



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



Date of Meeting: May 13, 2021  
Time of Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

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

Commissioners Present: Patricia Phillips  
Jennifer Torres  
Addison Snodgrass  
Derrick Watson

Commissioners Absent: Vici Miranda

Councilmembers Present: Daniele Eyestone, Mayor Pro Tem

Public Present: Sarah Benjaram

Staff Present: Karen Shaffer, Community Center/Recreation Supervisor

Commissioner Phillips called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. CITIZENS COMMENT:**

1. Mayor Pro Tem Eyestone stated that she had researched the issue of Commissioners not living in the city limits. There isn't a policy that states a commissioner must live in the city limits.
2. Sarah Benjaram said she would like to start a community garden and wanted to know what she would need to do to start one. Chair Phillip suggested she contact Tehama Together 527-2223. They have community garden projects ongoing and have money, tools, and expertise to help. Commissioner Torres suggested Sarah get a group together with a short term and long-term plan on how the garden would be managed and maintained.

**C. CURRENT BUSINESS**

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1. **Introduction of New Commissioner Derrick Watson:** Chair Phillips introduced Derrick Watson as the new Commissioner who is replacing Rachel Bentley. Watson is an elementary physical education teacher for the Red Bluff Elementary School District and assistant football coach for Red Bluff High School.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** April 8, 2021 MSC Torres/ Watson 3-0.
3. **Sher Wintle Memorial Dog Park Discussion:** Phillips updated the Commissioners on the Dog Park. She stated that the committee is developing a Development Committee. There will be a press release meeting scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at the Dog Park to try to recruit public members who will be interested in being on the Development Committee. Eyestone asked when there would be grass and shade at the Dog Park. Phillips stated that the Development Committee needed to be formed before they could announce specifics.
4. **Diamond Skate Park:** Commissioner Torres reported that the idea of Spray N Skate is to give kids ownership of the art at the Skate Park. She stated that she is not able to organize anything before July and asked to be on the July agenda. After a plan is put together, it will need to be approved by the City Council. Eyestone confirmed that the plan should be approved by City Council.
5. **Reporting to City Council:** Chair Phillips stated that the City Council would like a commissioner to volunteer to report on the Parks and Recreation Commissioner meetings. Phillips volunteered to report at the May 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Torres volunteered to report at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
6. **Painting Murals on the Two New Barbeques:** (Action Item)

Recommendation: That Parks & Recreation Commission recommend Tehama Creatives paint the selected murals on the two new barbeques. The barbeque going into Forward Park would be painted the honeybee design. The barbeque going into the Main Park would be painted in blue waves.

Action: Torres made a motion to recommend City Council approve the honeybee mural design to be painted on the barbeque that is going into Forward Park and that the City will pay for the paint and supplies to Tehama Creatives. MSC Torres/Watson 4-0.

#### D. STAFF REPORTS

**Recreation Report:** Shaffer reported:

- The McGlynn pool will open June 12<sup>th</sup>. Eleven people are in the process of getting lifeguard certificates and seven water safety certificates.
- COVID-19 restrictions are anticipated to be lifted June 15<sup>th</sup>. Human Resources has started to recruit for softball umpires/scorekeepers.

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- Recruitment for Recreation Coordinators and Leaders is complete and Fun Zone will start June 9<sup>th</sup> at Bidwell School.
- Adopt A Park is online and available to groups who want to volunteer in the parks.
- The City was awarded the McConnell Fund of Community Foundation grant of \$32,699.00 to replace the wooden train at Diamond Park.

**E. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

- Phillips stated she'd send out reminders to join the Sher Wintle Dog Park Committee meeting May 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm.
- Eyestone recommended that Sarah reach out to Slow Foods, Farmer's Market, and Field to Fork. Torres recommended that she form a group and present a proposal to the Parks and Rec. Commission to be approved by City Council. Eyestone offered to help Sarah make contact with other groups that are in the process of starting gardens.

Commissioner Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.

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