

Commissioner Blauvelt stated they should emphasize the restoration of the current dog park to marshland and perhaps have someone do a “marsh walk”/tour. Recreation Director Whitley stated that was a great idea. Commissioner Friedel stated there were probably a lot of people in the community who do not know about all of the amenities in Piper Park. The tour could include the entire park area. Commissioner Blauvelt stated there were plenty of residents in the community who would be happy to serve as a docent.

Recreation Director Whitley stated the USF Don’s Women’s Sand Volleyball team is using the sand courts in Piper Park and this could be a wonderful demonstration.

Commissioner McNally stated they could invite Supervisor Katie Rice to attend the celebration. Commissioner Friedel stated this would be a perfect event for Supervisor Rice to donate some discretionary funds.

Commissioner Blauvelt discussed the formation of the Larkspur Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that could also contribute some funds towards the celebration.

Commissioner McNally asked how the 20-Year Anniversary Celebration was received by the community and if it was well attended. Recreation Director Whitley stated he was not sure but would get that information.

Commissioner Friedel stated it might be a good idea to offer all the groups that partner with the department a table for display purposes.

Recreation Director Whitley stated he would like to invite the following dignitaries: Mayor Ann Morrison, Supervisor Katie Rice, Mr. Dave Wilkinson, Ms. Nancy Spivey, representatives of the Twin Cities Child Care Center, and others.

Recreation Director Whitley asked the Commission to think about the date. Several of the Commissioners suggested a tentative date of September 27th. The Commission also talked about the hours of the celebration.

Commissioner Friedel volunteered to assist staff on the planning process for the celebration. She suggested putting together a committee of interested residents and creating a timeline of things that need to get done before September.

Commissioner McNally asked if the event would be free to the public. Recreation Director Whitley stated “yes”.

Council Liaison Way suggested inviting the Safe Routes to Schools group to participate in the celebration. She added people should be encouraged to ride his or her bike or walk to the event. She suggested a “Decorate Your Bike” contest or a “Bike Parade”.

Recreation Director Whitley asked the Commission to email any ideas to him.

2. Discussion of Proposed Veteran's Day Fun Run 11/8/14

Recreation Director Whitley presented a staff report. He stated the event would showcase Piper Park and veteran's organizations. Another possibility would be a Fun Family Bike Ride on a 4-mile route. The event could be scheduled for the end of October. Either event would not be a competition but rather a fun day. It would not have to involve numbers on bibs, time clocks, etc.

Commissioner Friedel mentioned the Wounded Warrior Project. Recreation Director Whitley stated there was another organization called Canine Companions for Independence that could be involved.

Commissioner McNally asked if the intent was to benefit any particular organization. Recreation Director Whitley stated this could be discussed.

Commissioner Friedel stated she would like to have bibs with numbers but not necessarily a time clock. The fee could be \$25 which would include a printed shirt. Part of the fee could be donated to a veteran's group. Recreation Director Whitley stated he has spoken to the Finance Director about how that would work.

Council Liaison Way noted the route would need to be accessible. Recreation Director Whitley stated the bike route would go through Corte Madera and County jurisdiction.

Commissioner Blauvelt asked Recreation Director Whitley if he had contacted any veteran's organizations. Recreation Director Whitley stated "yes". Commissioner Blauvelt stated they did not want to "reinvent the wheel".

Council Liaison Way stated they could do an opening ceremony with a color guard raising the flag.

It was the consensus of the Commission to hold a Veteran's Day Fun Run close to the actual holiday.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S ORAL REPORT

Recreation Director Whitley reported he and Chair Matteo had a conversation about the potential maintenance of the library/community facility parcel on Rose Lane. He stated the developers still own the parcel and are continuing to do the maintenance. Once the transfer of the land occurs then the maintenance would be the responsibility of the Department of Public Works. He distributed the brochure for the Super Cool Summer School. There were over 850 participants last year. The Community Garden Work Day will be held this coming Saturday. Supervisor Clegg has been working diligently on the very successful Teen Program Events.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Blauvelt reported on the sad news of the passing of former Mayor, Planning Commissioner, and Library Board member Don Graff. This is a tremendous loss to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. in memory of Mr. Don Graff.

Respectfully submitted,

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