



NOTICE OF MEETING

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE RECREATION BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 22, 2026, 4:00 P.M.

Council Chamber – City Hall – 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA

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AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
3. **BOARD AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS (City-Related Items Only)**
4. **COUNCIL LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

General Public Comment must deal with matters subject to the jurisdiction of the City and the Recreation Board that are not on the Regular Agenda. Comments from the public will be limited to three minutes and will not receive Recreation Board action. Comments regarding items on the Regular Agenda shall be heard prior to Recreation Board consideration of such items at the time such items are called. Whenever possible, written correspondence should be submitted to the Recreation Board in advance of the meeting, to provide adequate time for its consideration.

- A. Written General Public Comment

6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- A. Recreation Board Draft Minutes October 23, 2025

Reference: Katie Clark, Recreation Manager

Recommended Action: Receive minutes

7. **REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. FY 26-27 Special Events Calendar

Reference: Katie Clark, Recreation Manager

Recommended Action:

1. Provide recommendation to approve the FY 26-27 Special Events Calendar
2. Provide recommendation to approve 7 proposed events as Special Events to be billed at full cost recovery rates
3. Provide recommendation to approve 23 proposed events as City Sponsored Events and waive the fees for City staff support and equipment/facility usage
4. Provide recommendation to authorize pets in the park for the Pet Parade per PGMC 14.08.030
5. Provide recommendation to approve serving alcohol for the Pacific Grove Heritage Society Sunset Celebration and the Jewell Park Beer Gardens Series per PGMC 11.04.020

- B. FY 25-26 Recreation Budget Update

Reference: Katie Clark, Recreation Manager

Recommended Action: Receive report

- C. Review of 2025

Reference: Jay Tulley, Recreation Board Chair

Recommended Action: Receive report for discussion

D. Recreation Board Planning 2026

Reference: Jay Tulley, Recreation Board Chair

Recommended Action: Receive report for discussion

E. Proposed Dog Park at Arnett Park

Reference: Jay Tulley, Recreation Board Chair

Recommended Action: Receive report for discussion

8. **NEXT MEETING February 26, 2026**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950

AGENDA REPORT

TO: HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE RECREATION BOARD
FROM: Katie Clark, Recreation Program Manager
MEETING DATE: 01/22/2026
SUBJECT: Recreation Board Draft Minutes October 23, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

Receive minutes

Attachments

Recreation Board Draft Minutes October 23, 2025



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

RECREATION BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 23, 2025, 4:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting as called to order at 4:00 pm by Jay Tulley, Recreation Board Chair. A roll call was conducted with the following members present in person: Lehman, White, and Tulley. Members Gamble and O'Sullivan absent.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action: Upon motion by Member Lehman, with a second by Chair Tulley the Recreation Board voted 3-0-2 to approve the agenda. Members Gamble and O'Sullivan absent.

3. **BOARD AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS (City-Related Items Only)**

Board Members – no announcements received

City Staff – announcements received from Recreation Manager, Katie Clark.

4. **COUNCIL LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements received from Council Member Amelio.

5. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

A. **Written General Public Comment**

No public comments were received.

6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Action: Upon motion by Member White, with a second by Member Lehman, the Recreation Board voted 3-0-2 to approve the agenda. Members Gamble and O’Sullivan absent.

7. **REGULAR AGENDA**

a. BCC Recommendation Process Changes & Quarterly Reports

Action: Received report

b. Park Assessment Update

Action: Received report

c. Youth Center Availability for PGUSD Events

Action: Received report

d. Recreation Department metrics

Action: Received report

8. **NEXT MEETING - Thursday, November 27, 2025**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned by Chair Tully at 5:53 pm.

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AGENDA REPORT

TO: HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE RECREATION BOARD
FROM: Katie Clark, Recreation Manager
MEETING DATE: 01/22/2026
SUBJECT: FY 26-27 Special Events Calendar

RECOMMENDATION

1. Provide recommendation to approve the FY 26-27 Special Events Calendar
2. Provide recommendation to approve 7 proposed events as Special Events to be billed at full cost recovery rates
3. Provide recommendation to approve 23 proposed events as City Sponsored Events and waive the fees for City staff support and equipment/facility usage
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DISCUSSION

At the beginning of each calendar year, the Recreation Board reviews a list of proposed special events scheduled to occur during the upcoming fiscal year (July 1 – June 30 of the following calendar year) and makes a recommendation for City Council to approve these events as classified pursuant to City Council Policy No. 900-1. The proposed FY 26-27 Special Events Calendar has 32 events with 1 event being a series of 4. This is 3 more special events than appeared on calendar approved for the prior fiscal year. The calendar and estimated costs associated with each event can be found in the agenda attachments.

CITY COUNCIL POLICY 900-1: SPECIAL EVENTS

City Council Policy 900-1 Special Events provides clear guidance for all special events held within the City of Pacific Grove. This policy outlines the process for application submission, application review, event classification, billing, late submissions and approval by City Council. Each year the application is posted during the summer. Completed applications are due by November 30, reviewed by city staff, presented to the Recreation Board in January and then taken to City Council for final approval in February. This policy ensures that a healthy and financially feasible balance remains in place between the number of special event applications and the ability of our neighborhoods, parks, and facilities to accommodate approved events. Special events are to be classified as either:

1. **Special Events:** These are special events that require exclusive use of City property and require support from Police, Fire, or Public Works. Events in this classification will be billed at full cost recovery rates.

2. **City Sponsored Events:** These events include traditional events that are primarily hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, Pacific Grove Unified School District, or the City and they shall receive full city support. These events will be noted annually on the Special Events Calendar for approval by the City Council.

