

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

October 22, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on October 22, 2008, the meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. at Whitney Alley new park

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS Cheryl McDermott-Stanford, John Weatherford, Barry Simpson and Kellie Hallenbeck

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Lee Cox

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Caldwell, Community Services Director, and Steve Blair, Park Supervisor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 17, 2008 Park and Recreation Commission were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Bishop Union High School thanking the Commission for allowing Director Caldwell to participate in the Safe School Ambassador training program.

STAFF REPORT:

1. Advised of the meeting with Department of Water and Power regarding the lease agreement and the positive response as to the City's requests for a 50 year lease and improvements.
2. Adult Flag Football is going very well and everyone seems to be enjoying the activity. The Punt, Pass and Kick was well attended and 3 participants went to Fresno State for regional competition.
3. Would like the Commission to make suggestions regarding a bike path through the park. The path will be coming off Third Street into the Park. It was a unanimous decision for the path to intersect with Spruce Street and use the existing maintenance road in the park.
4. The demolition of the tennis courts is complete and a letter has been sent to DWP for permission to put a soccer/football field and backstops.

Backboards have been ordered for the upper tennis courts along with benches.

Commissioners McDermott-Stanford and Weatherford thanked the Park Staff for all the work on the upper tennis courts.

5. There will be public comment for the park tree plan at the November meeting.

6. A meeting was held with Community Center Committee. The next meeting will be held in January 2009.

OLD BUSINESS: The Eagle Scout project map was viewed by the Commission and all agreed that it would be a great addition to the park.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION: Commissioner Weatherford advised that he would like to see City hire additional personal in the off season to complete different projects.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other items on the agenda, the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 12:50 p.m. to November 19, 2008 at 5:15 p.m.

Barry Simpson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Annette Blackwood, Community Services
Secretary