



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

April 9, 2008

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The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Red Bluff City Council Chambers.

Commissioners Present: Daniel Backstrom, Yollanda Ragsdale, Steve Piffero, Greg Ellis, Richard Clapp
Commissioners Absent: Lauren Phillips, Rachelle Sousa
Staff Present: Deborah Carlisi, Director
Anita Rice, Administrative Assistant

- A. Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Greg Ellis and seconded by Daniel Backstrom. The March 12, 2008 minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.
- C. Citizens Comment:** None
- D. Current Business:**

1. Election of Vice-Chair to the Parks and Recreation Commission

It was a tie-vote between Steve Piffero and Dan Backstrom at the last Commissioners' meeting for the Vice-Chair position. A third vote took place and Dan Backstrom won the vote 4 to 1.

2. Staff Reports

Richard Clapp and Yolanda Ragsdale had no comments. Debbie Carlisi narrated a power point presentation that showcased the animal camp. She explained that the camp was held Monday through Friday and cost \$45 a week. There were crafts and entertainment and lots of parents were present. Dan Backstrom asked if there is a grant program available for the parents that can not afford to send their children. Debbie reported that there is not a program in place yet. Richard Clapp said that he noticed one of the other cities has a grant program. Debbie Carlisi said that sponsors are needed in order to fund the classes. She said the Community Center Auxiliary paid for Ron's Reptiles to bring his reptiles to the animal camp. Yollanda Ragsdale suggested that we advertise for \$5 donations to sponsor under privileged children so they can go to the camps.

Debbie Carlisi reported that Senior Nutrition had a yard sale on March 29th at the Community Center. They rented 29 booth spaces at \$10.00 a space. Dan Backstrom asked if it was an annual event and Debbie reported that it is a bi-annual event. \$1,619.00 was raised by selling jewelry, stuffed animals, picture frames and clothes.

Girls Sports Day was also held at the Community Center. 60 girls came with ages ranging from 5 to 12. The girls participated in TaeKwonDo taught by Daniele Jackson who is a black belt. Debbie Morrisch, the JV coach at Mercy and evening Recreation supervisor, taught the girls Basketball and Andy Kaers from Valley Oaks taught tennis. The coaches from Mercy high school taught volleyball and the Young Marines taught self-defense with martial arts karate.

3. Pool Update

Debbie Carlisi reported that there is a little to do on the patch work. Some of the top coating has cracked but we have all of the materials so the pool should be repaired and opened by June 9, 2008. The consultant from San Diego sent a preliminary report that didn't address the necessary repairs so the report was sent back to the consultant. A new report from the consultant is expected to arrive at the end of the month. The week prior to June 9th, the pool is booked for end of year school parties. Steve Piffero asked when the Blues for the Pool is being held and Debbie stated it would be held on the third Saturday in July. Debbie stated she combined the Dutch Oven Cook-off with the Canoe Races to be held May 17th. Dan Backstrom asked if there is advertising for the Canoe Races and Richard Clapp stated there is a web site available, you just have to type in Canoe or Kayak in the search engine. Greg Ellis asked for Commissioner's donations for the Canoe Races.

4. Refund Policy

After reviewing the proposed refund policy, Steve Piffero suggested changing the three working days to 72 hours he said there was nothing in the refund policy about failing to attend a program or no-show will not grant a refund. Steve Piffero had a concern about Federal observed Holidays. He suggested the refund reads State Holidays and Debbie stated it should read, City Holidays. Steve Piffero suggested the refund should state where the refund is collected and to bring the original receipt. Steve Piffero asked if we should include trips into the refund policy. Steve Piffero asked that the refund policy be put into a form of a motion so that Debbie could move forward with it. Dan Backstrom asked if he had a motion and Steve Piffero moved the adoption of the refund policy with the 5 changes that were suggested and Richard Clapp seconded the motion.

Ayes: All

Nayes: None

5. Red Bluff Trails Update

Dan Backstrom reported that the bikeways plan is supposed to be finished within the next couple of weeks. The trails are not moving forward because they depend on the housing development. Debbie Carlisi added that the river park trails received final approval from the state a week and a half ago.

6. Boys and Girls Club Partnership

Greg Ellis reported they will have a float in the parade and a booth at the chili cook-off and that they are doing fundraisers all month long with hair cuts, car washes and received a nice donation from an anonymous donor from the county office.

7. Invitation to photography show April, 11, 2008

The dSLR photography reception was cancelled.

8. Commissioners' comments

Greg Ellis reported the dumpsters were full at Dog Island Park and asked what could be done about it. Debbie Carlisi reported that they have tried locking the dumpster before and even if the dumpsters are locked, the public will just put the trash next to the dumpster. Richard Clapp and Dan Backstrom suggested solar cameras. Greg Ellis wanted to know if the bathrooms at Dog Island park works. Richard Clapp suggested holding people who are illegally dumping their trash with citizens' arrest.

Commissioners discuss the possibility of turning Dog Island Park into a camp ground and hiring a camp ground host.

Richard Clapp asked if there is a City policy regarding nominating yourself and Debbie reported there wasn't. Richard suggested the Commissioners enter a canoe into the Cano Race. Richard asked if the Senior Flag in front of the Community Center was necessary. Dan Backstrom, Steve Piffero and Yollanda Ragsdale didn't have any Commissioners' Comments.

Dan Backstrom adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

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

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