



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

**February 13, 2008**

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The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission held on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Red Bluff City Council Chambers.

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Deborah Carlisi, Director  
Anita Rice, Administrative Assistant

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Yollanda Ragsdale and seconded by Daniel Backstrom. December 12, 2008 minutes were approved with the exception of the incorrect year of 2008 on the agenda.

**C. Citizens Comment:** None

**D. Current Business:**

**1. Monthly Staff Reports**

Richard Clapp asked if we had plans for the two redwood trees that were donated by the Department of Forestry. Debbie stated the trees were smaller than was anticipated and probably wouldn't hold up to the children playing around them. Debbie is looking into planting multiple redwood trees because they grow better in groves and provide good screening.

**2. Red Bluff Trails Update**

Daniel Backstrom has no new business due to waiting on Grants.

**3. Boys and Girls Club Partnership**

Greg Ellis asked the Commissioners to sign a form that expresses interest in the Boys and Girls Club because of money and location issues. Greg Ellis reported that half of the new members are active and half are not.

**4. Replacement of Tree at Forward Park**

Steve Piffero asked if there were any discussions held on the replacement of the tree at Forward Park. Debbie Carlisi reported that staff is still working on it. Debbie Carlisi and Yollanda Ragsdale suggested a grove of Redwood trees. Greg Ellis disagreed stating that redwoods do not do well in the valley because of the heat. Steve Piffero expressed his concern that the redwood trees would not shade the children's playground area. Steve Piffero asked if the Parks and Recreation Department could speak with an arborist and Debbie Carlisi reported that the City of Red Bluff has an arborist on staff and his name is Ron Bruce.

Steve Piffero suggested that Ron Bruce provide a written report so that we have some written information.

Steve Piffero inquired about upcoming grants and Debbie said that there was word through the grapevine that there may be some bond money coming like we had in 2000 and 2002. Debbie asked the commissioners for ideas on how to spend money. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in per capita money was received last time.

Piffero asked about movie night at the pool. Debbie reported that she wasn't sure if there was enough lighting to have movie night at the pool. Piffero said it would be nice to have a pool update. Debbie stated the City of Red Bluff has a contract with Wildan Engineering and they have a consultant named Dennis. Debbie said that Dennis has a lot of good ideas for the pool should have a preliminary report ready next month.

## **5. Commissioners Comments**

Richard Clapp welcomed Rachelle Sousa from the Red Bluff Elementary Personnel Department. Richard Clapp congratulated Debbie Carlisi on promoting to Director. Debbie stated she was very happy to accept the position.

Lauren Phillips inquired about the possibility of spending grant money on eco friendly activities such as collecting cans and also purchasing solar panels. Debbie reported that she just signed a contract for PG&E to inspect the Community Center roof and come up with ideas on how to go "green" with solar.

Rachelle Sousa stated she has been with Red Bluff Elementary for two years. Her background is in personnel and she is a recreation major.

Dan Backstrom stated he has solar panels on his home and he thinks it is a good idea for the City to consider. Debbie reported that staff is looking at panels for the skate park parking lot lights.

Dan Backstrom suggested setting up mountain bike races and asking the local bike shops to come up with sponsors. Another suggestion Dan had was to start a "ski bus" to Mount Shasta which would bring revenue to the community while providing a service.

Steve Piffero suggested looking into installing solar panels to the light poles at the ball parks.

Steve Piffero asked if the pool consultant has considered using solar. Debbie reported she will know more once she receives the preliminary report.

**D. Other Business**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Piffero.

**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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