

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

June 25, 2008

- CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on June 25, 2008 the meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. in the City of Bishop Council Chambers.
- COMMISSIONERS: Commissioners Cheryl McDermott, Barry Simpson, John Weatherford and Lee Cox were present
- ABSENT
COMMISSIONERS: Kellie Hallenbeck
- OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Caldwell, Community Services Director, and Annette Blackwood, Recording Secretary
- APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: The minutes of the May 15, 2008, Park and Recreation Commission were approved as written.
- PUBLIC COMMENT: John McGurke, head soccer coach for Bishop Union High School, offered his services in anyway to help. Director Caldwell will meet with Greg Alexander next week and will make sure that you will be part of the discussion and you will be invited back when the Master Plan is discussed in particular soccer fields.
- CORRESPONDENCE: None
- STAFF REPORT: 1. Program updates: a) Summer camps filled with 30+ participants.
b) Invitational Swim meet went smoothly.
c) Little League All Stars will be going throughout this weekend.
d) Adult softball is going well. Had some issues initially which are resolved. Men's League is playing all games at City Park while Coed League is at Millpond and City Park.
e) Tennis program to start. Nichole Duncan will speak about the proposed program.
2. A stipend for all commissioners was discussed at the City Council Study Session. At this time the City Council picked the stipend over paying for a conference. The City Council is also offering all commissioners and immediate family to participate in the free swim at the pool.

Commissioner Simpson asked how this came about. I would rather all the stipend money go toward children's programs. Director Caldwell stated that the City Council wanted to recognize the Commissioners for all the time and great work that they are doing.

7. Received samples from Alpine Signs for park signage with icons. Would like your ideas and recommendations. Unanimous to have the signage at the Park with icons.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Friendship Center, across from the Neighborhood Church, contacted the City offering a room for us to use, free of charge, for programs. We are looking to create some after school programs that could be done indoors. Please let me know if you have any ideas to utilize that space.

2. Kathy Henderson called and would like the Commission to work with her committee on the Community Center/Multi-purpose building. Maybe over the next few months we begin to ask these organizations to share with us what they would like to see at these proposed facilities. Commissioner Dermott-Stanford suggested starting at the top with the first phase and work done. That way we would have a clear understanding of what they want and their needs. Director Caldwell advised that he does not want to duplicate facilities.

3. Nichole Duncan, certified tennis instructor, would like to offer free tennis clinics until the 4th of July with a drop-in tournament. Then offer programs for children and adults and private lessons. Director Caldwell advised that Nichole is committed to what she is doing and we are hoping to see a big jump in tennis.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner McDermott advised that we need to move forward with new signs for the park and post the police departments phone number.

Director Caldwell advised that the signs will be at all the entrances. The main sign will state "Welcome to the Bishop City Park" then a list of icons and will also be placed at different entrances. Also we are looking at having no smoking zones at the park around children areas, tennis courts, ball fields and pool.

Commissioner Weatherford advised what he heard about the softball incidents were that all the people involved were in the same field of business. It was not a baseball issue rather a business issue.

Commissioner Cox advised that he didn't appreciate the article in the paper with Mr. Pratt, Bishop Union High School, paraphrasing the Park

Commissioners in the newspaper on the Performing Arts Center. Director Caldwell advised that no phone calls were received regarding the article. It will be hard to change the order of the Master Plan that the Commission prioritized.

Commissioner Simpson shared that City Council was very appreciative of all the hard work that went into the Park Master Plan and were very much in support of the Plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other items on the agenda, the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 5:45 p.m. to July 23, 2008 at 5:15p.m. in the Bishop City Council Chambers.

Barry Simpson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Annette Blackwood, Community Services
Secretary