



**SAUSALITO PARKS & RECREATION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 6:30 PM
CITY HALL EDGEWATER ROOM, 420 LITHO STREET, SAUSALITO**

“Enhancing the Visitor Experience”

John Lerner- Chair	Sela Seleska- Commissioner
Melissa Mooney- Commissioner	Cindy Powers- Commissioner
Doreen Gounard- Commissioner	
Joe Burns- Commissioner	Mike Langford- Parks & Recreation Director

Note that the Parks and Recreation Commission may, at its discretion, consider agenda items out of the order in which they are listed. The public may comment on any item on the agenda that has not previously been subject to public comment.

6:30 PM COMMISSION WILL CONVENE IN THE EDGEWATER ROOM

1. BUSINESS MEETING BEGINS

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of Agenda

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 16, 2011 MINUTES

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (10 min)

- a. Smoke Free Parks – Pam Grainger, American Lung Association

4. COMMUNICATIONS

NOTE: Members of the public are invited to address the Commission concerning topics that are not listed on the Agenda. The Commission reserves the right to limit the time devoted to this portion of the Agenda and to limit the duration of speakers' presentation to three minutes.

Public Communications: speakers limited to 3 minutes each

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Vegetation Management Program – Jonathon Goldman

6. DIRECTORS REPORT

To include but not limited to:

- a. Budget Update – Mike (5 Min)
- b. Robin Sweeny Park Improvements Update
- c. Harrison Park Improvements Update
- d. Recreation Center Improvements Update
- e. Tennis Court Improvements Update
- f. MLK Gym Improvements Update
- g. Caledonia Street Faire Update
- h. Arias in the Afternoon Update

7. FUTURE BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. To be discussed

8. ADJOURNMENT

9. UP-COMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Sausalito Marin City School District Board Meeting April 28th @ 7pm
- City Council Meeting May 3rd @ 7 PM
- Chamber of Commerce Mixer May 19th @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm- Saylor’s Restaurant & Bar (2009 Bridgeway)
- Sausalito Biz X Meeting May 10th @ 8:15am- 9:30am – Studio 333 (333 Caledonia Street)
- Next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting May 18th @ 6:30pm

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC: Information regarding any item on this agenda may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation Office at City Hall or by calling Mike Langford at 289-4126.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Mike Langford at 289-4126. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. [28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II]



STAFF REPORT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SAUSALITO

AGENDA TITLE

Proposed Vegetation Management Program, City Open Space Preserve at Cypress Ridge

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Accept Report, Discuss and Comment on Proposed Program

SUMMARY:

With the passage of a Bond Measure in 1976, the voters of the City of Sausalito approved the acquisition of real property known as "Cypress Ridge" for open space preservation. As indicated on the attached map from Marin Map, the subject open space consists of two parcels, 064-133-05 and 064-181-40, located off of US 101 and along Rodeo Avenue. The two parcels together total almost 12 acres in area. The circular parcel in the interior (APN 064-133-06) is owned by the Marin Municipal Water District.

At Staff's request, the Marin County Forester, Dr. Kent Julin, and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Bay Area Regional Urban Forester, James Scheid, visited Cypress Ridge in July, 2010. Dr. Julin concluded and recommended that: vegetation on the property is dominated by fire-prone trees including bluegum eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus globulus*), Monterey pine (*Pinus radiata*), and Monterey cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*), with broom (*Cytisus scoparius* and *Genista monspessulana*), cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster sp.*), and Himalaya berry (*Rubus discolor*) in the understory. Remnant native plants including coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), toyon (*Heteromoles arbutifolia*) are well distributed on the property and should be preserved. Overgrown vegetation on the property has created a hazardous fire-fuel condition that can be mitigated by directed clearing of vegetation. The proposed work is also part of a long-term plan of re-establishing a native plant community for continued passive recreation or for developing a more active recreational park on the property. The proposed work is consistent with the current draft Fire Hazard Severity Zone mapping by the State of property within the City's jurisdiction (see attachment).

