



CITY OF RED BLUFF – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
November 14, 2007
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The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission held on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Red Bluff City Council Chambers.

Commissioners Present: Lauren Phillips, Daniel Backstrom, Richard Clapp, Gregory Ellis, Yollanda Ragsdale, Steve Piffero
Commissioners Absent: Charles Allen
Staff Present: Andrea Warren, Parks and Recreation Director

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Ms. Ragsdale, Seconded by Mr. Clapp. October 10, 2007 minutes were approved.

C. Citizens Comment: None

D. Current Business:

1. Monthly Staff Reports

Mr. Ellis requested additional information on the number of teams in the volleyball and basketball leagues and where they were playing. Ms. Warren reported the number of teams was not as high as last year but there were still several in the leagues and they are playing at Mercy High School and the Community Center.

Mr. Ellis asked if more work was being planned for the basketball court at Diamond Park. Ms. Warren reported an Eagle Scout was working with the Mercer's to put up a fence to keep the basketballs from bouncing into the street and parking lot.

Mr. Piffero asked if a camera had been installed along with the surveillance signs at River Park. Ms. Warren reported that just the signs were installed.

Mr. Clapped asked what the grant reimbursement amount was going to be for the River Park Trail. Ms. Warren reported she did not have that exact number but it would be for the original grant amount. This would be a reimbursement for money that was already spent on this project.

Mr. Ellis asked what the cost to the city was for the surveillance signs at the River Park Trail. Ms. Warren reported that the Public Works Department provided these signs so it was only a cost of time and the materials provided by the Public Works Department.

Mr. Piffero asked about the progress on the band storage. Ms. Warren reported the Park Maintenance crew jumped right on this project and it was already completed.

2. Memorial Bench in River Park

Paige Davidson, Dr. Ron Clark, Nancy Stratton and others from the community requested the Parks Commission accept a donation of a memorial bench in honor of Dr. Teran Gall for one of the parks. Dr. Gall was a local dentist and

had a passion for helping underserved communities and low-income families and children. He was a very active member of the Dental Society and donated countless hours to the public.

Ms. Ragsdale made a motion to accept the donated bench in memory of Dr. Teran Gall. It was seconded by Mr. Backstrom.

Ayes: Lauren Phillips, Daniel Backstrom, Richard Clapp, Yollanda Ragsdale, Steve Piffero

Noes: Gregory Ellis

Motioned approved 5 to 1.

3. Grant Update

Ms. Warren reported that all the grant updates were submitted in the Commissioners' packets and there was no new information at this time. Mr. Piffero asked about the status of the Skate Park Phase II. Ms. Warren reported the Public Works Director is working on the plans and specifications to go out to bid.

4. Red Bluff Trails Update

Mr. Backstrom reported the Red Bluff Trails United met earlier in the day. The Tehama County Bike Plan is being updated and if anyone has an old copy they can turn it in to be updated. Also, there is a need for a new cover. If any Commissioners have pictures of the trail being used, they are encouraged to send the pictures to the Red Bluff Trails United. Mr. Backstrom is going to check into getting ROP students from the High School to volunteer to do some landscaping on the safe routes to school trail on Jackson Street. There will also be no new grant applications until the existing grants and some other higher priority projects are completed.

5. Boys and Girls Club Partnership

Mr. Ellis reported the organization met this month and recruited five new members. They are still looking for new members to join the club.

8. Commissioners Comments

Mr. Backstrom would like to see the expansion of uses at Samuel Ayer Park pursued. He plans on doing more research before approaching City Council with the idea.

Mr. Clapp agreed making the park useable for recreation vehicles was a good idea not only for revenue but more importantly for opening up the park and providing better access. Mr. Clapp also wanted to clarify that a new bandstand at River Park would be more important for showcasing local talent than for bringing in revenue. Lastly, Mr. Clapp is working with Mark Barthel to find a second arborist the city can use when there is an issue with a tree.

Mr. Ellis also commented on opening up Dog Island Park and providing better access.

Ms. Phillips requested more information about being reappointed to serve on the Parks Commission for another year. Ms. Warren told her to contact Cheryl Smith for information on which Council meeting the appointments would be made at.

Ms. Ragsdale reminded the commission that this was Ms. Warren's last meeting and thanked her.

Mr. Piffero commented on how nice the parks have been looking lately and wanted to make sure the maintenance crew knew. The rest of the commissioners agreed. Ms. Warren will pass the compliment on to Mike Skelton and his crew. Mr. Piffero requested the replacement of the tree at Forward Park be put on a future agenda.

D. Other Business

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. by Chairman Piffero.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will be held on December 12, 2007 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,

Andrea Warren
PARC Director