



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



**May 14, 2008**

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The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Red Bluff City Council Chambers.

Commissioners Present: Daniel Backstrom,  
Lauren Phillips, Yollanda Ragsdale,  
Steve Piffero, Greg Ellis, Richard  
Clapp, Rachelle Sousa

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Deborah Carlisi, Director  
Anita Rice, Administrative Assistant

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Richard Clapp and seconded by Greg Ellis. The April 9th, 2008 minutes were approved with an unanimous vote.

**C. Citizens Comment:** None

**D. Current Business:**

**1. Monthly Staff Reports**

Steve Piffero inquired as to when the Tiny Tot Pools would be cleaned. Debbie Carlisi reported the pools

would be filled and inspected by May 30<sup>th</sup>. With the water collecting on the black covers the concern of mosquitoes was brought up and Greg Ellis suggested lifting the tarps to remove the standing water. Steve Piffero inquired about the damaged table at the Skate Park by a car. He mentioned fencing off the parking area Debbie Carlisi reported that Skate Park Phase Two has been put out to bid, and received a bid of a 82 slot parking lot that came out to \$326- thousand and we only have \$323- thousand so we cut the parking lot back to 41 slots keeping everything ADA acceptable. Once the plan is put into place, the public will not be able to drive up into that area.

## **2. Pool Update**

Debbie Carlisi reported that the City of Red Bluff is working with Aquatic Design out of San Diego CA. We asked them for a report on how to update the pool with our \$233,000 and the report they submitted didn't meet our pools needs as far as updating the pool in the most efficient manner. We are working with environmental health and they told us as long as we have a pool plan, they did not expect us to have all of the ADA upgrades done immediately and we can work in those requirements as part of the plan. This gives us a few more years instead of updating everything at once. Debbie reported that the pool will open on June 9, 2008 and we have 8 school parties planned prior to the opening.

### **3. Canoe Races**

The Canoe Races will be held on May 17, 2008 and the Friday night prior, there will be a show and shine along with the movie "The River Runs Wild" featuring Meryl Streep. Debbie Carlisi reported that besides the Canoe and Kayak Race, there is the Dutch Oven Cook Off and we have 21 cooks. We have vendors, a greasy water balloon toss, face painting, and four bands from the Black Top Blues Society.

### **4. Tehama County Bikeways Plan**

Debbie Carlisi reported that the Bikeway Plan has to be updated every four years and adopted by the Board of Supervisors and the City Council. We took it to City Council and asked them to review it. We asked for public comment and nobody showed up.

### **5. Red Bluff Trails Update**

No new updates.

### **6. Boys and Girls Club Partnership**

Greg Ellis reported they had their weekly meeting last week and everything is going great. The club is having some fund raisers coming up and the next event will be at the Canoe / Kayak race.

## **7. Commissioners' comments**

Richard Clapp asked for extra agendas and Debbie Carlisi said we could print them off as needed inside the City Hall Office

Greg Ellis didn't have any comments.

Dan Backstrom asked how Parks and Recreation goes about raising money for dangerous situations such as transients living at Forward Park. Debbie reported that safety issues would take precedence over how the money is spent. Dan Backstrom requested that an RV Park be added to Dog Island Park with an attendant. He requested that this idea go before City Council and Debbie Carlisi suggested talking with Scott Timboe in planning.

Rachelle Souza inquired about the possibility of having day camp at Forward Park in the summer for the children. Debbie Carlisi reported that transportation is an issue along with the limited bathrooms. She also reported that Parks and Recreation is offering a 5 hour camp called the Funzone from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm and we are working on a Afternoon Hot Spot camp from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. These two camps will wrap around the S.E.R.R.F program from 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Jackson Heights School in an effort to offer a full day of fun for the children.

Steve Piffero inquired about having movies at the pool with underwater lights and charging an entrance fee. Debbie Carlisi stated that the lighting is poor so children cannot be in the pool area after 8:00 pm and charging a fee to watch a movie may be illegal. Steve suggested talking with Venita from the State Theater. Steve inquired about the refund policy and Debbie reported that Margaret put a hold on it until September. Steve asked when Blues for the Pool will be held and Debbie reported July 19, 2008 is the Wine Tasting.

Yollanda Ragsdale had no comments.

Lauren Phillips had no comments.

Steve Piffero motioned to adjourn the meeting and Richard Clapp seconded the motion at 7:45 pm.

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**The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will be held on June 11, 2008 at the Red Bluff City Council Chambers at 7 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers, 555 Washington Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080.**

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Rice  
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