



**CITY OF RED BLUFF
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
COMMISSION
March 11, 2009**



The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 was called to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Red Bluff City Council Chambers.

Commissioners Present: Yollanda Ragsdale
Steve Piffero, Vice Chairman
Shane Graham
Rachelle Sousa
Mike Shaffer

Commissioners Absent: Daniel Backstrom,
Chairman

Staff Present: Debbie Carlisi, Parks and
Recreation Director

Anita Rice, Administrative Assistant

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Minutes: Approval of February's minutes was moved to next meeting when the participating Commissioners are present.

C. Citizens Comment: None

D. Current Business:

1. Monthly Staff Reports

Shane Graham expressed concern over the Parks and Recreation Department losing the part time parks position. Debbie Carlisi reported that the budget cuts are affecting everybody and she is working on raising the park rental rates for groups of one-hundred and fifty people or more and getting someone to maintain the ball fields.

Mike Shaffer inquired if the Tehama County Jail inmates could work in the parks and Debbie Carlisi stated that it has been tried before and the inmates require supervision from a City Worker and that takes them away from their job. Debbie reported that Ishi

Workers have been successfully used but it costs \$250.00 per day. Mike Shaffer suggested setting up one area of a park and using four inmates to clear trash and get twice the amount of work done. Debbie Carlisi said she would check into the inmate program.

Rachelle Sousa suggested a program called "Watch a Park" that is currently used at the Bidwell Park that provides volunteers that help keep the parks cleaned up. Debbie Carlisi will add this item to the next agenda.

Shane Graham suggested the Red Bluff High School Key Club and CSF could help clean the parks because they need community service hours and they have trouble getting enough second semester hours.

2. Department Presentation

Debbie Carlisi presented a slide show for the new Commissioners that outlined the functions of Community Center, Parks and Recreation and McGlynn Pool.

3. Disc Golf

Debbie Carlisi brought a map of the City that identified City owned property available for disc golf. Disc golf representatives, Kevin Fenner, Kirby Ralston, and Rick Birabent along with the Commissioners, viewed the map and discussed which would be the best location for disc golf. They looked at Dog Island's federal owned area and Forward Park as well.

4. BMX Track

Debbie Carlisi presented a map showing three separate property possibilities for the BMX Track project. The pond area next to the City Yard on

Kimball Street, the vacant area near the ball fields at Trainor Park and the property across from the Skate Park by the Railroad tracks are the three properties being looked at for a BMX track. The Commissioners discussed parking, zoning, location and traffic of the three different locations and agreed that the property by the Skate Park would be the best property for a BMX track.

5. Commissioner's Comments

Rachelle Sousa had no comments.

Shane Graham had no comments.

Steve Piffero commented that Debbie Carlisi's power point presentation was great. Steve asked if Richard Clap has turned in his resignation to the Commission and Debbie reported that he had not. Steve asked if the Commissioner's annual vacation be moved back to June 24, 2009 and Debbie said she would check schedules.

Steve Piffero asked for a motion of adjournment. Mike Shaffer motioned to adjourn the meeting and Shane Graham seconded the motion.

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will be held on May 13, 2009 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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