Excerpt from Atascadero
Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes
January 18, 2007

1. **Review of Draft Commissioner Norms**
   - **Fiscal Impact:** None
   - **Recommendation:** Commission Provide feedback as may be appropriate to City Council [City Attorney]

**Commissioner Discussion**

Commissioner Jack stated that Commissioner Norms numbers 8 and 9 are not necessary, and that Item 16, page 20, bullet #3, could be worded differently, i.e. “Be attentive to all presenters by being an active listener.”

Commissioner Marks referred to Norm number 6 on page 19, and commented that she would prefer not using slang. She suggested rewording that Norm, deleting the first phrase to read “If there is an issue or a question a Commissioner or staff has on an agenda item, they should contact the Director of Community Services prior to the meeting so that staff might be adequately prepared to address such issues during the public meeting.”

Chairperson Mathews suggested the following wording: “Commissioners and/or staff should contact the Director of Community Services prior a meeting if there is an issue or question that a Commissioner or staff person has on an agenda item.”

Student Representative Buck-Moyer suggested inserting the following statement at the end of number 6: “Nurture a good relationship between Commissioners and staff so neither party was caught unaware of an issue in a public meeting.”

Commissioner Ausman stated he was confused by the request for Norms, and has strong concerns about the constitutionality of dictating behavior and not appreciating that people act and behave in different ways.

Commissioner Butz suggested there might be an orientation session with a video before becoming a Commissioner, and commented that she is a little distressed with all of this.

Commissioner Jack suggested that Norms number 6 and 8 could be combined into one.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None