



**CITY OF RED BLUFF
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
COMMISSION MINUTES**



Date of Meeting: January 11, 2017

Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Place of meeting: Red Bluff Council Chambers
555 Washington Street
Red Bluff, California

Commissioners Present: Patricia Phillips
Gerry Reyes
Rachel Bentley
Michael Hawthorne
Bob Martin (Arrived at 7:15)

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Chris Hurton, Community
Center/Recreation Supervisor
Erin Luevano, Lead Recreation
Coordinator

Chairperson Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hawthorne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CITIZENS COMMENT:

None.

C. CURRENT BUSINESS

1. **Approval of Minutes** – December 14, 2016 MSC
Reyes/Bentley 4-0

2. Welcome New Commissioners

Recommendation: That the Parks & Recreation Commission welcome new commissioners Rachel Bentley and Michael Hawthorne.

Discussion: Recreation Supervisor Hurton asked the new members why they chose to seek a position on the commission.

Commissioner Rachel Bentley said she is interested to see what parks & recreation is about and to see how it affects the community and kids.

Commissioner Michael Hawthorne explained that he participated in recreation programs,

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including the Summer Fun Zone, as a kid. He later volunteered and now wants to give back through this opportunity.

3. Election of Officers (Action Item)

Recommendation: That the Parks & Recreation Commission elect a chairperson and vice chairperson for 2017.

Discussion: Chairperson Phillips shared that recent elections had been made according to seniority on the Commission, but pattern did not need to continue.

Action: The Commission elected Patricia Phillips as chairperson for 2017. MSC Reyes/Bentley 4-0

The Commission elected Rachel Bentley as vice chairperson for 2017. MSC Phillips/Hawthorne 4-0

4. Parks and Recreation Commission Purpose and Duties

Recommendation: That the Parks & Recreation Commission consider its powers and duties as described in chapter 2, article 4 of the City of Red Bluff's codified

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ordinances and discuss how to best fulfill them.

Discussion: Recreation Supervisor Hurton presented the duties and responsibilities of the commission as recorded in the city code. The commission expressed a desire to do more to help the Parks and Recreation Department fulfill the function to “provide opportunities for wholesome year-round public recreation service for each age group and to develop and maintain in an attractive and safe manner the parks and recreation areas and facilities of the city, and to ensure that the facilities are suitable for a wide variety of recreation purposes.”

5. Dog Park Progress Update

Recommendation: That the Parks & Recreation Commission receive an update on dog park progress from Commissioner Martin.

Discussion: Commissioner Martin summarized the history of the dog park project and explained that wet weather has delayed progress.

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. Recreation Report

Recreation Supervisor Hurton reported that 342 attended the Children's Christmas Festival and 94 received home delivered gifts through the program. Tehama Together coordinated an event that brought multiple organizations and nearly 100 volunteers and performers together for a successful event.

Lead Recreation Coordinator Erin Luevano reported positive trends in attendance, revenue and staff morale at holiday break camps. Attendance averaged 27 per camp and the fees were able to offset costs for staff and materials. Music Camp will be held February 12-24 and Animal Camp April 17-21.

Luevano reported that the Cool Club Sweetheart Dance for developmentally disabled adults will be held on February 13th at 6pm.

Volleyball has a record 23 teams participating. The increase is due to growing popularity of coed volleyball, which now has 11 teams.

Hurton reported that the Ride On Race Series, which is put on in partnership with Red Bluff Parks and

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Recreation had approximately 40 competitors for the first race, which was held at Dog Island Park on January 7th. The remaining Red Bluff races are Forward Park on January 21st and Trainor Park on January 28th. The Daily News covered the first race prominently in the sports section of the paper.

Six teams signed up for basketball this season. Play begins Tuesday January 17th.

Hurton reported that the Bob Grace photography classes have been cancelled due to a family crisis. Two new organizations have applied as contractors to host a skate camp and STEM/Soccer camp this coming summer, their proposals will be considered.

Hurton reported that he has joined the Tehama County Health Partnership in an attempt to coordinate the health benefits of park facilities and recreation services.

Hurton has also joined the Tehama County Elder Council to work with other agencies to provide improved services to our senior citizens.

Hurton has also joined the Tehama County Coordinating Council for the Developmentally

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Disabled in order to collaborate on events and activities to meet the needs of this community.

E. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairperson Phillips adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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