

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

January 28, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on January 28, 2009, the meeting was called to order at 5:15 in the Bishop City Council Chambers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS Cheryl McDermott-Stanford, John Weatherford, Lee Cox and Kellie Hallenbeck

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Barry Simpson, excused

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the November 19, 2008 Park and Recreation Commission were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STAFF REPORT:

1. State Budget is effecting current and future grant funding. Proposition 40 which was used for pool renovation, signage and security camera are on hold as well as Proposition 84. City received funds for the pool project and signage. General funds were used for tennis backboards.
2. No Smoking ordinance was passed by the City Council. Smoking is not allowed in the playground, active recreation areas, ball fields, Skate Park and pool. Signs have been installed.
3. Tree Committee has been formed of citizens, professionals and interested citizens to design and plan a city tree list with appropriate trees for the City as well as the City Park. These meeting are open to the public to begin a design and plan for the future. The next meeting is the first Wednesday of February at 1:00 pm in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall.
4. Part Time seasonal interviews for Park Helper will be Friday, January 30th. Twelve people will be interviewed, 5 are returning seasonal employees. There are many projects at the park which will be started as soon as the seasonal employees start. Six will be hired with a possibility of a 7th.

5. Fred Tormohlen will be retiring February 27, 2009. He injured his shoulder several years ago which has gradually got worse over the years. We will recognize him at a future Commission meeting for all his hard work. A request will go to City Council for a job description change. It will include program manager so that we can expand our program services plus will oversee pool staff, camps and events. This position will be in lieu of the Groundskeeper's current position. During these economic hard times people need to have affordable, quality things to do. The City's goal is to keep the services affordable. Commissioner McDermott-Stanford asked that as of now we are going to be advertising for a full-time programmer. Director Caldwell advised yes, if the City Council approves it we will advertise for that position. Might have one Park Commission to be involved in the interview process.

6. Backboards will be installed at the tennis courts when seasonal staff arrives. The benches have been added. Irrigation and grass will be installed in the back area to create fields for baseball and soccer. Hope to have this project completed by the end of February. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if anything on the back field will go out to bid or are you hoping that it will be done in-house? Director Caldwell said that it was suggested that we might do all the work in-house. We might hire out services to do particular things like trenching. We now have someone in-house to put in the irrigation. Commissioner Weatherford had the ability to talk to John Torres today about youth football and the changes this year. The new person has been talking with Western Nevada Supply and there is a possibility of getting funding to help with the back field. Maybe with Youth Football, AYSO Soccer and Little League we might be able to get more money for the project. Director Caldwell advised that this community is the most giving and caring place for youth projects.

7. Have been working to have a program for kids with Suddenlink. Recently talked with the High School Principal, Superintendent and Suddenlink on a R.O.P. program. Will teach how to create a program that kids learn how to work in front of and behind the camera, how to edit, write stories, use journalism, announce and do communication skills. Our goal is to begin this summer. Programs will be on Channel 12 that these kids produce. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if this could become an afterschool project later during the year. Director Caldwell said that this was a thought. There will be 2 class times which could be developed into more. Goal is for the possibility of these kids to be hired by Suddenlink.

Adult Basketball is going very well. No major injuries. Playing in the Boy's Gym at the High School. The attitude of the players is really great. Commissioner Cox asked if there are many Native Americans in the program. Director Caldwell advised that there are almost 4 teams and they are very good basketball players.

Planning for Summer Camps. Looks like 3-3 week long camps and 3 sports camps. One of the camps will be learn to camp. Met with the Forest Service and they have a program called Kids in the Woods. They

can get funding for this program and all our supplies and counselors cost could be paid for. They would send staff to teach throughout the week from professional foresters. And we might do an overnight camp.

Celebrating Community Connections will be April 19, 2009 (Earth Day) at the City Park.

IMACA is putting in for a grant for a big screen so that we can have movies in the park or a "Dive-In Movie". IMACA has several programs that they do with children under the age of 5. Our goal is to partner with them to have their brothers and sisters in our camp that are over 5 and them doing a 1 day a week or 1 week out of the summer camp for kids 5 and under. They actually staff and run that camp. For 3 hours a day the whole family is participating in camps.

Commissioner Hallenbeck said that it was once talked about having family picnics, would that be one of the scheduled events? Director Caldwell advised that could be an idea. We are planning another 4th of July Celebration with an All Night Softball Tournament. Trying to broaden our base and trying to think of things that aren't going to be very expensive but will be rewarding to the community and keeping people in town and have fun.

Planning a Youth Organizational Board that will govern all youth organizations. We create a system that would be the governing board as a way to make all the organizations work better and under the same guidelines.

Looking into starting health classes this spring and summer in the auditorium like yoga, aerobic and walking classes.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

The Eagle Scout projects are near completion. Ben Ono and Trevor Taylor will be recognized at the next City Council meeting. Would like to invite them to a Commission meeting as well. We have the new maps in the park, one close to the swimming pool and the other located in the back of the park. They point out different areas in the park and state that "you are here". The Community Garden in Sunrise Mobile Home Park was a cooperation with the Boy Scouts, Sunrise Rotary Club, 4H and the City. There will be a photo op Feb 9 at 2:15.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner McDermott-Stanford wondered about the old wooden tennis benches that were at the tennis courts. Director Caldwell advised that he talked to Chuck Hamilton to see if they would like them at the Mill Pond Tennis Courts. Commissioner McDermott-Stanford said that another thought would be to put one or two at the Sunrise Mobile Home Park Community Garden. Commissioner McDermott-Stanford inquired whether the tennis courts lights should be turned off for awhile since there are people playing soccer on the courts and most tennis players do not play in the evenings when it is cold and it would be alright to turn off

the lights if need be. Director Caldwell said that the City has not received any complaints. The police were asked to drive through and asked if they had any complaints.

Commissioner Weatherford wondered how Kids Nite Out program went. Director Caldwell advised not as well as anticipated. Had a total of about 30 kids for the 3 weeks. We will try doing it during Spring Break. Maybe have some training classes with American Red Cross on baby sitting so that we bring these babysitters in, train them so that they are certified baby sitters and then actually do that program so that they can get some practical experience. That would encourage the parents to use the certified baby sitters.

Commissioner Weatherford wondered if the tennis backboard could be used like a projection screen for movies night in the park. Also wondered if the City could team up with someone else to provide an Easter in the City Park.

Commissioner McDermott-Stanford wondered how the ski program is going. Director Caldwell said that it is going very well. It is a great program.

Commissioner Hallenbeck said the in Badge-By-Line youths were throwing tables into the pond, were the cameras helpful in that incident? Director Caldwell advised that they were not pointed in that direction. We could put them back there but at night and no light unable to see. Commissioner Hallenbeck also wanted to know what stage is the Master Plan in as to the City Council's approval. Director Caldwell advised that it was part of the lease agreement with DWP so that gives us the ability to move forward with any project in that Master Plan without getting any approval from DWP. We take money when available with the Master Plan and create a map of what it might look like. This could cost \$50,000-\$100,000. Prop 84 grant monies would have covered that.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other items on the agenda, the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 6:07 pm to February 25, 2009 at 5:15 p.m.

Kellie Hallenbeck, Co-Chairperson

ATTEST:

Annette Blackwood, Community Services
Secretary