



**CITY OF RED BLUFF – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**December, 2008**  
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The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission held on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Red Bluff City Council Chambers.

Commissioners Present: Lauren Phillips, Richard Clapp, Rachelle Sousa, Daniel Backstrom, Yollanda Ragsdale, Greg Ellis and Steve Piffero

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Debbie Carlisi, Parks and Recreation Director  
Anita Rice, Administrative Assistant

- A. Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Steve Piffero to approve the September minutes. The motion was seconded by Daniel Backstrom.
- C. Citizens Comment:** None
- D. Current Business:**

**1. Monthly Staff Reports**

No comments.

**2. Pool Update**

Debbie Carlisi reported that another test will be conducted after the leaves are done falling. The leaves could cause the water in the pool to captivate giving false results.

**3. Goats at Dog Island**

Debbie Carlisi created a power point presentation on the problems and solutions of Dog Island Park. With the homeless and undesirables creating unsafe conditions at the Park, the park needed to be cleaned up. The Ishi crew was brought to the park to clean up the undergrowth and trim trees which only cost the City \$224.00 for 15 workers. Unfortunately they started burning without the proper permits causing the City to be fined unless someone from the City attended smoke school. Scot Timboe attended smoke school saving the City from paying \$1000.00 in fines. Debbie Carlisi presented pictures showing how the cleaned out under and over growth made the bridge look better and how the river could be seen from the bridge meadow area. One picture showed how Dog Island Park could be seen from E's Locker Room on the other side of the river.

Debbie commented that the success of the Dog Island Park Progress was a group effort between the department heads at City Hall, Parks and Recreation, the Fire Department and others.

Debbie Carlisi reported that less than an acre still needs to be cleared and it should cost around \$2,000.00.

Once the park is cleared of unnecessary growth, maintenance will be needed. Debbie Carlisi suggested starting some kind of an "adopt a trail" program. Dan Backstrom suggested Wes Hendrick's Cross Country Team and using R.O.P students. Yollanda Ragsdale suggested using "Senior Make a Difference Day" and asked if the Parks and Recreation Department is still down a maintenance worker. Debbie Carlisi responded that she is still down one maintenance worker and the Recreation Supervisor position is frozen as well.

#### **4. Update from Commissioners - Grants**

Two months ago, the commissioners made suggestions on how to clean up and maintain Dog Island Park. The Commissioners agreed to do some research on their ideas and bring the results to the December meeting. Most of the Commissioners needed some more time to research their ideas so the "update from the Commissioners" was moved to the next meeting in January.

#### **5. Community Center Doors Update**

The Community Center doors were named in the Larry Stevens A.D.A. lawsuit so the main entrance doors at the Center needs to be replaced with automatic doors. Moules Glass won the bid and should start installing the opening arm in the middle December. The electrical wiring has already been installed by the City Electrician.

#### **6. Trails under the bridge**

Staff has been trying to keep the graffiti cleaned up but the "artists" mark up the walls faster than staff can clean it. Scott Capilla is looking into a system with a sensor that senses when aerosol is sprayed and then sends a signal to the police. Scott Capilla is looking into a fund that may pay half and then find a partner that will pay the other half. Daniel Backstrom suggested installing a game camera and running a motorcycle cop through the trails. Steve Piffero suggested installing a document camera similar to the cameras used at Red Bluff High School. He said it could be hooked up to the Chamber of Commerce's computer to record activity under the bridge. The cameras take pictures periodically and records the pictures onto the computer. The camera is movable and inexpensive.

#### **7. Pet Drinking Fountain at Diamond Park**

Lee and Debbie Mercer who put in the basketball court at Diamond Park in memory of their late son has offered to install a drinking fountain/pet drinking fountain as well. The fountain would be installed by the basket ball court and would tap into the main water pipe. It doesn't have to be A.D.A accessible because of the existing main drinking fountain.

Steve Piffero asked if anything has been done about pruning the bush that is blocking the view of traffic when exiting Diamond Park. Debbie Carlisi will address is with Mike Skelton.

#### **8. Presentation for parting Commissioners / Commissioner's Comments**

Richard Clapp asked if Debbie has found the bi laws regarding how we can include candidates from all schools instead of just Red Bluff High School and all schools instead of just Red Bluff Elementary. Debbie Carlisi stated she would look into it. Richard Clapp also said he was sorry to see Lauren Phillips and Greg Ellis leave their terms as Commissioners. He also mentioned the editorial he wrote in the Daily News.

Steve Piffero inquired if the Carl Coleman Tennis Courts maintained by the City or is it maintained by the school district because the high school is starting to charge court usage fees. Debbie stated that the City maintains the lights only. Steve Piffero said he would miss Lauren Phillips and Greg Ellis.

Dan Backstrom said he would miss Lauren Phillips and Greg Ellis. Dan asked if anyone has tried Frisbie Golf as a City League sport and could the supplies be provided by the City. Steve Piffero said the Frisbees are not the normal Frisbees and Debbie Carlisi said the Frisbees were rather expensive.

Rachelle Sousa told Lauren Phillips she did a good job and it was nice sitting next to Greg Ellis.

Greg Ellis said thank you and see you next year.

Lauren Phillips said it was a pleasure being on the committee for the past two years and it gave her things to do other than school related stuff. She mentioned she was glad to represent the Red Bluff Parks.

Yolanda Ragsdale had no comments.

Debbie Carlisi presented Greg Ellis and Lauren Phillips with appreciation plaques and said she would like to recognize them in front of City Council.

Debbie Carlisi introduced the new Commissioners, Mike Shaffer and Shane Graham (student Commissioner).

### **New Commissioners**

Mike Shaffer introduced himself and said he came to the meeting to see what he will be dealing with in the future. He said he has served on the unified school district board, been on councils before, he's been on the Red Bluff Youth Soccer League board, and worked with budgets. Mike said he is looking forward to working with everyone, he is a team player and he wants to make a difference.

Shane Graham said he is looking forward to working with everyone.

Daniel Backstrom motioned to adjourn the meeting and all of the Commissioners were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

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