At their meeting on March 14, 2024, the Planning Commission approved a 3-year Coastal Development Permit for special events listed on the FY 24-25 Special Events Calendar that occur within the coastal zone. At their meeting on February 13, 2025, the Planning Commission approved an amendment to this permit to include new events for FY 25-26. In the FY 26-27 Special Events Calendar, there are 4 new applications for events that will occur in the coastal zone. Prior to presenting the FY 26-27 Special Events Calendar to City Council for approval, a presentation will be made by the Community Development Department and the Recreation Department to the Planning Commission to obtain the required Coastal Development Permit for these 4 events.

PROPOSED CLASSIFICATIONS

Special Events (Full Cost Recovery): Events are billed at the full cost recovery rates for staff support and facility/equipment use. Most of these events consist of a variety of fundraisers, races, walks and car shows.

Special Events (Full Cost Recovery) include Celebration of our Lady of Fatima, Legends of the Autobahn, Walk 4 Epilepsy 2026, Monterey Bay Walk & Roll to Cure ALS, BSIM Monterey Bay Half Marathon & 5K/By the Bay 3K, Rudolph Run 1K & 5K Walk/Run, and Jewell Park Beer Garden.

City Sponsored: All costs associated with these events including staffing and equipment/facility use are proposed to be waived, with an increased emphasis of utilizing volunteers whenever possible.

City Sponsored Events include 4th of July Celebration, Youth Ambassadors Movie Night, Youth Ambassadors Dance, Pet Parade, Pacific Grove Summer Lights, National Night Out, Little Car Show, P.G. Concours Auto Rally, Walk with P.R.I.D.E., Pacific Grove Museum Night Owl, Butterfly Parade, Sunset Celebration, Butterfly Days, Croquet Tournament, Pacific Grove Home & Garden Show, Veterans Day Ceremony, Holiday Tree Lighting, Holiday Parade of Lights, Stillwell's Holiday in the Park, Quilt Show, Good Old Days, Walk of Remembrance, and Touch A Truck.

NEW EVENT APPLICATIONS

Walk for Epilepsy 2026 will be hosted by the organization Young Adults with Epilepsy. It will take place on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. The event will use Lovers Point Park and the portion of the Recreation Trail from Lovers Point to Berwick Park. The event will include tables for check-in, participant resources, and sponsors at Lovers Point Park, and a walk along the Recreation Trail to and from Berwick Park. The goal of the event is to provide a safe and accessible, family friendly event that raises awareness for epilepsy and provide resources. City services required will be Public Works Staff to set up parking and check the park and restrooms.

Pacific Grove Home & Garden Show will be hosted by the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce. It will take place on Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm and use Caledonia Park. The event will include experts and exhibitors for furniture and decor, window coverings and treatments, landscaping and outdoor design, flooring and renovation materials, architects and home designers, contractors and specialty trades. Admission will be free. City services required will be Public Works Staff to set up parking and check on the park and restrooms.

Monterey Bay Walk & Roll to Cure ALS will be hosted by the ALS Network. It will take place on

Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. It will use Lovers Point Park and the Recreation Trail from Lovers Point to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. The event will include a resource fair, entertainment, music and food in Lovers Point Park and a walk along the Recreation Trail from Lovers Point to the turn around point at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. The goal of the event is to provide a safe and accessible, family-friendly event for the ALS community. All funds raised support the mission of the ALS network. City services required will be Public Works Staff to set up parking and check on the park and restrooms.

Jewell Park Beer Garden will be hosted by Hops and Fog Brewing Company. The event is a series of 4 separate dates which include Mondays on June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2027 from 3:00-6:30 pm. This series would be held in the picnic area of Jewell Park. Hops and Fog Brewing Company would serve beer inside a gated area within the picnic area. Patrons entering the beer garden will be provided with an identifying band or ticket and will not be allowed to leave with any open containers or cups. City services required will be Police Staff to monitor the safety requirements for the beer garden and Public Work Staff to assist with parking and park checks.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Each application has been reviewed by City staff for safety, feasibility, and calculation of all anticipated costs to be incurred by the City or sponsoring organization. City staff is recommending that 7 events be classified as Special Events to be billed at full cost recovery rates. The fees for City personnel, equipment usage, facility rental, and all other permitting costs will be the responsibility of the organization hosting the event. City staff is recommending 23 special events to be classified as City Sponsored Events. The fees for City personnel, including Public Works, Police, Fire and Recreation, would be subsidized by the City of Pacific Grove. The fees for equipment usage, facility rentals, and any permit charges would be waived.

The estimated staffing costs for all 31 events is \$191,555.81. Fees for staffing, equipment/facility usage and permit processing from the full-cost recovery events will provide an estimated \$80,338.78 in cost recovery. The City of Pacific Grove will need to subsidize an estimated \$111,217.03 in order to safely and successfully execute the 31 events listed on the proposed FY 26-27 Special Events Calendar. City staff will continue working with event organizers to lessen the City's associated costs of these events whenever possible by utilizing volunteers and community groups.

The proposed FY 26-27 Special Events Calendar provides a lineup of events that offer many benefits to our local community. These events allow our residents and visitors a chance to enjoy a variety of activities, support local businesses and non-profit groups, and engage with each other. The total economic impact and benefits in the form of increased Transient Occupancy and Sales taxes are not known, but special events have traditionally had a positive impact on the City's economy. Many of these events attract participants and visitors from outside the City of Pacific Grove or Monterey Peninsula.

