
- Advise the Board of Supervisors on the preservation of historical and cultural resources in the County.
- Review the annual budget for Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

### **MEETINGS AND STRUCTURE**

The Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 7:15 p.m., at a park site or the County Government Center, except during the months of July and December when there will be no Commission meetings.

The Commission is made up of five members, one nominated by each Supervisor, operates utilizing the Sturgis Rules of Order and a structure which includes a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. Staff support is provided by the Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services.

Attendance: Attachment "A" displays the attendance of the Commissioners for the past 12 months.

#### 1998 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Constructed 1 soccer field, and 3 ball fields at the Polo Grounds County Park.
- Installed several trees and benches as part of the Commemorative Tree and Bench Program.
- Started renovation of the kitchen at Quail Hollow Ranch County Park.
- Evaluated rates of rental units and recommended increases.
- Worked with community volunteers on restoration of Valencia Hall.
- Completed the Dolphin/Sumner trail renovation.
- Completed the Shore Trail.
- Developed a policy and procedures manual for aquatics staff at the Simpkins Family Swim Center.
- Dramatically increased attendance at the after school recreation sites.
- Assisted in the decision making for financial assistance for the summer parks and recreation activities.
- Developed a draft Master Plan for Harper Street Park (Hestwood Park).
- Opened the Simpkins Family Swim Center.
- Upgraded the kitchen at the Veterans Memorial Building.

### 1999 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Open ball fields and soccer fields at the Polo Grounds County Park.
- Complete and adopt the Quail Hollow Ranch Master Plan and begin implementation of the plan.
- Work on the design of the Anna Jean Cummings County Park.
- Construct Jose Avenue Park.
- Turf a portion of Ben Lomond Park, complete ramps, and repair a wall damaged in the 1997/98 flood.
- Continue work on Valencia Hall.
- Replace 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue stairs.
- Install landscaping on the berm at the Polo Grounds County Park.
- Find a site for Oak Forest remediation for the Graham Hill Show Grounds.
- Install a new restroom at Greyhound Rock.
- Continue to pursue possibility of Skateboard Parks to provide recreational opportunities for the citizens of Santa Cruz County.
- Complete the design and installation of Hestwood Park

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