The first phase of work—primarily for fire-hazard reduction—includes pruning lower branches from large trees, thinning smaller eucalyptus and pine trees in the forest and clearing non-native flammable brush from the understory. The following prescriptions address work for trees, shrubs, and ground vegetation.

Prescription for Trees. Cut all eucalyptus with a diameter at breast height (dbh) of less than 10 inches. Cover each cut stump with black plastic sheeting to prevent resprouting. Use landscaping staples or piled chips to secure the sheeting. Chip eucalyptus trunks, branches, and leaves onsite. Cut all plum trees, off-haul chips, and cover stumps with plastic sheeting. Cut all pines then chip and spread materials onsite. Prune lower cypress branches to a height of 20 feet—leaving primary scaffold branches on forked trunks—and distribute chips onsite. Spread all chips to a maximum depth 6 inches. Protect all oak and bay trees from damage.

Prescription for Shrubs. Cut all broom, cotoneaster, and Himalaya berry near ground level and off-haul all material. Onsite burning of these materials is an alternative option for disposal. (Note: follow-up treatments for re-sprouting stems and germinating seeds will be necessary for long-term control of these weedy plants. This work would be most effective during the Spring following initial cutting).

Prescription for Ground Vegetation. Clear all English and Cape ivy and haul offsite. Chip all down tree branches longer than 6 feet onsite and distribute chips onsite.

As suggested, subsequent phases of work would eventually result in removal of all non-native, invasive fire-hazardous vegetation and the restoration of native plants and habitats on the preserve.

Staff has retained a biological resource consultant to assist in preparation of an environmental assessment of the proposed project. In addition, Staff has identified a grant funding opportunity to assist in delivering this important project: the California Fire Safe Council will accept applications through June 1, 2011 for wildfire prevention grant funds through the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Parks Service. Grant funding may be used for hazardous fuels reduction and maintenance projects.

ISSUES

None identified. Staff expects to submit an application for grant funding as soon as the environmental assessment can be completed.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City has up to \$50,000 in funds available for this work this fiscal year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Accept Report, Discuss and Comment on Proposed Program

ATTACHMENTS

1. Map of Cypress Ridge from Marin Map
2. Copy of Draft Fire Hazard Severity Zones in LRA dated September 25, 2007, CalFire

PREPARED BY:

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Jonathon Goldman
Director of Public Works

