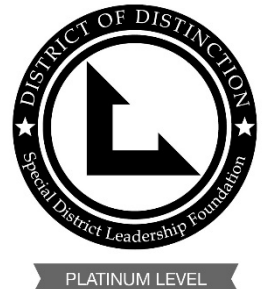




# TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY

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### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY Wednesday March 2, 2022, 4:30 P.M.

#### Parks and Recreation Committee Board Members

Chair Bryon Gutow  
Vice-Chair Ashley Porter

#### A. ROLL CALL

1. Call business meeting to order 4:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call.

#### B. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Individual Public Comments will be limited to a 3-minute time limit)

Three Public Comments:

- Address changing the closing time of the Community Center/Pickleball Courts “gate” from 6pm to dusk. Daylight savings time will take effect in 2 weeks and there are people that work for a living that will want to be here past 6pm. Will the gates be open later than 6pm during the summer time when the days are longer?
- Approximately 150 residents use the pickleball facility each week. Saturdays are the biggest days and we would like to use all 6 courts on Saturdays. We presented a document to Parks/Rec Supervisor Monica Gallo with a proposal to mark the last 2 tennis courts with permanent lines to be used for pickleball. We would put up temporary nets when the tennis courts are available.
- Presented a 2 page proposal document to the Committee titled: “Discovery Bay Pickleball.” Proposal document requests to take two tennis courts and make them multipurpose use.

GM Breitstein responded to the public comments informing the residents that these items will be addressed and brought back to a future committee meeting at the appropriate time. The plans are to keep the Community Center open longer hours in the summer.

#### C. DRAFT MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

None.

#### D. PRESENTATIONS

None.

#### E. PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE

#### F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion Regarding the Parks & Recreation Event Calendar.

Parks/Landscape Manager Engelman presented on behalf of Park/Recreation Supervisor Gallo. Each year, the Park/Recreation Department produces a Public Events Calendar for all events taking place at Community Center. We’ve seen a decline in activities over the past 2 years (due to Covid-19), we feel we are getting back on track by presenting this calendar. This will be the Town’s 9th year of programs offered to our Community. Staff recommends bringing this calendar tonight for Board approval. Calendar is 2022 through December for the holidays. VP Porter: We will bring this to the Board tonight.

- No public comments.

## 2. Discussion Regarding the 2022 Recreation Swim Fees.

Parks/Landscape Manager Engelman presented on behalf of Park/Recreation Supervisor Gallo. At a previous Park and Rec Committee meeting, Staff suggested an increase of swim fees for the upcoming year. Fees have stayed stagnant over the past couple of years, and now with the pool re-opening this year, it would be a good time to bring this issue back in front of the Board. Staff has suggested a nominal increase which is in line with swim rates for Brentwood, Livermore, and surrounding areas.

- No public comments.

## 3. Discussion Regarding the Cornell Park Bathroom Graffiti and Vandalism.

Parks/Landscape Manager Engelman presented update on this matter. Cornell Park bathrooms have been vandalized over the past year. At a previous Committee meeting, Staff were given direction to provide the Committee with costs to three different scenarios:

1. Completely demolish the bathrooms
2. Enclose entirety of buildings so Staff can keep them locked and them open only for events.
3. Keep them as-is, but apply an anti-vandalism coating to prevent the need for repainting.

All three options were discussed and presented to the Committee. Staff recommended we try option #3 and apply the anti-vandalism coating to prevent the need for repainting. The Committee concurred with Staff's recommendation and asked that Staff:

1. Keep track of the number of times we have been vandalized this year.
2. Report back to the Committee on effectiveness of anti-vandalism coating.
3. Check in with Committee on condition of the bathrooms at Cornell Park for the rest of the year.

One public comment:

- I am a facilities manager and wanted to let you know that even though your bathrooms were "closed", people found ways to use the bathroom in your park.

## 4. Discussion Regarding the Clipper Drive Refresh.

Parks/Landscape Manager Engelman spoke on behalf of Staff that we were slightly disappointed for not receiving the Prop 68 competitive grant for Clipper Drive. Asking the Committee to consider retrofitting some of the ideas we collected from our community and implement those ideas into a design for Clipper Drive. We would use a multi-phasing strategy to implement these ideas. Designs are keeping with the same themes/ideas of projects already completed to maintain cohesiveness to town aesthetics.

One of the main issues on Clipper Drive is the walkway is very narrow and the pathway is very linear. So when pedestrians are crossing one another, it is awkward and someone has to step off the main path to permit the other to pass. Presented four concepts to the Committee: Concepts A,B,C,D.

- Concept A: We create a crushed limestone directly adjacent to the path. The limestone path is a "widened walkway". Easy to step on an off the path in order to pass.
- Concept B: Crushed limestone and cobble path.
- Concepts C and D: Both use a path scenario and add patches of color with synthetic turf or interactive golf holes (putt course).

Cost to bring this concept to life includes: dryscape, trees, bark, etc. Refer to handout in front of you.

We have \$100k in budget right now for Clipper Drive. We do not have the full \$291k yet.

- Staff asks the Committee to pick one concept, and we bring this to the Finance Committee and ask to use some Hoffman funds to complete this phase of the linear park design.
- Committee suggests bringing back Concepts A and C to another Committee meeting. Get price quotes with more dry scape, less plants requiring water in these designs. Committee would like more drought resistant dry scape, likes the interactive golf features, add benches or bike/skate friendly walkway that's ADA compliant.

One public comment:

- As a homeowner, I drive down Clipper Drive daily and see the modifications put in 5-7 years ago. The irrigation never seem to work properly. I've seen it all die out over the years. Now you are talking about spending \$100k minimum. As a homeowner and taxpayer, just seems like you are throwing good money at bad. That's my opinion.

Parks/Landscape Manager Engelman shared one more updated with the Committee about Zone 9. Zone 9 has replaced 25 concrete rails. There are 4-5 posts that need to be replaced, but they are set in finished concrete and we need to get a contractor out to provide a quote on that.

Director Gutow: Do you have an estimate, how many fence boards do we need?

Parks/Landscape Manager Engelman: We ordered 90 boards, we now have 65 remaining. This will cover Ravenswood. Some boards near Slifer need replacing.

Director Gutow: Especially where open spaces both sides of Newport, is there active irrigation there? If there is active irrigation there, then why are we irrigating open space along Wilde Dr. and Newport?

Parks/Landscape Manager Engelman: Trees are there and they need irrigation. I will look at all the sprayers and see how they're spraying or convert to drip. It takes us a day to do 10-15 rails. I would rather designate one day to do 10-15 rails instead of putting up one board at a time.

President Gutow: If a fence board is down, please have your guys put them up one at a time. Some of these boards have been down for weeks and I drive past them every day.

#### **F. FUTURE DISCUSSION / AGENDA ITEMS**

VP Porter propose that the Committee schedule a Special Meeting in April to cover what we have discussed tonight and:

- 1) Propose having staff look into keeping Community Center open later in the summer hours. Have staff sit at Community Center later than 7:30pm and the practicality of that.
- 2) Discuss the pickleball proposal shared by community members tonight.

One public comment:

- Pickleball is strong in Discovery Bay. The last fundraiser raised \$10,000. The next one is in May. We were really hoping that we can put lights up on our cost for evening play with no cost to the Town.

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT**

1. The meeting adjourned at 5:12pm to the next standing Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at the Community Center located at 1601 Discovery Bay Boulevard.

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