



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



Date of Meeting: Wednesday, December 9, 2009
Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Place of meeting: Community Center, City Hall
1500 South Jackson Street
Red Bluff, Ca

Commissioners Present: Dan Backstrom, Chairman
Steve Piffero, Vice Chairman
Fred Avila
Yollanda Ragsdale
Mike Shaffer
Shane Graham

Commissioners Absent: Rachelle Sousa

Staff Present: Debbie Carlisi, Parks and Recreation Director
Anita Rice, Administrative Assistant

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Piffero motioned to approve the October 7, 2009 minutes and Student Representative Graham seconded the motion.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

C. Citizens Comment: None

D. Current Business:

1. Introduction of New Commissioners

Parks and Recreation Director, Debbie Carlisi introduced Tim Morehouse and Amanda Wigno to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Tim and Amanda will begin their term in January 2010. Director Carlisi thanked Chairman Dan Backstrom, Commissioner Yollanda Ragsdale and Student Representative Shane Graham for their service.

2. Staff Report

Parks maintenance supervisor Mike Skelton submitted pictures to the Commissioners showing how bad the graffiti is getting at Diamond Park. A picture of staff installing the sprinkler system described the time consuming work done by the understaffed crew.

Commissioner Ragsdale noted from Mike Skelton's staff report, there were a lot of repairs made in the parks due to vandalism in October and November.

3. Recreation Wish List and River Park

Director Carlisi presented a conceptualized picture of the sand bar at River Park dredged out creating an island in the middle with water flowing on either side along with a bridge at the South end.

4. Prop 84- Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program

The commissioner's discussed the pros and cons of several options in park development.

Commissioner Backstrom and Commissioner Avila expressed interest in developing the Brickyard Creek Bike Trails.

Commissioner Backstrom liked Director Carlisi's idea of expanding Trainor Park by adding a baseball diamond, trails and a concession stand.

Commissioner Piffero spoke about expanding Trainor Park into the City Corp Yard so that a fourth baseball diamond could be added along with a concession stand.

Commissioner Avila pointed out that the grant is not limited to one project. He suggested expanding the River Park to the Westside of Main Street where the old trails were going to go; it would include 427 low income people.

Commissioner Shaffer requested a plot plan of Trainor Park.

Director Carlisi reminded the Commissioners that in order to acquire the grant money, the community must be involved and gave an example of the ideas the Blues for the Pool organization had.

Commissioner Ragsdale suggested involving groups like the Girl and Boy Scouts to attract attendance.

The Commissioners discussed ways of attracting the community to the meetings such as passing out flyers, meeting at the Community Center and, suggesting three park development ideas to motivate creative thinking.

Vice Chairman Piffero moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Ragsdale seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will held January 13, 2009 at the Red Bluff City Hall Council Chambers at 555 Washington Street, Red Bluff, Ca 96080.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Rice
Administrative Assistant