



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

**October 8, 2008**

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The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission held on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Red Bluff City Council Chambers.

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

Commissioners Absent: Lauren Phillips

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 Rachelle Sousa to approve the September minutes. The motion was seconded by Richard Clapp with the exception of notating that Steve Piffero abstained from approving the August minutes.

**C. Citizens Comment:** None

**D. Current Business:**

**1. Monthly Staff Reports**

Rachelle Sousa inquired about installing boulders at the Skate Park to keep cars off of the curb. Debbie Carlisi reported that there haven't been problems with people driving up on the curbs since the Skate Competition. Richard Clapp said he noticed new vandalism on the electrical outlet at Forward Park.

**2. Pool Update**

The additional testing on the pool revealed that the biggest leaks found were in the holding tank inside of the filter room. The next phase of testing will involve draining the pool, pulling the plug and testing the main drain. The leaks have been averaging 1/8 of an inch per hour until the water goes below the gutters and then it averages in a twenty-four hour period, 7/8 of an inch. The leaking slowed down after the water went below the gutters. This testing is isolating where the leaking is coming from instead of guessing. The main drain has to be repaired regardless because by law a domain drain has to be installed by next year and Debbie Carlisi has applied for a \$10,000.00 dollar grant from the Elks Lodge.

**3. Goats at Dog Island**

Scot Timboe the Planning Director and Debbie Carlisi have been looking for a way to clear the brush and undergrowth at dog Island Park in order to make it a safer park and a usable park. As of now, undesirable people are using the park for a meeting place. Debbie showed pictures of camp areas left behind littered with beer bottles and trash. The Ishi Crew was put to work for a couple of days cutting away what goats are unable to reach. Debbie is waiting on Brian Birt to return her call regarding using his goats from Paynes Creek to eat the undergrowth at the park. She also received a bid from Goats R Us in the amount of \$20,000.00 which would include transportation and a goat keeper.

The bridge at Dog Island is starting to rot on the end on the East side. Debbie Carlisi requested ideas on how to repair the bridge. Steve Piffero suggested that pest control should take a look at it, and then have a carpenter repair it once the problem is discovered. Yollanda Ragsdale suggested Sierra Pacific be contacted for wood donations because they have a community involvement program. Steve Piffero asked if Service Clubs have been contacted for donations. Debbie Carlisi suggested an "adopt a trail" program which would require the adopters to monitor the trail during the year. Other suggestions included contacting the organizations, Keep America Beautiful, the Ford Foundation, Carnegie Foundation, John Deer, local loggers, Trails United, and local agricultural folks. Debbie Carlisi asked the Commissioners to check on each of their ideas, gather some information and bring it to the next meeting. Debbie Carlisi reported that the Finance Director, Margaret, found \$4500.00 in Fund 19 that is designated for trails. Steve Piffero asked if a motion should be made to use money from Fund 19 to cover the cleanup costs at Dog Island Park. Steve Piffero made the motioned and Yollanda Ragsdale seconded the motion. All was in favor. Rachelle Sousa suggested a ribbon cutting ceremony after Dog Island is cleaned up and maintained.

#### **4. Fall Sports and new programs**

Debbie Carlisi reported that 18 volleyball teams are signed up when only 11 were signed up last year. Basketball has 10 teams signed up when only 8 signed up last year. One of the new programs this year is indoor soccer. It is a very profitable and popular sport but it was too destructive on the large auditorium in the Community Center. The teams have moved to the Field House at the High School.

Tae Kwon Do also started and is taught by Daniele Jackson who is a black belt. The class averages 8-10 students on Mondays and Wednesdays. Daniele also teaches Spanish classes at the Community Center. Bob Grace is teaching another camera software class which is very popular. The instructors plan on starting up new classes at the beginning of the year.

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

Through the Larry Stevens lawsuit, the doors at the Community Center have to be made A.D.A accessible. A stand with a big button will be placed on the outside and inside so when it is pressed the doors will swing open.

#### **6. Grants**

Senior Nutrition applied for a grant from Walmart D.C. and received \$5,000.00 which is the most money Walmart has ever given locally. The Skate Park parking lot is finished and the paperwork was turned in to get the money from Phase 1 that has been held back. The Elks Lodge Grant has been applied for and apparently this grant has been sitting around for a long time so maybe there is a good chance the City will be awarded with it. It is Elk's money so the State doesn't have to be involved. Competitive grant Prop 84 is coming and the City is looking at making a third softball diamond at Trainor Park and possibly a club house.

**7. Red Bluff Trails**

No comments.

**8. Boys and Girls Club**

There will be a meeting on October 8, 2008.

**9. Commissioner's Comments**

Steve Piffero suggested having Boy and Girl Scouts fill the tree planters.

Richard Clapp reported that nothing will happen to the trees by the courthouse until October 21, 2008 when it goes to city council.

Dan Backstrom thanks Scot Timboe for the work he is doing on Dog Island.

Greg Ellis reported people are still parking on the grass by the skate park and a tree was cut down at the end of the parking lot. In response Debbie Carlisi said the tree was cut down so the solar light could work.

Yollanda Ragsdale had no comments.

Rachelle Sousa had no comments.

**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,

Anita Rice

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