



City of Crescent City

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MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting

October 12, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

Present. Mayor Brett Peterson; Commissioner Harry Banks; Commissioner Marcus Hardy; Commissioner Barbara Scholl; Commissioner Judy West; Patrick Kennedy, City Manager and Jay Asbury, City Attorney.

The regular meeting of the City Commission was held October 12, 2017 at City Hall. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Brett Peterson.

Students of the Month. October Students of the Month from Miller Middle School were Maya Shaffer, Marshall Corbitt and Anthony Vazquez. Valerie Garcia was selected from Middleton Burney Elementary School.

Meeting Handouts. Mayor Peterson announced that any handouts given to the Commissioners for the meeting are available by request at City Hall the week of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes. Motion by Commissioner Scholl, second by Commissioner West, to approve the Minutes of the City Commission Meeting of September 14, 2017. Motion passed - all ayes.

Motion by Commissioner Hardy, second by Commissioner Banks, to approve the Minutes of the City Commission Budget Meeting of September 16, 2017. Motion passed - all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of Eva Lyon Park Improvements. Patrick Kennedy reported that the main items have been completed. Trash cans, backstop, bleachers and a historical sign need to be completed for the Grant reimbursement. A sign for the front of the park is still needed, possibly one that can be used for events.

Status of Harry Banks Community Park Improvements. The basketball court needs additional work on the asphalt before the striping can be done. The playground system has been installed, however there is a weakness on the "Captain's Wheel" which will need to be replaced. Swing sets have been repaired and upgraded, the fencing has been completed and the sign has been replaced. Additional quotes are being sought for the softball field clay.

Status of Sunrise Park FBIP Grant Project. Patrick Kennedy explained that the \$375,000 Grant, awarded in 2015, has just been funded. The bidding process must be started within 90 days. Quotes have been solicited for the lighting on the ramp and parking area. Solar, LED and traditional lighting will be considered.

Shoreline stabilization and installing a pier are included in the project.

Patrick Kennedy expressed concern regarding the outdated 2014 cost estimate for the completion of both elements of the project. After bidding, the scope of the project may need to be revisited.

Commissioner Hardy and Mayor Peterson suggested including a walking area for nature observation and photo opportunities.

Fletcher Park. The Dog Park area has been fenced in. The spring toy and charcoal grills need to be removed. Signage identifying the area as a Dog Park and rules for usage is still needed.

Diane Sykes, 304 Chestnut signs in English and Spanish are being ordered as well as waste stations. A dedication is tentatively scheduled in two weeks.

At this time the Fletcher Park dock is still under water from Hurricane Irma and will need to be inspected when the water recedes.

2nd Annual Scarecrow Festival. Charlotte Preston, 428 N. Summit Street, representing MAGI, invited everyone to the upcoming Scarecrow Festival on October 21st, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Dexter Beach on Lake Stella. Due to Hurricane Irma, normal preparations and advertising were not possible but MAGI is hopeful for a successful event.

Police Chief's Law Enforcement Report. Chief Damiano reported in the last month there have been 20 investigations with 1 arrest, 5 felony warrants and 13 vehicle stops resulting in 4 citations.

There was an overnight burglary at Baja Taco, theft of a grocery cart full of unpaid items and attempted assault of the store manager at Save A Lot, domestic battery, recovery of a stolen vehicle and gang symbols on the Women's Club.

The two new officers are in their 10th week of field training and are progressing very well. They will also be attending a 5 day "Speed Monitoring" course for radar gun usage. 24/7 coverage is expected to resume in November.

Officer Carlos Duran has submitted his resignation.

Code Enforcement Report. There was no report this month.

City Commission Comments and Questions. There was discussion about a sex-themed store opening in San Mateo. Commissioner Scholl requested that the City Manager review our ordinances to determine if this type of business would be prohibited.

Police Community Outreach Report. Chief Damiano reported on upcoming events. October 21st there will be a 5K run/walk to raise money for the Putnam First Cancer Fund, the MAGI Scarecrow Festival and Fur & Fire combined fundraiser for the Volunteer Fire Department and SPAN. Pasta in the Park will be on the October 27th at Eva Lyon Park. Trunk or Treat will be held at Wendy's on October 31st from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

November 11th will be Hotcakes for Heroes at the Crescent City Fire House.

Visitor and Citizen Communications.

Diane Sykes, 304 Chestnut requested the City to check potentially dangerous branches on Orange and East Grand Rondo.

Ginny Gaffney, 153 Marvin Jones Road invited all to an open house and dedication of the brick walkway on November 4th at 10 a.m. A Student Art Show is on exhibit at the Little Blue House and showcases work done by the Crescent City High School students.

Paula Nichols, 133 Palomino Road invited all to the senior luncheon held every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lisa DeVitto, 108 S. Main Street reported that MAGI held an art exhibit reception in the Commission room recently featuring work by local artists. Their art will remain on display until January when a new exhibit will be shown.

There being no further business and no other visitor or citizen communication, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED this 9th day of November, 2017.


Brett W. Peterson, Mayor


Patrick Kennedy, City Manager