



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



Date of Meeting: March 8, 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
Rachel Bentley
Michael Hawthorne
Bob Martin
Gerry Reyes

Commissioners Absent:

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 Bob Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CITIZENS COMMENT:

None.

C. CURRENT BUSINESS

1. **Approval of Minutes** – February 8, 2017 MSC Martin/Reyes 5-0

2. **Little Free Library (Action Item)**

Recommendation: That the Parks & Recreation Commission review the proposal to install and stock attractive weatherproof boxes with free books in high traffic areas within City parks and give direction to City staff.

Discussion: Citizen Carrie Wiltse proposed building and installing “Little Free Libraries” in City of Red Bluff parks. She noted the value of reading and explained how these portable book depositories would encourage reading among children when placed in areas frequented by children, such as near playgrounds.

Wiltse explained her plan to recruit stewards for each library. The steward would be responsible for registering, maintaining and stocking the library.

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Commissioner Martin expressed concern over vandalism.

Commissioner Reyes suggested mounting the libraries facing North to increase longevity of the structures.

Action: Motion to recommend that staff coordinate with Mrs. Wiltse to establish Little Free Libraries in City of Red Bluff parks.

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3. 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 all fences and gates have been completed. A drain has been installed to prevent water from pooling during storms. Dog waste collection stations are in hand and will be installed soon.

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. Recreation Report

Recreation Supervisor Hurton reported that the River Park playground has been completed and that the restrooms have been reopened at all parks. He reported that Parks staff continues to struggle against illegal dumping and messes caused by people foraging for recyclables.

The annual Civil War Days reenactment is scheduled for April 29 & 30. City staff will coordinate park cleanup efforts to prepare for the event.

Hurton reported that softball registration is open for the Summer season. An AB109 crew helped to prepare the ball fields and Trainor Park for the coming season by clearing drains, cleaning dugout and grandstand areas and assisting with weed abatement.

The department is currently hiring a part time Recreation Maintenance Worker to prepare ball fields and will open other seasonal positions for the pool and children's program on March 17th.

Hurton reported that City Council has approved the Auxiliary Pool Resurfacing project and the City will accept proposals for the project.

E. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairperson Phillips adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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