



**CITY OF RED BLUFF – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
October 10, 2007**



The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission held on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 was called to order at 7:00 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. Backstrom. September 12, 2007 minutes were approved.

C. Citizens Comment: None

D. Current Business:

1. Monthly Staff Reports

Ms. Warren let the Commission know three members' terms were expiring, Mr. Piffero, Mr. Allen and Ms. Phillips, at the end of the year and they would be receiving letters regarding the term expirations.

Mr. Clapp asked about a second arborist the city could use for making recommendations regarding trees. Ms. Warren said she did not have any information at this time. Mr. Clapp said he would contact the city regarding this issue.

Mr. Piffero requested a more detailed list of where the participants in the North State Skate Series were from for next year's event. This way the Commission could see how many were local participants compared to out of town participants.

Mr. Piffero asked how the Craft Fair turned out. Ms. Warren reported there were not as many crafters as in past years but there was a good turnout the day of the fair.

Mr. Piffero asked what the Parks Department's relationship to the Talent show was. Ms. Warren reported that participants could drop off entry forms at the Community Center but that the Auxiliary Club was organizing the event.

2. Diamond Basketball Court Dedication

Ms. Warren stated the basketball court at Diamond Park would be dedicated on October 27, at 2:00. If there is bad weather, the event will be moved to the Community Center. The Mercer's wanted to make sure the Parks Commission knew they were invited to the event. Mr. Clapp asked what types of events were planned for the basketball court dedication. Ms. Warren reported the Mercer's were organizing the dedication and planned on having some refreshments. The dedication will be similar to the River Trail Underpass Dedication.

3. Red Bluff Community Band

Members of the Red Bluff Community Band including the Director Jay Thiel and Mike Compton, were present to talk to the Commission regarding the future of the band and ways they could work together with the city. Some of the main requests include better storage at River Park, ramps to the stage, a larger stage area, better lighting and eventually a new band stand.

Mr. Compton reported the band is working on getting a non-profit status and has applied for grants and support from various community organizations. If they receive a grant, the band would like to work with the city to build a new band stand. Ms. Warren reported this would need to be brought to Council for approval if the band receives funding in the future. Mr. Compton and Mr. Thiel both stated a new band stand could also be a revenue generator throughout the year for special events and concerts. It could be used for other events and not just band concerts.

At this time the band does not have dollar amounts on how much the improvements or a new band stand would cost. Mr. Piffero requested the band return to a meeting in January to give the Commission an update on the grant status and bring more information about any progress they have made.

Ms. Warren reported the park maintenance staff has a plan to increase the bands storage at River Park for a small cost. The staff will work on this over the winter so the band has more storage before next summer.

Mr. Piffero suggested the band check with the High School for second hand instruments. Ms. Phillips also suggested running an ad in the Bluffer to garner interest among the high school students.

4. Memorial Bench in River Park

Ms. Warren stated she had received a request earlier in the year for a bench to be dedicated to a local dentist, Mr. Gall, from the Tehama County Public Health Agency. Mr. Ellis requested more information on the dentist. Mr. Ellis made a motion that this item be tabled until the next meeting when more information could be presented. Mr. Clapp seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Ms. Warren will request a representative from the Tehama County Public Health Agency to attend the November Parks Commission meeting to answer questions.

5. 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.

6. Red Bluff Trails Update

Mr. Backstrom reported the Red Bluff Trails United met last month and are in the process of updating the Bike Plan. RBTU is looking at long term plans and priority routes. The group will also be looking at funding sources from the state in the form of BTA funds.

7. Boys and Girls Club Partnership

Mr. Ellis reported the organization met last Thursday and awarded two bicycles from a drawing they had at the County Fair. The bicycles were donated to the

club from the Mineral Lodge Store. Circle K employees also held a car wash recently and donated the funds to the club. Mr. Ellis invited the Commission members to attend the next meeting on the first Thursday in November.

8. Commissioners Comments

Mr. Phillips asked about resubmitting an application for her position on the Commission. Mr. Warren stated she should be receiving a letter from the city that explains the procedures.

Mr. Ellis asked about the type of advertising that was done for the upcoming basketball season. Ms. Warren reported that the information went out in the Community Center newsletter and there were also two different mailings.

Mr. Clapp stated he was in support of the Community Band and the potential revenue the city could receive from a new band stand.

Mr. Backstrom commented on turning Samuel Ayer and Dog Island Parks into an RV Park for the city to bring in revenue. He stated it would not need to be improved very much to make this happen and would utilize this park better. Mr. Backstrom also stated his support for the band and the money the city could make by having a band stand similar to what the City of Anderson has now.

Mr. Piffero stated the structure for an RV park is already at Samuel Ayer and the park could also be used as a camp ground. The city would need to make minor improvements and add shower facilities.

D. Other Business

Mr. Ellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Mr. Backstrom. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. by Chairman Piffero.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will be held on November 14, 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