



**CITY OF RED BLUFF
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
COMMISSION
February 11, 2009**



The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission held on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Red Bluff City Council Chambers.

Commissioners Present: Daniel Backstrom,
Yollanda Ragsdale, Steve Piffero
and Shane Graham

Commissioners Absent: Rachelle Sousa, Mike
Shaffer and Richard Clapp

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

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Minutes: Yollanda Ragsdale motioned to approve the January minutes and Shane Graham seconded the motion. All were in favor except Stever Piffero who abstained due to his absence from January's meeting.

C. Citizens Comment: None

D. Current Business:

1. Elections of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Vice Chairman Backstrom asked for nominees for the new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson positions.

Motion: Yollanda Ragsdale nominated Dan Backstrom for Chairman.

Ayes: All

Nos: None

Motion: Yollanda Ragsdale nominated Steve Piffero for Vice Chairman.

Ayes: All

Nos: None

2. Monthly Staff Reports

Daniel Backstrom suggested using S.T.A.R.S to help cut down on vandalism during day time hours. Debbie Carlisi reported the department heads are planning a spring barbeque that will supply food while people volunteer their time painting over the graffiti. Paint Mart may be donating some paint.

The Community Center bathroom and kitchen floor replacement project begins the second week in February and a one-time grant was given to Senior Nutrition to replace the countertops as well.

The next step with the City Pool testing is resurfacing of the surge tank to help prevent leakage.

One of the donated redwoods in the island in front of the Chamber of Commerce was broken and had to be removed.

Steve Piffero motioned that Debbie Carlisi sends a letter of thank you and appreciation on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission to Dr. Clark for spearheading the refurbishing of the kitchen and restroom floors at the Community Center. Yollanda Ragsdale seconded the motion and all were in favor.

3. Disc Golf Presentation

Kevin Fenner, Kirby Ralston and Rick Birabent expressed interest in installing an eighteen-hole disc golf course at Dog Island / Samuel Ayer Park. The cost of the project would be approximately twelve to fifteen thousand dollars which includes concrete pads, signage, and 18 baskets. Steve Piffero asked for a complete project outline so the Commission could look it over and send it onto City Council.

4. Stimulus Money Ideas

Yollanda Ragsdale asked if the money is definitely coming. Debbie Carlisi reported she has to take the

grants to City Council before the stimulus money becomes available.

Shane Graham suggested the stimulus money be spent on the vandalism problem and to purchase the bobcat and brush cutter to keep the trails clear at Dog Island. He also asked if the Parks and Recreation Department has a maintenance shop.

Yollanda Ragsdale suggested spending money on staff so Parks and Recreation has a proper maintenance crew. Yollanda also suggested purchasing durable, vandal proof restrooms with heavy duty fixtures. She suggested educating the public to help prevent vandalism.

Dan Backstrom suggested checking into the cost effectiveness renting equipment versus purchasing equipment. He asked how often it is necessary to clear brush. He also suggested checking into repairing the Lincoln Street tennis courts.

5. Commissioner's Comments

Yollanda Ragsdale asked if Richard Clapp was sent a certificate or letter of appreciation for service. Debbie Carlisi stated she was waiting for his letter of resignation.

Steve Piffero inquired about fencing in the conference room patio area. He suggested installing

a slated fence instead of just having the wisteria. Steve inquired as to why the front doors are so hard to open. Debbie Carlisi reported that the doors have to open together and to just give a slight tug and let the doors do the work. Steve stated the Community Center is in excellent condition and the upkeep is great and staff works well with the people.

Shane Graham stated he is looking forward to disc golf and the Community Center upgrades are a good thing.

Steve Piffero motioned to adjourn the meeting and Yollanda Ragsdale seconded the meeting.

Ayes: all

Nos: none

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will be held on March 11, 2009 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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