Attachments

FY 26-27 Special Events Calendar

FY 26-27 Special Events Calendar Cost Estimate

900-1 Special Events

City of Pacific Grove

FY 2026-2027 Special Events Calendar



#	Event	Organization	Day	Date	Time	Location	Coastal Zone
1	Independence Day Celebration	Chamber of Commerce	Saturday	July 4, 2026	11:00 AM	Jewell Park	Yes
2	Youth Ambassadors Movie Night	Youth Ambassadors	Monday	July 20, 2026	6:00 PM	Chautauqua Hall or Community Center	No
3	Youth Ambassadors Dance	Youth Ambassadors	Wednesday	July 22, 2026	6:00 PM	Chautauqua Hall or Community Center	No
4	Pet Parade	Youth Ambassadors	Friday	July 24, 2026	2:00 PM	Lighthouse Ave Caledonia Park	Yes
5	Pacific Grove Summer Lights	Youth Ambassadors	Saturday	July 25, 2026	9:00 AM	Lovers Point Park & Pier	Yes
6	National Night Out	City of Pacific Grove	Tuesday	August 4, 2026	5:00 PM	Caledonia Park	Yes
7	Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima	Lady of Fatima Society	Sunday	August 9, 2026	1:00 PM	Downtown (Lighthouse Ave)	No
8	Little Car Show	Marina Motorsports	Wednesday	August 12, 2026	10:00 AM	Downtown (Lighthouse Ave)	No
9	Legends of the Autobahn	BMW Car Club of America	Thursday	August 13, 2026	6:00 AM	Pacific Grove Golf Links	No
10	PG Concours Auto Rally	PG Rotary Club	Friday	August 14, 2026	10:00 AM	Downtown (Lighthouse Ave)	No
11	Walk With P.R.I.D.E.	PG P.R.I.D.E.	Saturday	September 12, 2026	9:00 AM	Recreation Trail	Yes
12	Pacific Grove Museum Night Owl	Pacific Grove Museum	Friday	September 18, 2026	6:00 PM	Museum Central Ave Jewell Park	Yes
13	Walk 4 Epilepsy 2026*	Young Adults with Epilepsy	Saturday	September 19, 2026	10:00 AM	Lover's Point Park Recreation Trail	Yes
14	Butterfly Parade	PG Unified School District	Saturday	October 3, 2026	10:00 AM	Downtown (Lighthouse Ave)	No
15	Sunset Celebration	PG Heritage Society	Saturday	October 3, 2026	5:00 PM	Point Pinos Lighthouse	Yes
16	Butterfly Days	PG Heritage Society	Sat / Sun	October 3-4, 2026	8:00 AM	Downtown Chautauqua Hall TBD	No
17	Croquet Tournament	PG Heritage Society	Sat/Sun	October 3-4, 2026	9:00 AM	Caledonia Park	Yes
18	Pacific Grove Home & Garden Show*	Chamber of Commerce	Saturday	October 10, 2026	10:00 AM	Caledonia Park	Yes
19	Monterey Bay Walk & Roll to Cure ALS*	ALS Network	Saturday	October 10, 2026	10:00 AM	Lover's Point Park Recreation Trail	Yes
20	BSIM 3K/5K & Mty Bay Half Marathon	Big Sur International	Sat / Sun	November 7-8, 2026	Varies	Lovers Point Ocean View	Yes
21	Veterans Day Ceremony	City of Pacific Grove	Wednesday	November 11, 2026	11:00 AM	Point Pinos Lighthouse	Yes
22	Holiday Tree Lighting	City of Pacific Grove	Monday	November 30, 2026	4:30 PM	Jewell Park	Yes
23	Holiday Parade of Lights	Chamber of Commerce	Thursday	December 3, 2026	6:00 PM	Downtown (Lighthouse Ave)	No
24	Stillwell's Holiday in the Park	Chamber of Commerce	Saturday	December 5, 2026	11:00 AM	Caledonia Park Chautauqua Hall	Yes
25	Rudolph Run 1K & 5K Walk/Run	Arthritis Research Coalition	Saturday	December 12, 2026	7:30 AM	Lovers Point Ocean View Blvd	Yes
26	Quilt Show	Monterey Peninsula Quilters	Fri -Sun	April 30-May 2, 2027	10:00 AM	Chautauqua Hall TBD	No
27	Good Old Days	Chamber of Commerce	Sat-Sun	May 1-2, 2027	9:00 AM	Downtown Jewell Park	No/Yes
28	Walk of Remembrance	Pacific Grove Museum & Quock Mui Foundation	Saturday	May 8, 2027	1:00 PM	Central Ave Rec Trail	Yes
29	Touch A Truck Event	City of Pacific Grove	Tuesday	May 18, 2027	4:00 PM	Caledonia Park	Yes
30	Jewell Park Beer Garden*	Hops and Fog Brewing	Mondays	June 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2027	3:00 PM	Jewell Park Picnic Area	Yes
City Sponsored - 23		Full Cost Recovery (F. C. R.) - 7 (7 events & 1 series of 4)		Event Name Indicates a cancelled event		Event Name* Indicates new event	

