

Minutes for the Monterey County Commission on Disabilities



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MONDAY, September 25, 2006 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

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MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Royal Oaks Park
537 Maher Road
Prunedale, CA 95076

I. ROLL CALL AND GREETING OF VISITORS - The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present – MaryLea Almeida, James Bogan, James Cromarty, Anna Foglia, Carolyn Hinds, John Pinio, and Jeff Tillery.

Commissioners Not Present – Amy Allard, Alma Almanza, Robert Davis, James Krossa, and Manuel Ramos.

Guests and Staff Present – Supervising Ranger Greg Smith; Assistant County Counsel Lee Blankenship; and Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonjé Dayries.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bogan made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2006 meeting; motion seconded and carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Greg Smith, Monterey County Supervising Park Ranger

In celebration of Royal Oaks Park (Royal Oaks) 40th Anniversary, Mr. Smith spoke about the parks accessibility. Mr. Smith was involved in making Royal Oaks accessible. Over 10 years ago the Parks Department (Parks) began to upgrade the Hidden Oaks Group Area (Hidden Oaks) in Royal Oaks in order to be ADA compliant. Parks decided to take a hands on approach to designing Hidden Oaks. Parks invited an individual in a wheel chair to go through the area and provide feedback on what changes were necessary for her to feel comfortable. As a result of her suggestions the picnic and serving tables, barbecue pit, and play equipment were designed to allow wheelchair access. In addition to those accommodations, there is a

barbecue area designated for the disabled only. Chair Pinio informed the commission that there are 12 capital projects throughout the County Parks system that have been identified to get ADA upgrades in the next few years.

C. Equal Opportunity Officer Remarks

Equal Opportunity Officer David Medrano was not present so Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonjé Dayries reminded the commissioners of an Ethics training offered by the County on October 19th. Equal Opportunity Analyst Sonjé Dayries announced that it is National Deaf Awareness Week.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Outreach Committee Report – Commissioner Bogan showed the commissioners a framed letter of recognition to be presented to Hartnell College for its commitment to ensuring equal access. Commissioner Bogan made a motion to recognize the County Parks Department for its commitment to accessibility in Royal Oaks. Vice Chair made a motion that the Equal Opportunity Office draft a letter to recognize the County Parks Department; motion seconded and carried; Chair Pinio abstained.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT AND EVENTS

A. Vice Chair Foglia announced that Hope is hosting an E-Waste Recycling Event at Monterey Peninsula College. The donated e-waste will be recycled and Hope receives a percentage by weight for their program. Also, Vice Chair Foglia announced that the Monterey County Committee for the Employment of People With Disabilities (MCCEPD) is sponsoring an awards luncheon to honor 10 local employers who will receive Employer of the Year Awards. The luncheon will be held on October 12th from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA

Discuss the next Retreat. Chair Pinio would like to schedule a future meeting at the Red Bull Energy Center at Laguna Seca and at a King City location.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Pinio declared the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.