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NOVATO RECREATION, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 10, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Novato City Hall*
Council Chambers
901 Sherman Avenue

A. ROLL CALL

Chair Crow called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Commissioners present: Crow, Weber, Solorzano, Bartling

Commissioners absent: Caye, Neese, Shilvock

Also present: Director Pam Shinault, Senior Management Analyst Heather Hafer, Recording Secretary Lori Simpkins

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION/SECOND, COMMISSIONERS WEBER/BARTLING, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 14, 2016.

MOTION/SECOND, COMMISSIONERS SOLORZANO/WEBER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

E. READER BOARD INFORMATION

1. Various Program Fliers

F. PRESENTATIONS

1. Novato Employees Wellness Program – Heather Hafer, Jessica Deakyne

Ms. Hafer and Ms. Deakyne reported on their progress in offering several healthy programs that City employees participated in. They gave a short PowerPoint presentation showing statistics that a healthy employee is a happy employee. The team continues to find new ways to get city employees to participate.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Strategic Plan Status Report for Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

Commission received status report.

Public comment on this item:

Veronica Valero regarding the Community Garden Project.

David Selzer regarding Rush Creek Trail from Atherton to Bahia needs Improvement.

2. Walk Friendly Communities Designation (Strategic Plan Item).

Commission received information.

H. NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business items.

I. STAFF REPORTS

1. Programs, Projects and Issues Report – verbal updates (these items are informational only, therefore, no action or public comment will be taken)
 - California Park and Recreation Society District 1 Awards Banquet. Approximately 100 people attended. The Novato Historical Guild was the City of Novato’s award recipient for 2016.
 - Bahia Mini Parks Update. Will go to City Council for approved soon.

- New programs on the horizon. Several new children's programs for this summer will focus on physical and mental health, self-defense, communication skills, and financial literacy.
 - March 3rd DOGBONE Meadow Park Renovation Project Meeting.
 - April 7th Hamilton School Public Art Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.
 - Proposed Hamilton Sports Complex Private Development Project Update. The City is waiting for the applicant to re-submit a proposal.
2. City Council Action Updates – verbal
 3. Upcoming City Council Items
 - 3/15 - Proclamation: CPRS Community Service Award - Novato Historical Guild
 - 4/5 - Proclamation: Senior Club
 - 4/5 - Proclamation: Alcohol Awareness Month
 - 4/5 - FY 2016-17 Budget: General Fund Work Session 1
 - 4/12 - FY 2016-17 Budget: General Fund Work Session 2
 4. Media Articles - Comments from the Director/Commission.

J. COMMISSION REPORTS/COMMENTS.

1. Commission Comments/Reports.
2. Upcoming Community Events.
 - 3/11 – 3/13 - Novato Gymnastics Classic
 - 3/19 - Novato Live at City Hall Music Concert featuring David Luning

K. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING: Thursday, April 14, 2016. (meeting was cancelled)

L. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.