



**City of Santa Barbara**  
Parks and Recreation Department

**Memorandum**

**DATE:** July 17, 2008

**TO:** Park and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Douglas Family Preserve (DFP) Technical Advisory Committee

**SUBJECT:** **ANNUAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008**

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**Committee Members**

George Yatchisin completed his term in December 2007 and Robert Haines began his service in 2008. Other members include Jim Andelman, Kathleen Modugno, Doug Fischer and Cricket Wood (Chair).

**Park and Recreation Commission Liaison**

Beebe Longstreet

**Appointment Process and Meeting Schedule**

City Council appoints members once yearly. Meetings are generally scheduled for the second Tuesday of the quarter at 5:30 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room. Meeting dates for 2008 are March 12, June 10, September 9, and December 9.

**Member Representation**

1 member	Community At Large
1 member	Dog Owner/Preserve User
1 member	Neighborhood Representative
2 members	Scientific Community

**Committee Projects/Activities**

The DFP Technical Advisory Committee teamed up with the Parks Division and the Friends of the DFP to hold a second community planting day on March 15, 2008. Over 35 volunteers participated in the planting of 750 native grasses and shrubs. The Technical Advisory Committee is working on plans for a 2009 community planting event.

The Committee continued to advise on new interpretive and regulatory signs for the DFP.

### **Recommendations/Concerns**

The DFP Technical Advisory Committee has recommended enhancement of monarch butterfly habitat at the DFP. The plant pallet for habitat enhancement will include plants that provide nectar for monarch butterflies and food for their larval stage. Throughout the year, the Committee discussed its interest in addressing issues of erosion and native planting restoration along the coastal bluff with the understanding that such activities would require a coastal development permit, environmental review and permitting.