

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

December 18, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on December 18, 2007, the meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. in the City of Bishop Council Chambers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS Cheryl McDermott, Lee Cox, Barry Simpson, and Kellie Hallenback

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: John Weatherford

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Caldwell, Community Service Director, and Annette Blackwood, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the November 28, 2007, Park and Recreation Commission were approved as change from Five Year Master Plan to read as Master Plan throughout the entire document.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

- STAFF REPORT:
1. ADT Security will be installing the security camera this week.
 2. The basketball program is a big success and numerous requests to consider having a basketball league. Hand-outs were given to attendees and media for an organizational meeting to see if there is enough interest in forming a league. Meeting will be December 20 in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.
 3. Bill Meyer from State Grants will be in Bishop after Christmas to do a final walk-through of the Pool Renovation Project.
 4. There was a discussion at the last meeting regarding a meeting with Park Staff to get their input on improvements at the City Park. Staff is excited about the future of the park and the renovations. Will look at the calendar and meet either January 9 or January 11. An email will be sent out to confirm date and time.

5. We had considered having two meetings in January and February to compile information for the Master Plan. Would you rather have two meetings a month or one long meeting once a month? The Commissioners agreed to once a month meetings with input from invite guests.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner McDermott-Stanford inquired about the Skatepark with the every other day usage. Director Caldwell advised that he has not received any complaints. There were two meetings held to encourage the skaters to discuss issues. These were discontinued due to lack of interest. One topic that was discussed was to have a skate and bike clinic in March and a competition.

Comissioner Hallenbeck inquired about the a possibility for the Youth Commission. It would be nice to have their input. Director Caldwell would work on an application, ideas that they have, the reason why they would want to be on a Youth Commission and if they would be willing to meet with the Commission once a month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner McDermott-Stanford advised that she would like to hear from Mr. Tatum and Mr. Hamilton to see what accommodations are available at the Fairground and Inyo County before finalizing the Master Plan.

Commissioner Hallenbeck would like a representative from Mammoth Parks and Recreation. They just went through what we are going through and might have some helpful information.

Commissioner Simpson advised that those three might be a great start and we might be able to obtain valuable information on the things that they have to offer.

Commissioner Cox advised that he is aware that the Swim Team is interested in opening the pool early. Director Caldwell advised that he spoke with the President and Melanine and will be able to work with them.

Commissioner Hallenbeck advised that most of the people she has talked to would like to see at the year round swimming. Director Caldwell advised that there could be some grants through USA Swimming that help provide the type of facility that might be most appropriate for us. We also need to remember what the operating costs would be for such a facility and what programs will be offered.

Commissioner McDermott-Stanford suggested that Chris Cerbone, Bishop High School Athletic Director, should also be invited to speak since the High School uses the ball fields.

Commissioner Hallenbeck inquired about a maintenance shed. Is there any room next to the pool where a party room that could be rented with a maintenance shed next to that be constructed? Director Caldwell would like to see something with big bays that equipment could be driven into and offices for staff and storage.

Director Caldwell inquired about feedback from the Elementary School's meeting on the solar project. Commissioner Simpson advised that they will be moving forward with the solar project. There should be a decision on January 17, 2008.

ITEMS FROM THE
COMMISSION:

Commissioner Cox would like to have a coaches clinic for baseball. and be able to communicate with the children better. Would like to see more defense and pitching techniques along with hitting techniques and communication skills. Director Caldwell advised that he had discussed with Bishop High School Athletic Director about having half day clinics with drills. Will touch base with Chris Cerbone to see if it would be a possibility of including that in the clinics.

Commissioner Simpson would like to set a meeting with Director Caldwell regarding an after school program grant and collaboration with the City of Bishop.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other items on the agenda, the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 5:55 p.m. to January 23, 2008 at 5:15 p.m.

Barry Simpson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Annette Blackwood, Community Services
Secretary