

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

August 27, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on August 27, 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, Lee Cox and Kellie Hallenbeck were present

ABSENT
COMMISSIONERS: None

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

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: The minutes of the June 25, 2008, Park and Recreation Commission were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters were sent to DWP regarding the demolition of the lower tennis courts in the City Park. Also the survey came back and DWP has declined to sell the park property because the appraisal came back so low. In September a group from the City will be going to Los Angeles to talk to Mr. Nahai from DWP. We will request that the lease be changed so that the City of Bishop can proceed with different projects without DWP's approval along with a longer lease. This way we would be able to obtain grants for the different projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ben Ono presented a map of the park for his Eagle Scout project. Commissioner McDermott-Stanford thought that this project would help people locate different areas of the park.
2. Trevor Taylor presented his project for a community garden at Sunrise Mobile Home Park.
3. Stipend pay was approved for all Commissioner's of \$50 after September 11, 2008.

STAFF REPORT: 1. Purchased new signs for the City Park with Grant money and have been placed throughout the park.

2. The Community Garden will be in the Sunrise Mobile Home Park. Rotary will help with the garden which will be raised and ADA accessible. The driveway will remain for ADA and there will be an arbor and bench.
3. Just completed a mini-park behind Raymond's Deli in Whitney Alley. Merchants suggested a park be built. Pavers were installed, a tree planted and a couple of picnic tables were placed there.
4. Softball season and Summer Camps ended. The Summer Camps were very successful and our swimming lessons were well attended.
5. This fall Adult Flag Football will be offered from October through November. September 21 City will be sponsoring Punt, Pass and Kick for youth 8 – 15 years old. The Bishop High School Athletic Director has approved use of the football field for these activities.
6. The tennis program did not work as we planned. The instructor missed classes and was continually late. Hope that we may revisit this program in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Cox advised that there were a lot of dogs in the park over Mule Days. Director Caldwell advised that we may have to try something else since this is getting worse.

Commissioner Simpson advised that a coach from youth football needed a letter from him to continue coaching on the Elementary School Fields. He did not give that person permission to be on the fields. Director Caldwell advised an all sports youth organization board should be started to have by-laws and all go under the same rules.

Commissioner Weatherford inquired about pool hours. Director Caldwell advised that the pool will be open for lap swimming in the evenings after August 19th then opened on the weekends for open swim until September 1st when the pool will close for the season. At that time we will try to convert the pool heating to solar. Cal Trans has solar panels that they are no longer using and offered them to the City.

Commissioner McDermott-Stanford inquired if there were any plans for the different organizations to present their plans for the Master Plan. Director Caldwell advised that Kathy Henderson would like to have a public meeting to see what the community would like to see in a Community Center. Ms. McDermott-Stanford also noted that the road block is with DWP not selling the property. Commissioner Simpson

stated that he was disappointed that the local DWP is unwilling to work with us.

Director Caldwell advised that the park staff feels the same as the Commissioners about the dog problems. We could begin with public notices; first offense and second offense a ticket. Commissioner McDermott advised that there is an area off the service entrance on the south/west area near the entrance to Holiday Inn Express. That area is small and could be fenced. It would not be a dog park but a dog area. If that was available then if dogs were in the park tickets could be issued if the dog was not in the dog area.

Director Caldwell advised that September and October meetings need to be changed. It was decided that September 24 meeting be moved to September 17, 2008 and that the October 22 meeting be a luncheon at the new Whitney Alley Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other items on the agenda, the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 6:20 p.m. to September 17, 2008 at 5:15p.m. in the Bishop City Council Chambers.

Barry Simpson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Annette Blackwood, Community Services
Secretary