

City of Santa Rosa  
BOARD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (BOCS)  
July 27, 2011 – Minutes

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lawson at 4:50 p.m. at the Finley Community Center in Santa Rosa, California.
  
2. Roll Call  
Present: Ramsey, Curiel-Larios Surlow, Martell, Lawson, Richardson  
Absent: Cañas, Bagala
  
3. Public Comments  
John Quinn, Madelyne Place, Santa Rosa: Spoke about the maintenance needs of a few of the fields at A Place to Play and the need for improvement.  
  
The Board requested a staff report at a future meeting regarding the maintenance status of this facility in context with budget restraints.
  
4. Approval of Minutes  
An amendment to the minutes of the June 22, 2011 meeting, to include Juan Hernandez as a new member of the Merit Award committee, will be made. The minutes were then unanimously approved, after a motion was made by Surlow and seconded by Martell.
  
5. Approval of Agenda  
The agenda was approved without objection.
  
6. Scheduled Items
  - 6.1 Board Photo  
A photo of all Board members in attendance was taken and will be added to the Board's web page.
  
  - 6.2 Request for Pickleball Courts  
Richardson shared a brief history regarding community requests for Pickleball courts in Santa Rosa, an overview of the game and the court requirements that would be needed. A video was shown demonstrating the game and the wide variety of participant ages involved in this sport. It is hoped that a pilot program, funded by community donations, could be instituted at a facility in Santa Rosa.

Board concerns included the scheduling and use of the courts as well as organizing Pickleball leagues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judi Lynch, Sleepy Hollow Ct, Santa Rosa: She is a Pickleball fanatic and travels to Walnut Creek on a regular basis in order to play. She noted there are no public Pickleball courts in Sonoma County and expressed a preference for an indoor Pickleball court to allow for year round play. She also noted that basketball, tennis and Pickleball participants in Walnut Creek all work together regarding the use of courts.

Staff will continue to meet with Pickleball user groups to discuss the possibility of a pilot program.

6.3 Project Updates

Rich Hovden, Park Project Manager, reported on the work continuing at Airfield and Harvest Parks and is hopeful both facilities could be completed by the end of the year. He also reported the interior framing and roof structure is proceeding on Phase I of the Senior Wing at the Finley Community Center and is hopeful it could be completed this fall. Staff is hoping the bid award for Phase II could be sent to Council in October. He also noted the \$1.5 million donation from the Finley Foundation to Seniors, Inc. which aided greatly with the needed funding for the second phase of this project.

Hovden also reported that the fountain at Prince Gateway Park is under design. It is hoped the renovation could be completed in the spring to allow it to be used next summer.

6.4 Chairperson's and Board Members' Reports

Reports were given regarding the Merit Award committee, Senior Center and Mayor's Luncheon. Richardson noted fees at Bennett Valley Golf Course will rise in January, 2012. No other committee reports were given.

7. Upcoming Events

Dedication of Joe Belluzzo Field, Sat, August 27, 11am, A Place To Play  
Lamplight Tours, September 16 & 17 – Tickets on sale now  
Annual Volunteer Recognition Event, Thurs, Sept. 22, 7pm, Finley Center  
Merit Awards Event, Mon, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Council Chambers

7.1 Other Reports

None.

8. Future Items

- 8.1 Annual field trip
- 8.2 Maintenance Status of A Place to Play

9. Written Communications

None.

10. Adjournment

The Board meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. in honor of Art Rafanelli, who recently passed away.

**The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 4 p.m. at the Finley Community Center, 2060 West College Avenue in Santa Rosa, California.**

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Craig Lawson, Chairperson

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Yvonne Earle, Administrative Secretary

**Subject to Approval**