



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



Date of Meeting: May 11, 2016

Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

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

Commissioners Present: Mike Jensen
Bob Martin
Gerry Reyes

Commissioners Absent: Patricia Phillips
Ryan Gamboa

Staff Present: Bruce Henz, Public Works Director
Chris Hurton, Community
Center/Recreation Supervisor

Commissioner Mike Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Mike Jensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CITIZENS COMMENT:

none

C. CURRENT BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2016 MSC Bob – Patricia

2. Discussion of ADA Needs in Parks

Recommendation: That the Parks & Recreation Commission receive input from citizen Larry Stevens regarding path of access and other ADA considerations for current and future projects.

Discussion: Larry Stevens concerned Red Bluff citizen addressed the commission regarding his past contributions toward accessibility improvements in the City of Red Bluff. He urged the commission to consider improving accessibility in City parks. Mr. Stevens provided the commission with photographs of deficiencies in the area of Trainor Park.

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He suggested that improvements in path of travel and ADA amenities would increase the community's attractiveness to potential business.

Commissioner Martin expressed that as a businessman, his desire is to make improvements, but resources are limited.

Mr. Stevens agreed that resources are limited, but emphasized that disabled people have a right to quality of life. He suggested that grants are available to help the City to make improvements.

Commissioner Martin described efforts of the Friends of the Dog Park committee to provide access to the Sher Wintle Memorial Dog Park.

Mr. Stevens noted that people with power chairs also have dogs and would like to enjoy the dog park. He suggested that an accessibility plan be created for the dog park and other parks, even if funds are not available to implement it now.

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Mr. Stevens summarized that we have a lot of problems in our parks, but accessibility shouldn't be one of them.

3. Report on Tehama Together Dog Park Meeting

Recommendation: That the Parks & Recreation Commission receive the report from Tehama Together's Dog Park Committee meeting.

Discussion: Commissioner Martin gave an update on the work of Friends of the Red Bluff Dog Park in procuring bids for fencing. The City of Red Bluff Parks Department has removed sprinklers from the park area. Commissioner Martin and Mr. Wintle are working to prepare the ground for decomposed granite. Commissioner Martin noted that dog parks are frequented by the retired and disabled, which has inspired the FotRBDP make adjustments to gate placement and fence design to improve accessibility.

Mr. Stevens suggested an onsite dog waste incinerator that could produce energy to power lights.

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Commissioner Jensen recommended that FotRBDP consider safety of park goers and nearby students when spraying to kill the grass in the area of the Sher Wintle Memorial Park. Public Works Director Henz instructed any volunteers to work safely and within their training and ability

4. Discussion of Future Projects of Emphasis

Recommendation: That the Parks & Recreation Commission continue to consider how best to determine which projects to emphasize in the future.

Discussion: Mr. Stevens suggested that key contributors to the skate park's development be recognized on a monument as part of future parks development. He offered his scrapbook as a source of history and context for the skate park

Commissioner Martin stated his interest in supporting completion of a skate arena at Diamond Park as the next project of emphasis. Mr. Stevens suggested applying for assistance from the Community Center

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Auxiliary through their community grant program

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. Recreation Report

Supervisor Hurton reported that an ADA drinking fountain is being installed on the main deck of the pool. A few lifeguards are working on a mural at the entrance as a volunteer project. The Red Bluff Tritons have agreed to loan lane lines for use during lap swim. The pool will be cleaned after Memorial Day.

The Aqua Ducks swim team will participate in the morning lap swim on a regular basis. The time has been changed to 7am start to accommodate their needs and lifeguard work restrictions.

Supervisor Hurton will teach Lifeguard and Lifeguard recertification classes this month.

Supervisor Hurton reported that 36 applied for 6 lifeguard positions and 73 applied for 10 recreation positions. The increase in applicants was in part due to participation in 3 job fairs.

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Hurton reported that the large number of recreation applicants were evaluated through a group interview process that went very well.

Five lifeguards are signed up to take a WSI certification course, which will allow the pool to offer Red Cross lessons again. This has not been possible for several years.

Hurton shared that the City Council has approved a new fee schedule.

E. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Jensen asked for progress on the Dog Island ADA improvements. Director Henz reported that the projected is out for bid.

Commissioner Jensen asked about progress on the Boat Launch. Director Henz reported that meetings are continuing and he is confident that progress will continue through the permit process to begin construction.

Commissioner Martin asked about the progress on the Airport Restaurant. Director Henz reported that

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the contractor has had an interruption and hopes to resume work soon.

Commissioner Jensen adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.