



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



Date of Meeting: September 14, 2016

Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

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

Commissioners Present: Patricia Phillips
Mike Jensen
Bob Martin
Ryan Gamboa (Joined at 7:04)

Commissioners Absent: Gerry Reyes

Staff Present: Rick Crabtree, City Manager
Chris Hurton, Community Center/Recreation
Supervisor

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Commissioner Jensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CITIZENS COMMENT:

None.

C. CURRENT BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes – August 10, 2016 MSC
Martin/Jensen 3-0 (Gamboa, Reyes absent)

1. Dog Park Progress Update

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

Discussion: Commissioner Martin reported that the dog park committee met with City staff and received direction to correct fence post installation, and to properly connect to a potable water supply and construct an ADA path of travel to picnic benches and water fountains.

City staff also requested that the enclosures be landscaped with decomposed granite to improve ease of cleanup and maintenance.

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This was included as a condition of the original approval by City Council.

Martin reported that fundraising and community involvement are going well.

City Manager Crabtree presented a letter from Red Bluff Elementary School District requiring an alley between the Vista School Property and the east fence of both the large and small enclosures.

Martin expressed that he would bring this to the dog park committee and work with City staff to accommodate the request.

2. Red Bluff Soccer Park Lighting Project Update

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

Discussion: Commissioner Martin reported that lighting project was previewed by the City's Technical Advisory Committee and will have to formally be submitted for approval by the architect hired to design this project.

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Martin expressed enthusiasm for the feasibility of the project.

Chairperson Phillips noted that she has written the letter of support from the Commission for the project and has sent a copy to each Commissioner.

Commissioner Jensen asked what the extent of the Commission's involvement with the project will be.

Martin clarified that he has joined their committee as an individual. The Commission is not committed to involvement beyond the letter of support.

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. Recreation Report

Supervisor Hurton reported that fall softball has fewer teams, so Tosh Field is sufficient for this season. Three lights on Tosh have stopped working and staff has yet to determine the cause. There is no progress in resolving the Frey Field lighting issues.

Hurton reported that eleven volleyball teams and one basketball team have signed up. Several more managers have expressed interest via text, phone or email. Coed volleyball continues to increase in popularity. In response to concerns over the cost of basketball, we have chosen to offer less expensive options, including a call-your-own foul league. The traditional format of two paid officials will continue to be offered and any options with at least four teams will be scheduled.

Farmer's Markets have ended, but Red Bluff Parks and Recreation will provide children's activities on October 2nd at the Red Bluff Antique and Shabby Chic Street Fair. The department decorated a table at the Chamber of Commerce dinner and will display flyers in Tehama Together's booth at the Tehama District Fair. Supervisor Hurton is developing advertisements for recreation and the Community Center that will be displayed prior to movies at Prime Cinemas Red Bluff.

The annual C.O.O.L Club Halloween dance will be held on October 19th. Lead Recreation Coordinator, Erin Luevano will begin attending meetings with the Tehama County Coordinating Council for Developmental Disabilities in order to better coordinate our services.

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Hurton reported that he has begun talking with Pastor Nat Porter of River Community Church to plan for the Harvest Hoedown family square dance and carnival on October 31st.

Tehama Together will once again take the lead in coordinating the Children's Christmas Festival. This year's date will be December 17th. The planning committee decided to stay with the application process, but hopes to double the number of applicants from 100 families to 200 families this year.

Chairperson Phillips expressed support for the Children's Christmas Festival and the cooperation of the agencies involved. She informed the Commission that the Toys for Tots organization has a need for storage in order to collect toys this year, as their previous arrangements are no longer available.

Supervisor Hurton attended a presentation by local pickleball enthusiasts at the Lincoln Street tennis courts. They have requested that pickleball lines be painted. The department of education will consider this project.

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Chuck Richardson donated a chandelier and ceiling fan to the Community Center. County maintenance staff installed the chandelier in the lobby and the fan in the Fireside Room. Both improvements have received several compliments.

The Community Center Auxiliary recently held their 19th Annual Craft Fair, featuring 28 local vendors, a raffle and snack bar. Sunrise Bible Fellowship partnered with the auxiliary to put on this year's event. The proceeds will be split 50/50 between the Auxiliary, for Community Center improvements, and Sunrise Bible Fellowship to help support an orphanage in India.

The Red Bluff Community Center Commission is still looking for an applicant for the at large community member vacancy. Though the deadline passed, they will still consider letters of interest at the 6:00pm meeting on Thursday September 15th.

Commissioner Martin asked how well the City and County have been working together.

City Manager Crabtree expressed that while there have been a few hiccups, he believes the relationship is heading in the right direction.

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E. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairperson Phillips noted that there are slots open to non-profits in the Tehama Together fair booth, and suggested that the dog park might benefit from participating.

Phillips also offered to promote a public interest survey for Parks and Recreation at the fair.

Gamboa thanked the City and the Commission for the privilege of serving as a Commissioner. The Commission thanked him for his service.

Commissioner Jensen expressed an interest in clarifying the mission of the Parks and Recreation Commission. This will be addressed on a future agenda.

Chairperson Phillips adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.