

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: July 22, 2016

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: August 4, 2016

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Marlene Finley, Parks Director

SUBJECT: Appointing Committee Members to the Dog Management in San Mateo County Parks Committee

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint members to the Dog Management in San Mateo County Parks Committee.

BACKGROUND

On October 1, 2015, your Commission approved the establishment of a Committee to provide recommendations to update and improve dog management within San Mateo County Parks. The Committee is named the Dog Management in San Mateo County Parks Committee and Commissioners Neil Merrilees and Mike Cooney agreed to co-chair the Committee. While I recommended the types and variety of members represented on the Committee, no names were provided. Staff now proposes candidates for appointment by the Commission. The Committee will operate pursuant to the Brown Act.

DISCUSSION

The recommended members for appointment to the Committee are:

Mike Cooney, Commissioner and Committee Co-chair

Neil Merrilees, Commissioner and Committee Co-chair

Darrick Emil, San Mateo County Parks Ranger

Nic Erridge, Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council

Chris Johnson, Mid-Coast Community Council

Rafael Avendano, North Fair Oaks Community Council

Alternate, Aaron Gonzales, Youth

Jim Sullivan, Pacifica Open Space Council and Mountain Biker

Faye Brophy, Equestrian Trails and Recreation Advisory Council

Alternate, Lyndal Erb

Jerry Hearn, Conservation community

Alternate, Cindy Abbott

Christine Corwin, Coastside Dog Committee

These individuals recommended for appointment represent a variety of interests and geographic locations and communities within San Mateo County. All have demonstrated strong public service, having spent time on boards, commissions, councils, committees or similar governance structures serving their communities and interests. All come to you with references that support their ability to work on teams. Several served on the Commission's Mini-Park subcommittee.

In addition to Committee members, we have recruited a skilled facilitator to assist with meeting planning and facilitation. Several experts have agreed to serve as additional resources to the Committee including the Peninsula Humane Society for advice on dog management, and Brittani Bohlke, Water Resource Specialist with the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District. San Mateo County Parks staff will provide staff support to the committee, including expertise, communications, research, mapping, and analysis.

The Committee will convene for the purpose of completing the tasks outlined in the October 1, 2015 memo and would then be disbanded. In other words, this will not be a standing committee. It is expected the work of the Committee will be completed within one year.

Once members are approved by the Commission, meetings are expected to begin in September 2016. Meetings will be announced and open to the public to attend.