2026-2027 Special Events Budget Estimate

		Staff Costs		Staff Costs		Staff Costs		Staff Costs		Total Staff Costs	Other	Refundable	Unsubsidized
		Fire		Recreation		Police		Public Works					
	EVENT NAME	Hrs	Costs	Hrs	Costs	Hrs	Costs	Hrs	Costs		Permit & Usage Fees	Sound Deposit	Without City Sponsorship
1	Independence Day Celebration	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	8	\$ 1,422.04	\$ 1,422.04	\$ 2,545.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,467.04
2	Youth Ambassadors Movie Night	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	2	\$ 330.54	\$ 330.54	\$ 950.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,780.54
3	Youth Ambassadors Dance	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	2	\$ 330.54	\$ 330.54	\$ 939.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,770.04
4	Pet Parade	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	12	\$ 2,439.00	17	\$ 2,859.53	\$ 5,298.53	\$ 971.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,769.53
5	Pacific Grove Summer Lights	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	66	\$ 15,785.88	28	\$ 5,027.08	\$ 20,812.96	\$ 5,863.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 27,176.46
6	National Night Out	0	\$ -	40	\$ 1,732.96	36	\$ 8,610.48	20	\$ 3,405.28	\$ 13,748.72	\$ 435.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 14,683.72
7	Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	4	\$ 661.08	\$ 661.08	\$ 352.00	\$ -	\$ 1,013.08
8	Little Car Show	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	16	\$ 3,826.88	18	\$ 3,124.68	\$ 6,951.56	\$ 639.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 8,090.56
9	Legends of the Autobahn	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	14	\$ 3,348.52	18	\$ 3,024.80	\$ 6,373.32	\$ 853.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 7,726.32
10	PG Concours Auto Rally	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	25	\$ 5,979.50	18	\$ 3,124.68	\$ 9,104.18	\$ 639.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 10,243.18
11	Walk With P.R.I.D.E.	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,616.00	\$ -	\$ 1,616.00
12	Pacific Grove Museum Night Owl	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	20	\$ 3,305.40	\$ 3,305.40	\$ 536.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,341.40
13	Walk 4 Epilepsy 2026*	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	4	\$ 661.08	\$ 661.08	\$ 1,456.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,617.08
14	Butterfly Parade	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	10	\$ 2,391.80	35	\$ 5,959.24	\$ 8,351.04	\$ 1,543.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 10,394.04
15	Sunset Celebration	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	2	\$ 330.54	\$ 330.54	\$ 2,362.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,192.54
16	Butterfly Days	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	4	\$ 661.08	\$ 661.08	\$ 2,486.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,647.08
17	Croquet Tournament	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,092.00	\$ -	\$ 2,092.00
18	Pacific Grove Home & Garden Show*	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	5	\$ 826.35	\$ 826.35	\$ 1,483.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,809.35
19	Monterey Bay Walk & Roll to Cure ALS*	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	4	\$ 661.08	\$ 661.08	\$ 6,659.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 7,820.08
20	BSIM 3K/5K & Mty Bay Half Marathon	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	44	\$ 10,523.92	39	\$ 6,795.11	\$ 17,319.03	\$ 11,438.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 29,257.53
21	Veterans Day Ceremony	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	2	\$ 330.54	0	\$ -	\$ 330.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 330.54
22	Holiday Tree Lighting	0	\$ -	40	\$ 1,676.80	0	\$ -	15	\$ 2,603.90	\$ 4,280.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,280.70
23	Holiday Parade of Lights	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	14	\$ 3,348.52	38	\$ 6,480.02	\$ 9,828.54	\$ 3,815.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 14,143.54
24	Stillwell's Holiday in the Park	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	6	\$ 991.62	\$ 991.62	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,041.62
25	Rudolph Run 1K & 5K Walk/Run	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	24	\$ 5,740.32	62	\$ 10,421.53	\$ 16,161.85	\$ 8,764.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 25,425.85
26	Quilt Show	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	8	\$ 1,322.16	\$ 1,322.16	\$ 3,902.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,724.16
27	Good Old Days	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	110	\$ 26,309.80	96	\$ 16,764.84	\$ 43,074.64	\$ 4,645.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 48,219.64
28	Walk of Remembrance	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	6	\$ 1,435.08	6	\$ 1,066.53	\$ 2,501.61	\$ 389.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,390.61
29	Touch A Truck Event	0	\$ -	36	\$ 1,424.68	12	\$ 2,870.16	20	\$ 3,305.40	\$ 7,600.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,600.24
30	Jewell Park Beer Garden*	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	32	\$ 7,653.76	4	\$ 661.08	\$ 8,314.84	\$ 664.00	\$ -	\$ 8,978.84
									Totals	\$ 191,555.81	\$ 69,587.50	\$ 11,500.00	

City Sponsored = 23 Events

Full Cost Recovery = 7 Events

Total Staffing Costs*	\$ (191,555.81)
Full Cost Recovery Staffing*	\$ 50,152.28
Full Cost Recovery Fees*	\$ 30,186.50
Total Net Loss**	\$ (111,217.03)

*All estimates are based on projected hours & resources required for the application submitted by event organizers.

*Final cost may vary and will reflect actual hours and resources required during event.

*Staff cost estimates are based on Fully Burdened Rates for FY 25-26, actual cost & billing will use FBR FY 26-27.

**Model reflects amount to be subsidized by the City with approval of proposed City Sponsored Events.

**CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
CITY COUNCIL POLICY**

SUBJECT	POLICY NO.	EFFECTIVE DATE	PAGE NO.
Special Events	900-1	February 16, 2011	1 of 3

PURPOSE

The intent of this policy is to provide guidance for the conduct of special events in the City and ensure an appropriate balance between the number and scope of special events with the ability of City neighborhoods and facilities to adequately handle such events.

POLICY

I. General

The City shall have the discretion to limit the number of special events in any fiscal year.

All special events will be limited to those activities that benefit Pacific Grove residents or businesses.

Most special events are either one-time or annual. Certain special events, such as the Farmers' Market, are periodic and ongoing.

The Council reserves the right to take actions creating exceptions to this policy in the event of special circumstances.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Requirements

The ADA requires the City of Pacific Grove and public accommodations to provide equitable access for people with disabilities. Event organizers are expected follow ADA guidelines and provide and maintain access for people with disabilities. This may include providing a clear path of travel to and on sidewalks, curb cuts and restrooms; maintaining already-designated parking for people with disabilities, providing additional parking for people with disabilities if parking is provided; and providing accessible restrooms.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The City of Pacific Grove (City) requires that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, disability or national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P.L. 100.259) or due to breastfeeding in a public place, gender identity, marital status, political ideology, religion, sexual orientation, or military status or veteran status. The City of Pacific Grove also includes immigration status, ethnic background and Neurodivergent people, in its non-discrimination policy. The City further assures every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination and inclusivity in all of its programs and activities, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not. Permitted special events must comply with the City's nondiscrimination policy and all applicable City, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

*Neurodivergent or ND refers to variations in the human brain and cognition, for instance in sociability, learning, attention, mood and other mental functions.