Map



Selected Features



City



Road Names



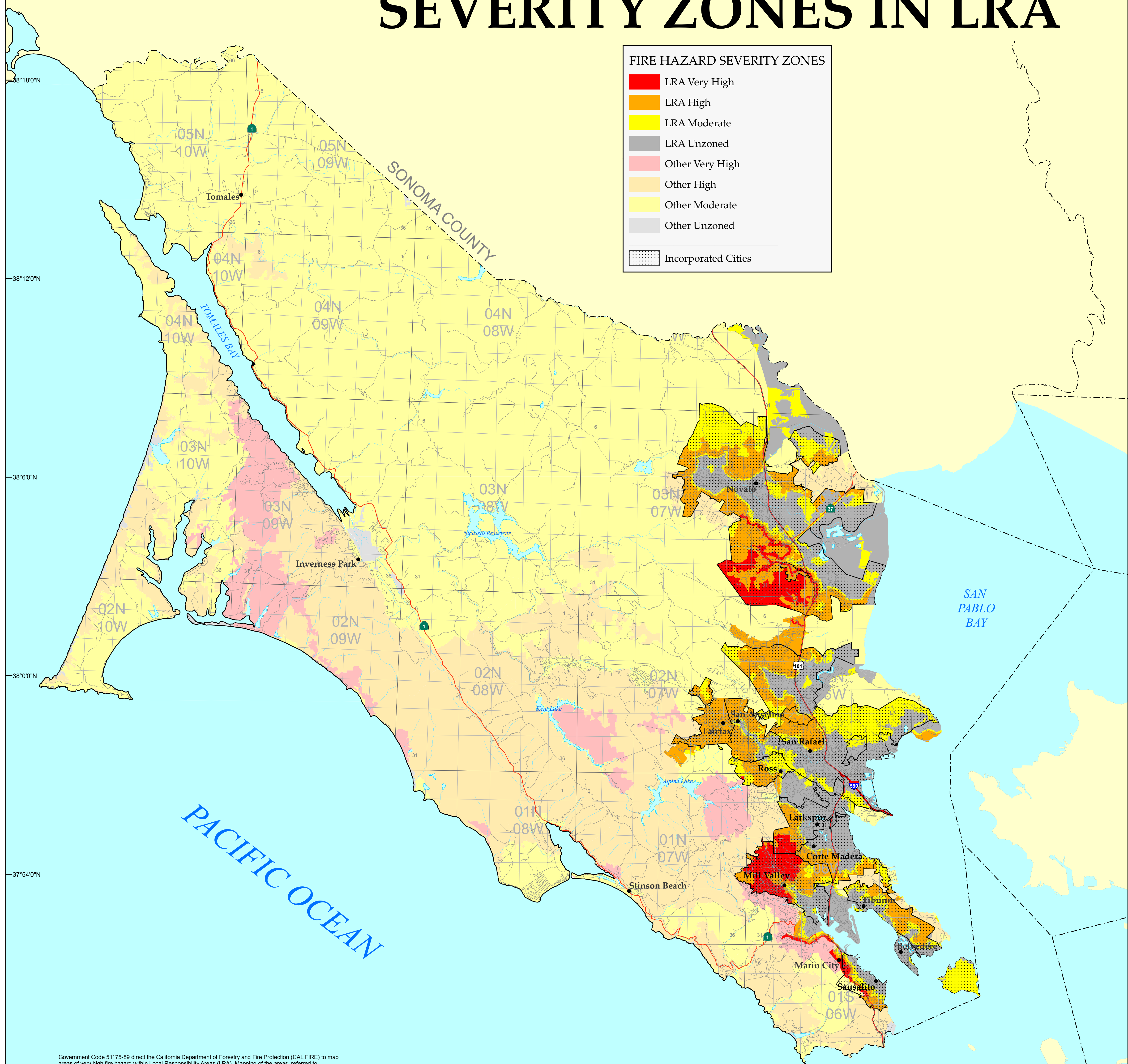
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DRAFT FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES IN LRA

FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES

- LRA Very High
- LRA High
- LRA Moderate
- LRA Unzoned
- Other Very High
- Other High
- Other Moderate
- Other Unzoned
- Incorporated Cities



Government Code 51175-89 direct the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to map areas of very high fire hazard within Local Responsibility Areas (LRA). Mapping of the areas, referred to as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ), is based on relevant factors such as fuels, terrain, and weather. VHFHSZ maps were initially developed in the mid-1990s but are now being updated based on improved science, mapping techniques, and data.

The California Building Commission adopted the Wildland-Urban Interface codes in late 2005 to be effective in 2008. These new codes include provisions to improve the ignition resistance of buildings, especially from firebrands. The updated fire hazard severity zones will be used by building officials to determine appropriate construction materials for new buildings in the Wildland-Urban Interface. The updated zones will also be used by property owners to comply with natural hazards disclosure requirements at time of property sale and 100 foot defensible space clearance. It is likely that the fire hazard severity zones will be used for updates to the safety element of general plans.

