



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: _____

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____



4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Updating the Sonoma County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

WHEREAS, on March 29, 1990, the County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors established the Sonoma County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (“Commission”) via Resolution No. 90-0534; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2016, the County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors added youth members to the Commission via Resolution No. 16-0263; and

WHEREAS, both the number of parklands in the County, as well as the number of visitors in Sonoma Regional Parks have grown significantly in the past five years; and

WHEREAS, achieving a more diverse and proportional representation of Sonoma County’s communities in the membership of the Sonoma County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission is consistent with the Sonoma County Strategic Plan, including its Racial Equity and Social Justice Pillar; and Sonoma County Regional Parks’ Strategic Priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission Board believes it would be in the best interest of the public to increase the number of Commissioners to nine (9), with one Commissioner appointed by each of the five County Supervisors; two (2) Commissioners nominated by the Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors; and two (2) Youth Commissioners members appointed by the Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, in its discretion, hereby replaces Resolution No. 16-0263 with this Resolution, augmenting the Commission with two Commissioners nominated by the Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors shall appoint the Commissioners, with the exception of the youth member Commissioners. All commissioners shall serve in accordance with the Policy for Advisory Bodies Roles and Relationships (hereinafter “Policy and Guidelines”), adopted by this Board on July 27, 2004, and with the following:

- (a) The commission Board shall consist of nine (9) Commissioners, five (5) of which shall be individually nominated by each Supervisor; two (2) of which shall be nominated to the Board of Supervisors by the Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks; and two of which shall be youth members appointed by the Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks.
- (b) The term of each Board-approved Commissioner shall be four years, with the possibility of renewal for no more than an additional four years.
- (c) The term of each the youth Commissioner shall be no more than two (2) years.
- (d) The Commission shall meet and organize by electing a chairperson and vice chairperson. The member elected as chairperson shall serve as such for not more than two (2) consecutive years, and thereafter shall not be eligible for election as chairperson until one (1) year has lapsed from his or her last term of office. At the first meeting of each calendar year, the commission shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson for the year. Such chairperson and vice chairperson shall serve for a period of one (1) year. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings, submit all motions to vote, and in general do all things ordinarily required of a commission chairperson.
- (e) The commission shall meet every other month at a regularly established place and time, or more frequently as needed, as determined by the chairperson. Meetings shall be open to the public and shall be held in compliance with the Policy and Guidelines including the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.).
- (f) The two (2) youth members of the commission shall be between the ages of 16-24 years old when initially selected.
- (g) The Commission shall be broadly representative of Sonoma County and the diversity of the County's communities and neighborhoods, in ethnicity, race, age, gender, and sexual orientation.
- (h) Consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.), a majority of currently seated and active members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.
- (i) Each commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and the Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks, and may be removed during the commissioner's term at the will of the Board in consultation with the Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks. Any commissioner who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings, unless excused by the Director of Sonoma Regional Parks, shall cease to be a member of the commission.
- (j) The Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks shall be ex officio secretary of the commission, shall attend all commission meetings and shall make such report to the commission, to the County Executive Officer or to the Board of Supervisors, as shall be required. The Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks may delegate any function, duty, or responsibility contained in these bylaws and attributed to the Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks, to the Deputy Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks.

(k) Commissioners shall serve without compensation unless and until the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in its authority supersedes this provision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the Policy and Guidelines and shall, in addition, do the following:

- (a) Act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors in promoting, aiding and encouraging public recreation, including equity and diversity in the outdoors as well as the development of recreation, park and open space facilities;
- (b) Act in an advisory capacity to the Director of Regional Parks in the maintenance, development and operation of all recreation areas and facilities serving the residents of the county, excluding Spud Point Marina which has its own advisory committee;
- (c) Establish general procedures to carry out the purpose of the commission;
- (d) Study and make recommendations on the acquisition and development of recreational areas and facilities;
- (e) Explain the recreation program to public officials and to the general public in order that the recreation, park and open space program may receive adequate support from public and private sources;
- (f) Study, advise and make recommendations, including policy and priority recommendations as requested by the Board of Supervisors;

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.