II. Types of Special Events

The City will create an annual calendar of special events. Events included in the annual calendar shall have first priority for the scheduled locations and times. Requests for inclusion in the annual calendar shall be submitted to the City by November 30th for any event to be held during the following fiscal year.

Such events will not be approved if they conflict with already approved events. Events requiring City Council approval are those that:

- Require City sponsorship or other City support;
- Preclude others from using an entire outdoor public facility (e.g., Caledonia Park);
- Are likely to have a significant impact on substantial numbers of residents or businesses (e.g., closure of multiple or high-traffic streets for a significant amount of time, as determined by the City Manager); or
- Have other characteristics that warrant public consideration by the Council.

More limited events may be approved by staff. A neighborhood event, requiring closure only of a neighborhood street, for example, would not require Council approval. In these cases, those persons incurring the costs of the street closure are the same persons benefiting from the event.

III. Information Required

Each application for special events shall contain the following information:

- A. A description of the proposed event.
- B. A statement of the purpose of the event and its benefits to the City including actions of inclusivity that are reflective of the diverse community which we aim to be.
- C. The name of the sponsoring organization.
- D. The date, location, and time (to include preparation and clean up) of the event. In the case of a race or parade, a map of the proposed route shall be submitted.
- E. An estimate of the number of participants and/or spectators.
- F. A description of City facilities, support, and personnel required.
- G. A list of personnel to be provided by the sponsor.
- H. A description of parking arrangements for the event.
- I. If electronic sound amplification equipment will be used, an application for the necessary permit shall be made as required by Chapter 11.94 of the Pacific Grove Municipal Code.
- J. A description of the proposed refuse management and recycling program for plastics, glass, paper, and aluminum during the event.
- K. A listing of accommodations provided by the sponsor pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- L. A listing of fees proposed to be charged, commercial sales, commercial filming, and the service or sale of food and/or alcohol.

III. Conditions of Permit

Once the Council approves an application, the sponsoring organization shall comply with the following conditions:

- A. At least 30 days prior to the event, furnish the City with a certificate of insurance in an amount not less than \$2 million naming the City of Pacific Grove as an additional insured. Such insurance shall be primary to any City insurance, and the City must have at least ten days' notice of cancellation.
- B. The sponsoring organization shall reimburse the City for all direct and incidental expenses for the use of the City personnel and facilities. The sponsor has the option of using volunteers or other non-City personnel for some functions (e.g., placing barricades, emptying public trash cans, etc.) Other functions (e.g., Police security) require City personnel. The City has the absolute discretion to determine the number of personnel who will be provided for a particular event.
- C. The sponsor is responsible for all sign removal, litter control, clean-up activities, and for providing necessary containers and personnel for recycling activities, as determined by the City.
- D. The sponsor shall provide portable restroom facilities if deemed necessary by the City and in compliance with the ADA.
- E. The sponsor shall be advised that the sponsor is responsible for determining what, if any, accommodations are required of sponsor pursuant to the American with Disabilities Act.
- F. An approved Special Event Application is required for all groups and shall be in the possession of the sponsor or representative at the event.
- G. The City will review applications and additional approvals may be deemed necessary.
- H. If amplification is to be used a deposit of \$500 will need to be paid along with the application fee. If it is determined that amplification exceeds allowable levels or has locations have not been preapproved by City Staff then the deposit may not be returned.

The City of Pacific Grove reserves the right to revoke permissions for an event at any time.

IV. Event Classifications

The Council established the following classification of events to be used in determining the events scheduled for each calendar year: Special Events and City Sponsored Events.

Special Events: These are Special Events that require exclusive use of City property and require support from Police, Fire and / or Public Works. Special Events will be deemed full cost recovery

City Sponsored Events: These events include traditional events that are primarily hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, the School District, or the City and shall receive full City Support. These events will be noted annually on the Special Events Calendar for approval by the City Council.

V. Review, Approval, and Scheduling of Events

All activities approved are authorized for the subsequent year only and, continued Council approval should not be assumed. Activities may be discontinued if they become too large or if they create problems that would substantially disrupt the peace and quiet of a neighborhood.

Should the City receive requests for more activities than may be accommodated, the City will establish an appropriate random drawing type of system or other suitable method for determining those activities to be approved.

Completed special event applications received by November 30 will be given priority for the upcoming fiscal year July 1 – June 30. Key dates for review and approval are:

- November – Recreation Department receives completed applications
- December – Staff prepares recommendation
- January – Recreation Board prepares recommendation
- February – Council approves events, calendar, and city sponsorship
- March – Staff publishes Special Events calendar

Completed special event applications received after November 30 (off-cycle) shall be considered if:

1. Not in conflict with approved special events or issued park/facility permit
2. Received a minimum 150 days in advance of the event
3. Off-cycle events brought forward for review will not be recommended as “City Sponsored” special events.

Off-cycle applications will undergo the same review and approval process as for applications received by November 30.

Adopted: July 20, 2022 by Minute Order.

