



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



Date of Meeting: December 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

Commissioners Absent: Ryan Gamboa  
Gerry Reyes

Staff Present: Chris Hurton, Community Center/Recreation Supervisor

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

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Jensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. CITIZENS COMMENT:**

None.

**C. CURRENT BUSINESS**

1. **Approval of Minutes** – October 12, 2016 MSC Martin/Jensen 3-0

1. **Recognition of Commissioner Jensen**

Recommendation: That the Parks & Recreation Commission recognize Mike Jensen for his four years of service.

Discussion: Commissioner Jensen served from September 2012 to December 2016. Jensen expressed appreciation to city employees and community volunteers for their efforts to maintain and improve the parks. The commission thanked him for his faithfulness, insights into playground safety issues and construction expertise.

2. **Playground Equipment and Safety Surfacing Project**

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Recommendation: That the Parks & Recreation Commission receive an informational presentation on the replacement of one of the River Park playgrounds and installation of additional safety surfacing in all playgrounds.

Discussion: Rec Supervisor Hurton reported that Park Supervisor Mike Skelton headed up an effort to replace the small playground at River Park and replenish the engineered bark in all playgrounds using funds from the ¼ cent sales tax. Commissioner Jensen asked if the bark met ADA requirements. Hurton confirmed that it both satisfies ADA requirements and provides fall safety. Commissioner Phillips asked who made the decision how to spend that money. Hurton explained that the majority of the funds will go to the purchase and installation of bark, which was an urgent priority as having inadequate fall protection poses a safety hazard.

### **3. 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 progress to date and thanked the late Sher Wintle's husband Earl and their family for donating the new dog-bone shaped sign. Commissioner Jensen noted that the park is already being used by dogs and their owners who look forward to being able to let their dogs off leash. Martin explained that the dog park is expected to open without water and the fountains will be installed at a later date. Hurton pointed out that a functioning fountain is located at Tosh Field, a few hundred feet away.

## **D. STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. Recreation Report**

Supervisor Hurton reported that the Cattail Art Project, by the AB109 welding program has installed the primary feature of the art display at River Park. They will do some landscaping and add a few supplemental pieces to finish off the project.

Hurton reported that fall softball has finished. There was good balance in the skill level of the teams, leading to several upset victories throughout the tournament. Ultimately, Bob's Tire won their 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive coed title.

Hurton reported that 21 volleyball teams played this fall; 12 in the women's division and 9 in coed. The coed champion is Alpha Squad. Both women's leagues are have another night of playoffs. Players have expressed interest in a more competitive coed league that allows men to hit overhand, and a competitive women's league with a paid official to call technical violations. Staff will continue to work to meet the needs of our participants.

Basketball has one open league with 7 teams. Only one team registered for the less expensive league options, so we continue to use two paid officials. Championship night is Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>. After multiple suspensions for misconduct last season, the

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league has not had any suspensions or ejections this season. Players have commented that the officiating has improved and the league is more fun. Registration for the winter season that runs from January – March is underway. New teams continue to join.

Hiring is open for basketball officials. Job transfer and injury have depleted the staff, so the City is looking for 2-3 applicants.

24 children participated in the Fall Fest kids camp Thanksgiving week, including 5 CCRE participants. The rec department purchased a tablet computer to allow rec staff to complete and sign electronic timecards.

Through the end of November, Recreation revenue is down nearly \$1,000 compared to last year. This is largely due to a significant reduction in softball teams that played in summer and fall.

Pool expenses are down nearly \$12,000 which reflects the decision not to run the pumps or chlorinate the pool as much in the off-season.

Community Center Revenues are up \$3,000 at the close of November, after being down \$3,000 through the first quarter. Staff has transitioned to using an online program called All Seated to customize scaled room layouts, the features have been well received by renters. The program is free of charge for the Center and its patrons.

An AB109 crew worked for three days to help Community Center staff catch up on deferred landscaping maintenance. The crew cleared trees and brush from contact with the building and roof, and eliminated any hiding places in the bushes. Many seniors and renters complimented the crew on their hard work.

Supervisor Hurton has joined the Tehama County Elder Services Council in an attempt to provide better services to seniors. He has also joined the Tehama County Health Partnership to facilitate emphasizing health through recreation.

## **E. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chairperson Phillips adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

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