

Sonoma County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission 2008 Annual Report and 2009 Work Plan

Annual Report

The Sonoma County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was established in January 1991 in order to study park issues and make recommendation to the Board of Supervisors and the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department.

2008 Accomplishments

Highlights of the Commission's 2008 accomplishments include:

- Approved an up-date of the Department's 5 year Capital Projects Plan
- Assisted with public outreach and held hearings on draft Interim Access Plan and Mitigated Negative Declaration (California Environmental Quality Act) for Tolay Lake Regional Park
- Conducted a public hearing regarding the Santa Rosa Creek Trail
- Approved an Interim Public Use and Management Plan and Day Use Permit Program for Tolay Lake Regional Park
- Conducted a public hearing on Kenwood Plaza Park's Valley Oak
- Reviewed recommendations for Live Action Role Plan (LARP) permit
- Reviewed and commented on the Department's proposed budget

2009 Work Plan

The Commission will continue to meet on a regular basis to review and make recommendations regarding park issues. The following are key areas that the Commission will review in 2009. Other issues may replace or preclude some of the topics listed.

- Review and comment on issues of concern brought to the Commission by stakeholders or concerned citizens
- Review and recommend an up-date of the 5-year Capital Project Plan for development/acquisition of parks
- Review and comment on 2009-10 Budget
- Review and comment on the 2009 Park Celebration Month activities
- Review priority projects proposed by the Planning Division such as Santa Rosa Creek Trail, Cloverdale River Park, Phase 3, Guerneville Stage, Hood Mountain/Lawson Master Plan and Ridge Trail/Highway 12 project Bodega Bay/Coastal Prairie Trail, Sunset River Access and Watson School Architectural Assessment
- Review and recommend grant applications to Department of Boating and Waterways for projects at Doran and Westside Regional Parks

- Assist with promotion of Department's volunteer program, including solicitation of additional volunteers, recommend volunteers for various recognition programs and implement a Commission volunteer recognition process
- Review and comment on Health Action Plan involvement
- Promote the work of the Regional Parks' Foundation