



**CITY OF RED BLUFF
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
COMMISSION
April 8, 2009**



Date of Meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2009
Time of Meeting: 7:02 p.m.
Place of meeting: Council Chambers, City Hall
555 Washington Street
Red Bluff, Ca

Commissioners Present:

Daniel Backstrom, Chairman
Steve Piffero, Vice Chairman
Shane Graham
Rachelle Sousa
Mike Shaffer

Commissioners Absent: Yollanda Ragsdale

Staff Present:

Debbie Carlisi, Parks and Recreation Director
Anita Rice, Administrative Assistant

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Minutes: March 11, 2009

Student Commissioner Shane Graham motioned to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Rachelle Sousa pointed out some typos and asked if they should be corrected before approving the minutes.

Commissioner Piffero seconded the minutes with the exception that the typos are corrected and the Chairman is identified.

Approval of February 11, 2008 minutes were postponed until all the Commissioners who were in attendance for February's meeting are present.

C. Citizens Comment: None

D. Current Business:

1. Monthly Staff Reports

Chairman Daniel Backstrom inquired about the tracking the 100 hours for the tractor used by the parks maintenance department. Debbie Carlisi reported the parks department cannot run the tractor over 100 hours per month due to a stipulation Governor Schwarzenegger set for air quality.

Student Commissioner Shane Graham commented there was nothing in the staff reports about vandalism. Debbie Carlisi, Parks and Recreation

Director reported that vandalism had not been a problem lately.

2. BMX Track

Mr. Puckett from BMX met with TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) and discussed the area across from Diamond Skate Park. They are trying to determine how to get water and sewer to the site and how to build the track in phases so ADA (American Disabilities Act) standards are met. Commissioner Rachelle Sousa expressed concern about the track being so close to the railroad tracks without fencing and Debbie Carlisi reported that TAC requires that the track be fenced.

3. Disc Golf

Debbie Carlisi invited the Commissioners to the council chambers at 2:45, April 9, 2009 for a disc golf presentation to TAC and a field trip to view Dog Island and Forward Parks (potential disc golf locations).

4. Pool Update

Debbie Carlisi, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that the City Pool opens on June 22, 2009. Swim lesson times have been modified this year and private lessons are now available. The public swim time is longer during the day.

Blues for the pool donated \$25,000.00 to help the pool open and the Kay Web Memorial Softball Tournament raised roughly \$1500.00 to put back into the pool account. Fundraisers this year for the pool include; the Dutch Oven Cook off in May, the Blues for the Pool Wine Tasting in July and the Craft Fair in September.

5. Adopt a Park

Commissioner Rachelle Sousa provided printed information from the City of Chico's park division website on volunteer park maintenance. The program uses volunteers for weed removal, planting, litter control, painting projects and more. Information on "adopt a trail" was also offered to help with our parks maintenance.

6. Park Extra Help

Commissioner Mike Shaffer suggested using Tehama County Inmate labor for park maintenance. Debbie Carlisi explained that the Inmates have been used before, but they require a supervisor and with park staff reduced to only three full time employees versus six, there is not an available supervisor for the Inmates. Debbie Carlisi suggested the Commissioners find a volunteer supervisor for volunteer groups such as school groups, senior groups or other volunteer groups that the Commissioners suggested using.

Commissioner Rachelle Sousa suggested forming a partnership with Shasta College for park maintenance help.

7. Commissioner's Comments

The Commissioners had no comments.

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will announced at the May 13, 2009 meeting at the Council Chambers, 555 Washington Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Rice
Administrative Assistant