



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



Date of Meeting: August 10, 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
Gerry Reyes

Commissioners Absent: Ryan Gamboa

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

Chairperson Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CITIZENS COMMENT:

None.

C. CURRENT BUSINESS

1. **Approval of Minutes** – July 13, 2016 MSC Martin/Reyes 4-0

2. **Red Bluff Soccer Park Lighting Project**

Recommendation: That the Parks & Recreation Commission receive a presentation from Steve Bronze and the Red Bluff Youth Soccer League about their field lighting project and consider ways to support the project as a commission.

Discussion: Commissioner Martin introduced Steve Bronze the president of Red Bluff Youth Soccer League, saying the project is a good and needed thing.

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Mr. Bronze discussed the process of gaining approval for a lighting project at the Red Bluff Soccer Park. He and the Red Bluff Youth Soccer League board have worked with area agencies in developing a plan. Director Henz helped them to determine requirements to accommodate the flight plan the City of Red Bluff. and Red Bluff High School and have received engineering and design for the project by Moscow. The cost for the project is estimated at approximately \$750,000.

Commissioner Martin asked how many fields were in use and how many kids participate. Mr. Bronze described that five fields of varying sizes accommodate about 1,000 kids per year.

Commissioner Jensen asked how much RBHSD had offered to contribute. Mr. Bronze explained that exact numbers have not been discussed, but there is a possibility of bond or grant money to contribute. The district has also committed to paying for the electrical use.

Commissioner Reyes asked who and how the lights would be controlled. He also asked about lighting in the parking lot. Mr. Bronze explained the remote control system and stated that parking lot lighting was not in the current plan.

Commissioner Martin asked how much funding has been raised. Mr. Bronze explained that \$100,000 is currently available and the league continues candy sales, pancake breakfast and other fundraisers.

Mr. Bronze noted that a parent in their league is currently writing a grant application to Moscow for the cost of the lights themselves. The league will pursue other sources of funding through grants and community sponsorships as well.

Mr. Henz stated that the plans will need to go before the Community Development Director, Scott Friend, and the Technical Advisory Committee before being implemented.

Mr. Reyes asked if the City could waive the planning fee. Director Henz stated that it could be a possibility.

Chairperson Phillips offered to write a letter from the Red Bluff Parks & Recreation Commission endorsing the project.

M/S/C Commissioners Jensen/martin to support and endorse the Red Bluff Soccer Park lighting project. 4-0

3. Dog Park Progress Update

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

Discussion: Commissioner Martin reported that Earl Wintle and a small team of volunteers set the poles for fences.

Commissioner Martin made arrangements for engraved concrete tables that meet ADA requirements and worked with a local blacksmith to fabricate drinking fountains with dog bowls for the park.

Mr. Henz pointed out that an ADA path of travel will be required to one or more of the tables and benches, along with other grading considerations.

Several local businesses have made contributions.

The Sher Wintle Memorial Dog Park group is also researching water features and other improvements for the park.

Chairperson Phillips suggested that the rules sign list abbreviated rules and refer park users to a website for the full version.

Phillips shared an invitation from Tehama Together for the dog park group and Red Bluff Youth Soccer to staff their booth at the fair for four hours to feature their projects.

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. Recreation Report

Supervisor Hurton reported that the McGlynn Pool has closed for the season. Despite a significant price increase that was necessitated by rising minimum wage, swimming lesson participation was the highest in available records (dating back to 2010) with 275 children benefiting from instruction. This was in part due to the quality instruction offered by our 6 WSI certified guards. Total revenues for the pool increased 57% over the previous season.

Hurton reported that the summer softball season is wrapped up and registration for fall ball is underway. The lights at Frey Field still trip the main breaker, which will become an issue once again as days shorten.

Hurton reported that the Summer Fun Zone experienced growing pains as increased participation put strain on facility and staff, but Lead Recreation Coordinator, Erin Luevano, and her team rose to the challenge to provide a quality summer program. 91 unique children participated, with a limit of 70 at a time enforced. While fees remained the same, revenues exceeded last year by 43% and more than covered the cost of staff and supplies. Partnership with CCRE and CalWorks allowed 19 children from low income families to participate at free or reduced rates.

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The Red Bluff Community Center Commission has been created and will hold its first meeting at 6:00pm on September 15th at the Center. City Council Members Danielle Jackson and Clay Parker will be joined by County Supervisors Candy Carlson and Steve Chamblin and a community member at large to be named.

E. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Public Works Director Bruce Henz announced that he has resigned, effective August 31st. He thanked the commission for their valuable service to the community, saying he will miss them.

The commission expressed appreciation for Director Henz's support and wisdom in pursuing their projects.

Chairperson Phillips adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

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