Adopted: July 6, 2022 by Minute Order

Adopted: April 16, 1986-Resolution No. 5705

Amended: January 7, 1987-Resolution No. 5787

Amended: February 5, 1992-Resolution No. 6238

Amended: March 3, 1993-Resolution No. 6331

Amended: November 15, 1995-Resolution No. 6489

Amended: November 5, 1997-Resolution No. 7-057

Amended: June 2, 2010-Resolution No. 10-044

Amended: February 16, 2011-Resolution No. 11-012

Amended: October 17, 2018 – Resolution 18-037



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AGENDA REPORT

TO: HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE RECREATION BOARD
FROM: Katie Clark, Recreation Manager
MEETING DATE: 01/22/2026
SUBJECT: FY 25-26 Recreation Budget Update

RECOMMENDATION

Receive report

DISCUSSION

At the request of the Recreation Board, a budget update for FY 25-26 has been prepared and attached to this report.

Attachments

FY 25-26 Budget Update

SUPERION
DATE: 01/15/2026
TIME: 15:13:26

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
EXPENDITURE STATUS REPORT

PAGE NUMBER: 1
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ACCOUNT	- - - - TITLE - - - -	BUDGET	PERIOD EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES OUTSTANDING	YEAR TO DATE EXP	AVAILABLE BALANCE	YTD/ BUD
5101	BASE SALARY	631,755.00	19,222.43	.00	233,156.63	398,598.37	36.91
5102	OVERTIME	3,500.00	.00	.00	603.35	2,896.65	17.24
5105	PART-TIME SALARIES	480,000.00	5,084.78	.00	215,948.52	264,051.48	44.99
5121	FICA-MEDICARE BENEFITS	9,160.00	326.04	.00	7,132.17	2,027.83	77.86
5122	RETIREMENT (PERS)	50,118.00	1,511.99	.00	22,211.31	27,906.69	44.32
5123	HEALTH INSURANCE COST	85,668.00	3,481.72	.00	43,357.63	42,310.37	50.61
5124	UNEMPLOYMENT COST	215.00	8.32	.00	173.10	41.90	80.51
5126	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	6,785.00	262.90	.00	5,110.56	1,674.44	75.32
5128	OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	6,870.00	164.39	.00	1,356.34	5,513.66	19.74
5129	FLEXIBLE HEALTH BENEFIT	.00	230.76	.00	3,403.72	-3,403.72	.00
5143	LEAVE PAYOUT	12,149.00	.00	.00	9,125.48	3,023.52	75.11
5201	CONTRACT SERVICES	6,000.00	89.00	.00	728.73	5,271.27	12.15
5208	CONTRACT PERSONNEL	45,000.00	.00	.00	22,818.25	22,181.75	50.71
5211	POSTAGE	200.00	.00	.00	146.10	53.90	73.05
5212	TELEPHONE	1,500.00	37.36	.00	413.60	1,086.40	27.57
5213	BANK FEES	20,000.00	.00	.00	14,089.65	5,910.35	70.45
5215	MEETING/TRAINING/TRAVEL	5,000.00	.00	.00	1,328.13	3,671.87	26.56
5221	ADVERTISING	8,000.00	.00	.00	600.00	7,400.00	7.50
5222	UTILITIES	250,000.00	7,546.32	.00	154,697.36	95,302.64	61.88
5223	BLDG REPAIR, MAINT	40,812.00	.00	.00	.00	40,812.00	.00
5225	OPERATING LEASES/EQUIPMN	3,000.00	395.01	3,510.06	2,376.94	-2,887.00	196.23
5226	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	5,000.00	.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	.00
5227	VEHICLE REPAIR	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	.00
5230	INTERNAL SERVICE CHARGES	64,000.00	.00	.00	32,000.00	32,000.00	50.00
5291	MISC. DEPT EXPENSE	1,500.00	.00	.00	229.79	1,270.21	15.32
5301	OFFICE SUPPLIES	6,000.00	579.64	.00	2,345.56	3,654.44	39.09
5305	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	500.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00	.00
5306	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	.00	1,134.89	-1,134.89	.00
5309	OTHER SUPPLIES	8,000.00	608.37	2,102.26	7,659.29	-1,761.55	122.02
5311	VEHICLE FUEL	1,100.00	14.65	.00	77.38	1,022.62	7.03
5361	RECREATION SUPPLIES	40,000.00	1,262.00	.00	14,866.55	25,133.45	37.17
6024	REC FACILITY IMP	10,000.00	.00	.00	.00	10,000.00	.00
	TOTAL RECREATION OPERATIONS	1,802,832.00	40,825.68	5,612.32	797,091.03	1,000,128.65	44.52
TOTAL REPORT		1,802,832.00	40,825.68	5,612.32	797,091.03	1,000,128.65	44.52



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AGENDA REPORT

TO: HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE RECREATION BOARD
FROM: Jay Tulley, Recreation Board Chair
MEETING DATE: 01/22/2026
SUBJECT: Review of 2025

RECOMMENDATION

Receive report for discussion

DISCUSSION

As the new year kicks off, it could be helpful to do a recap of 2025 to note accomplishments and to look at things that were not completed to determine if we want to continue their efforts into 2026.

1. Three Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) proposals were submitted via the city's online CIP portal. None of the projects made the city's CIP list.

- City of PG Open Space Master Plan
- GW Park Masterplan Review and Design
- GW Park Stormwater improvements

2. Three goals for the 2025 Recreation Program were recommended to the city council on February 28, based on our February 27th meeting:

1. Create a Recreation Needs Assessment to follow up the 2018 assessment done by Public Works.
2. Increase recreation programs for adults.
3. Enhanced Parks and Open Space Planning. The board discussed the need for a Parks and Open Space Plan to allow for proper future planning.

See attached recommendation form for the full write-up of these goals. These goals were noted as informational only by the council and were not included in the 2025 city goals.