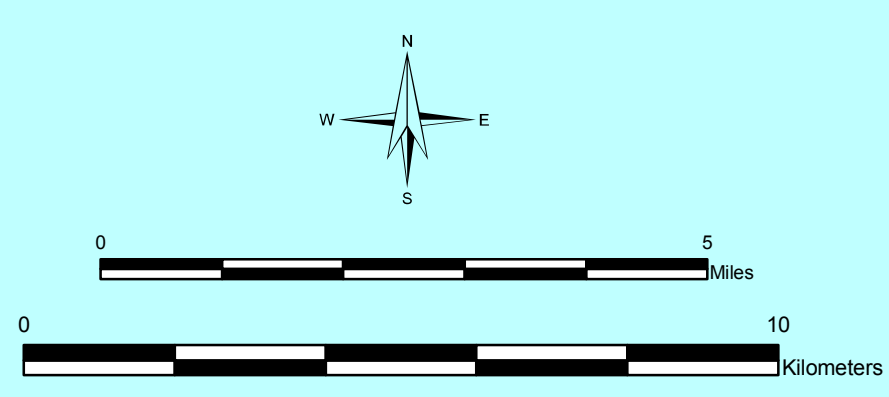
This map has been created by CAL FIRE's Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP) using data and models describing development patterns, potential fuels over a 30-50 year time horizon, expected fire behavior, and expected burn probabilities to quantify the likelihood and nature of vegetation fire exposure (including firebrands) to new construction. Details on the project and specific modeling methodology can be found at <http://frap.cdf.ca.gov/projects/hazardmethods.htm>.

The version dated September 17, 2007 of the map shown here represents draft VHFHSZs within LRA, for review and comment by local government.

An interactive system for viewing map data is hosted by the UC Center for Fire at <http://firecenter.berkeley.edu/fhsz/>.

Questions can be directed to:

Kathleen Schori (Northern Region) (530) 472-3121 kathleen.schori@fire.ca.gov
 Sass Barton (Southern Region) (559) 243-4130 sass.barton@fire.ca.gov



Projection Albers, NAD 1927
 Scale 1: 100,000
 at 25" x 34.5"
 September 25, 2007



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Obtain FRAP maps, data, metadata and publications on the Internet at <http://frap.cdf.ca.gov>
 For more information, contact CAL FIRE-FRAP, PO Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460, (916) 327-3939.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor,
 State of California
 Mike Chrisman, Secretary for Resources,
 The Resources Agency
 Ruben Grijalva, Director,
 Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

MAP ID: FHSZL06_1_MAP
 DATA SOURCES
 CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZL06_1)
 CAL FIRE State Responsibility Areas (SRA05_4)
 CAL FIRE Incorporated Cities (Incorp07_2)
 PLS (1:100,000 USGS, Land Grants with CAL FIRE grid)



Sausalito Parks and Recreation Commission
420 Litho Street, Sausalito, CA 94965
Edgewater Room
Wednesday, March 16, 2011 6:30pm

Minutes

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by John Lerner, Commission Chair.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Sela Seleska, Cindy Powers, John Lerner, Doreen Gounard, Joe Burns and Melissa Mooney

Staff: Mike Langford- Parks and Recreation Director

Minutes

Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2011

- Commissioner Gounard moved, seconded by Commissioner Powers, to approve the minutes from the regular Parks & Recreation meeting of February 16, 2011 with no changes.

Business Items

Council Priority items for FY 2012 (Parks & Recreation Director, Mike Langford)

- Parks and Recreation Director asked the Commission for items that they would like to see on the City's Priority List. The list will be ranked and voted on at an upcoming City Council meeting.
 - Commissioner Seleska would like to develop a plan to celebrate America's Cup with activities
 - Commissioner Powers would like to see street repair improvement for pot-holes
 - Commissioner Gounard would like to see Casa Marina moved forward
 - Commissioner Mooney would like to see the Park Smoking Ban and Community Garden
 - Commissioner Lerner would like to see park improvement repairs

Director's Report (Parks & Recreation Director, Mike Langford)

- Mike Langford gave the Commission updates on: Bond Projects, Robin Sweeny Park, Budget update, Jazz and Blues, Garage Sales, and Caledonia Street Spring Faire

Communication

- Commissioner Burns stated that he was gathering information to present to the Commission on a possible ban on smoking in City Parks.

Adjournment

- Motion made by Commission Mooney "To adjourn." Second by Commissioner Burns.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Langford
Parks and Recreation Director