3. The board held numerous discussions about a Recreation Needs Assessment. We submitted a recommendation (see attached) to city council on May 14 which requested 20 hours of staff time to get a cost estimate and proposed course of action. Our recommendation was rejected by the council in June. Their guidance was to get community feedback at the Parks Day event first.

4. Parks Day event held July 19th.
5. Assessments done for 19 parks and facilities this year. The assessments can be found [HERE](#) on this Google Sheet.
6. The board held three discussions about Recreation Program Metrics and submitted a recommendation form (see attached) to our council liaison on Dec 16. The expectation is that the council will discuss this at the end of January.
7. A Community Feedback tracking spreadsheet has been developed to serve as a repository for community requests, comments, suggestions, etc. The Google sheet can be viewed [HERE](#).

Attachments

BCC Recommendation 2025 Goals
BCC Recommendation Request for 20 hours
BCC Recommendation Metrics



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300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950

Committee Recommendation

TO: (Council Liaison) Joe Amelio

FROM: (Chairperson) Jay Tulley

COMMITTEE: Recreation Board

DATE: 2/27/2025

RECOMENDATION (include date of committee vote)

At the 2/27 Rec Board meeting, the board voted 4-0 to include 3 goals for 2025 calendar year: Recreation Needs Assessment; Increase in Adult Recreation Programs; Enhanced Parks and Open Space Planning.

DISCUSSION(attach continued discussion)

1. Create a Recreation Needs Assessment to follow up the 2018 assessment done by Public Works. Most of the work questions from the last assessment are still valid but the board would work with staff to revise some of the prior questions and add some new ones. The goal would be to have the new assessment ready for online data gathering by August or September to allow time for planning of the 2026 calendar.

2. Increase of recreation programs for adults. There has been wonderful growth for programs for the youth of PG over the past two years. But the board has recognized the need for more programs for adults. Ideas such as day trips to other cities, ski trips, and adult sports leagues were discussed.

3. Enhanced Parks and Open Space Planning. The board discussed the need for a Parks and Open Space Plan to allow for proper future planning. This has been a request for capital improvements funding for the past few years but the project has never been approved. We request that the board include this as a goal so that it is recognized as a priority. Many topics regarding planning could be assisted by proactive planning that would be facilitated by a long-term planning document.

FISCAL IMPACT (if known)

Unknown

ATTACHMENTS

N/A



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Committee Recommendation

TO: (Council Liaison) _____

FROM: (Chairperson) _____

COMMITTEE: _____

DATE: _____

RECOMENDATION (include date of committee vote)

DISCUSSION(attach continued discussion)

FISCAL IMPACT (if known)

ATTACHMENTS



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Committee Recommendation

TO: (Council Liaison) Joe Amelio
FROM: (Chairperson) Jay Tulley
COMMITTEE: Recreation Board
DATE: 12-16-2025

RECOMMENDATION (include date of committee vote)

At the 12-15-2025 meeting, the board voted (4-0) to request the recreation department to provide a report three times per year to the recreation board with the attached recreation program metrics that can be tracked year over year.

DISCUSSION (attach continued discussion)

In order to analyze the progress of the recreation department, metrics need to be established and tracked over time. The recreation board has discussed the following metrics with the recreation program staff and agreed on the following 9 metrics. These metrics will help us determine what marketing works, where better marketing is needed, what programs may need additional staffing, etc. We also believe that transparency on metrics like this will foster more understanding and support from the community. During the meeting, we learned that this data is already being collected. So while the collection and reporting of the data will require some additional workload, it should be minimal. Most of the data should be in CivicRec, so there is likely a way to extract it.

FISCAL IMPACT (if known)

None

CITY COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

While this is not directly aligned to a specific goal, the idea of tracking metrics is fundamental to how a program (and a city) works.

ATTACHMENTS

List of requested recreation program metrics

	Metric	Method of Collection
1	Total registrations in each program (per season and annually)	Civic Rec
2	Number of unique participants in each program per month. (E.g. how many unique participants attend the Youth Center each month.)	Civic Rec
3	Participant demographics (Age, school, etc)	Civic Rec
4	Program fill rates (Enrollment vs capacity)	Civic Rec
5	Program retention and re-enrollment rates (Taking into account participants that “age out”.)	Civic Rec
6	Wait-lists (Number of programs with wait-lists, size of wait-lists, etc)	Civic Rec
7	Facility utilization (E.g. the number of hours open per week)	Rec Department
8	Subsidies / Financial Aid (total amount and number of subsidies); Grants, donations, and scholarships provided. (This data will likely need to come from the Finance Department.)	Finance Dept
9	Partnerships and collaborations with schools, nonprofits, or clubs.	Rec Department



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AGENDA REPORT

TO: HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE RECREATION BOARD
FROM: Jay Tulley, Recreation Board Chair
MEETING DATE: 01/22/2026
SUBJECT: Recreation Board Planning 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Receive report for discussion

DISCUSSION

As a way to plan more proactively for 2026, it will help to have an idea of the annual calendar and how our board should work within the council priorities.

1. Board election of officers will be held at the February meeting.
2. Budget development
 - Per council policy 400-6, “The annual budget process begins by February with City Council discussion of goals for the following year.”
 - May - “...finalize the recommended budget and present it to the City Council...”
 - “...at a subsequent regular City Council meeting, the budget is adopted and effective July 1st of the fiscal year.”
3. Board goals

Last year, goals were requested for the council’s March meeting. Since the Rec Board meeting is at the end of the month, we should have our goals agreed on at our February meeting so that they can be submitted at the end of February.
4. In parallel with the schedule of Board’s goals, typically, the council will request CIP proposals in February or March. There is no date set yet, but we will likely hear something in the next month. In the meantime, we should keep abreast of the council discussions on goals and priorities. We have learned from the 2025 cycle that if our goals are not aligned with the council goals, there is very little chance of forward progress.

5. Board Recommendations

The new city policy allows for each board to submit only 2 recommendations to be brought before city council. This does not include council requests such as requests for goals or CIP projects.



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AGENDA REPORT

TO: HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE RECREATION BOARD
FROM: Jay Tulley, Recreation Board Chair
MEETING DATE: 01/22/2026
SUBJECT: Proposed Dog Park at Arnett Park

RECOMMENDATION

Receive report for discussion

DISCUSSION

Over the years, the Rec Board has had many discussions about a dog park. This goal has been on the Rec Board list of goals for the past few years. Multiple letters and comments about a dog park have been received, and recently a proposal has come to the board about a potential donor willing to help build a dog park at Arnett Park.

Attachments

Written Public Comment

Agenda item: Dog Park

From Mike Gibbs <dr.mike@bizsmartglobal.com>

Date Tue 1/13/2026 7:04 PM

To Recreation Board <recreationboard@cityofpacificgrove.org>

Cc Mike Gibbs <dr.mike@bizsmartglobal.com>

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Bob Dog Park Story Edited.pdf;

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Dear Chair Jay Tulley and the Recreation Board:

With the permission of the author, I am attaching letter from Bob Rivkin who will make the funding available for a Pacific Grove dog park.

He plans on attending the meeting on January 22nd.

A number of people asked me why I am putting a significant amount of time into this effort. Here is why, in these times of political division, debate and separation, a Pacific Grove dog park can be a space where individuals and families connect, socialize and build relationships that cross any differences we might all have. Its that simple.

Think of it as a recreation area for people and dogs! How great is that?

Gratefully,

Mike Gibbs

A letter to the Pacific Grove Recreation Board.

Why a Dog Park?

Without question, we are lucky to live in such a naturally beautiful part of the country. And yet we here are all subject to one of the common complaints about modern American life—it's often alienating and lonesome. Our world is connected electronically and automotively at the expense of spontaneous personal interaction. The town square, the neighborhood, the sense of belonging to one's local public community has declined. This is not just an opinion—there is a large body of formal academic research along with much commentary in assorted media which laments this loss of what is called “social capital.” Furthermore, according to the CDC, the negative effect of social isolation has been flagged as a risk factor increasing the likelihood of several dire physical maladies. Dare one mention that not just disengagement but divisiveness is now much more prominent than it was even 10 years ago?

But the human condition is eternal and so too therefore will the need and longing for genuine face to face connection and the community persist. This is exactly what occurs in a dog park and not just because of the obvious, disarming, contagious charms of man's best friends. The regularity of schedule that dogs need gives a habitual routine to park regulars. That essential routine above and beyond the dogs themselves is crucial to why dog parks are so singularly special.

I started going regularly in the mornings to a dog park in the Palm Springs area about 10 years ago. I've met many people including Linda my lovely longtime companion at that park. To name a few other habitues: Ralph the PHD, Kirk the pessimist, John the serial English gate crasher, Big John the world traveling retired surfer, Brian the vet, Mikey the rake, June the bohemian, Karla with a K, Mary-Jo the Irish firebrand from County Cork (and don't you forget it), Christina the artist, and a few who I dare not mention for good form's sake. Several of these folks have become dinner and outing companions and poignant confidants. I'm certain that none of them would I ever have had the opportunity or even the inclination to meet in any other setting given their variety in ages, occupations, political affiliations, interests, and schedules. All of them, however, almost without exception, have enriched and enhanced my life so much that it would have been an incalculable loss to me not to have befriended them through their dogs in that charmed place.

This is my hope for the creation of a local dog park—to enhance the community that I have seen develop first hand. My sincerity in these sentiments is, I hope, affirmed by the financial support I have pledged. I urge the board and the powers that be to allow this public space to see the light of day not only because proximity is the best catalyst but because as Shakespeare best said it: *“One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.”*

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to meeting you.
Sincerely, Bob Rivkin

Arnett Dog Park Draft Rendering

From Michael Gibbs <megibbs@pacificgrovecare.org>

Date Tue 1/20/2026 10:02 AM

To Recreation Board <recreationboard@cityofpacificgrove.org>

Cc jay.tulley <jay.tulley@gmail.com>; Steve Hahn <regularb@gmail.com>; Michael Gibbs <megibbs@pacificgrovecare.org>

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Pacific Grove - Dog Park 01-15-26 (1).pdf;

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Dear PG Recreation Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the potential of a dog park at Arnett.

To give the process a little more definition we asked a local landscape architect to draft a very preliminary plan outlining a dog park at Arnett. It is attached for your review.

You will see it provide safe space for both small and large dogs.

In addition, each entry is double gated and provides for waste stations. The final plan will include water stations.

Please understand, this is for discussion only and in no way assumes any boundaries, structures or fencing.

If we move ahead, we will hire a professional surveyor to plot the legal boundaries at Arnett and pay for a more detailed description and layout of what the dog park would look like.

Once we have that, a detailed cost estimate will be developed.

Again, we DO NOT anticipate any cost to the city for labor, material, insurance or maintenance.

Steve Hahn has been touch with the Director of the Pacchetti dog park in Seaside, reviewed the relevant Seaside and Pacific Grove ordinances and looked into the annual maintenance costs at Pacchetti.

Steve also took a survey asking if PG dog owners would use a dog park. He will share those results with you.

A dog park at Arnett can be a big benefit to the city of Pacific Grove. It will offer a space for socialization, events and transform a little used park into a jewel of the PG park system.

We look forward to a robust discussion.

Gratefully,

Michael E. Gibbs
Resident of Pacific Grove

