

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

February 25, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on February 25, 2009, the meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m. in the City of Bishop Council Chambers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMISSIONERS
ABSENT: John Weatherford

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

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: The minutes of the January 28, 2009, Park and Recreation Commission were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STAFF REPORT: 1. Adult Basketball will be ending next Monday. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and they were very competitive.

Backboards have been installed at the tennis courts. The fencing needed to be reinforced and are pouring more concrete to correct this problem.

Public Works assisted Park crew with leveling the back fields. Top soil has been brought in, youth associations offered to donate equipment and DWP been outstanding in this progress. Hope to have the top soil in by the end of the week and irrigation in by the end of next week. Trees will be planted when the irrigation is complete. These trees were donated by DWP through the tree program and purchased through local vendors. Commissioner Simpson inquired whether the field would be enclosed or not. Director Caldwell it would be possible to fence the field so that people will not drive on the field. Going to encourage vehicles to park behind the Forest Service.

Little League will be starting soon. Swim team is getting ready for their season and we will be opening the pool April 14 for them.

Commissioner Weatherford's idea about having an Easter Egg Hunt in the park is a great idea. Possibly having it Saturday before Easter. Also appreciated Commissioner Hallenbeck for forwarding information from

Reno about their programs. We want to look at different programs: family picnic days, Easter Egg Hunts, or programs that cost little to none that the families benefit from. During these hard economic times people have a difficult time paying for camps, etc. This is one reason why Cameron Matthewson was introduced is to be a part of the programs.

This is the second year to celebrate Community Connections, Earth Day theme, where healthy living/choices are highlighted to be held on April 19, 2009 at the Bishop City Park.

The softball organizational meeting will be March 18, 2009. Millpond will not be used this year due to Inyo County not hiring part time seasonal staff. All games will be played at the City Fields.

Summer Camps are being planned. Patty Cummings and Cameron Matthewson worked last year on the camps. We will hire youth camp counselors to help with the camps. Would like to offer a baby-sitting class this spring for other opportunities for the youth in the community. We are looking at 3 weeks of Summer Fun Camps and 3 weeks of sport camps. Will be working with the High School to assist with soccer, basketball, softball, baseball and tennis and possibly wrestling. These programs could be at the park and the high school as well.

Continuing to move forward with movies in the park or dive-in movies. Working with Stephanie Simpson, IMACA, to obtain a grant for a screen.

2. Would like to have a representative from all sports organizations to attend Youth Athletic Board. This would create a single vision for all to be on the same page. This will help with coaches and parents for the children. Would like to create a youth athletic board which is made up of all the youth associations that participate in the park so that we have a full understanding of what we want to create. Basically a single vision from children to high school to adults. This board would take the pressure off the volunteers of the organizations. There will also be a Code of Conduct that all participates in City Programs will abide by. It will be governed by the board and make a decision and those decisions could be verbal or written. It won't matter what you are playing in City Leagues, you will be governed by the Code of Conduct. We need to gather information so that we can apply for grants with the information that is obtained on numbers, ethnic groups, etc.

3. The pool will open April 14 for the Bishop Swim Team, Adult Lap Swim and possibly for Bishop High School Swim Team. Commissioner Hallenbeck inquired about having a Swim Camp. Commissioner Simpson said that some of the summer camps have had swimming related to the camps. Director Caldwell advised that we utilize Monday as a total swim day in the camps. The pool is closed on Mondays.

4. The Prop 84 Grant is still suspended. They have delayed the deadline to about the middle of March. I will keep you informed about future grants. We have applied for a grant with the Forest Service which will

pay for all our summer camps. This is called Kids in the Woods. We would have Forest Service Personnel that would have educational presentations during summer camps. CPRS has web links to all stimulus monies for youth organizations. Commissioner Cox advised that the TANF program has federal dollars for their programs. Director Caldwell advised that we need to look at us as a whole community. We will have less money and we want to keep our level of service the same and would like to do more. The way that you do this is celebration with different agencies.

5. We may have fewer funds to work with this year and possibly next year. We may have to reach out and work with other groups. Commissioner Hallenbeck inquired about businesses in town sponsoring one day of the camp. Director Caldwell said that one of the things that were discussed last year was to take someone to sponsor a child.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner McDermott stated that she sees the No Smoking Signs around the park. They look great. Also, any news on the lease and what about the walking path. Director Caldwell said that it looks like it would be May that the lease might be signed and the funds for the "Safe Paths to Schools" are available and believe that it is scheduled for the summer and that would include the path through the park.

Commissioner Hallenbeck advised that she received complaints about the skate park and the bike gangs are in there all the time. They would like to know who to contact to complain about these people. Director Caldwell advised that the police department does check on the skate park. Also, with the seasonal, part-time staff that their hours are going to be shifted to include evening hours and may have the opportunity to monitor that issue and contact police when needed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other items on the agenda, the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 5:54 p.m. to March 25, 2009 at 5:15 pm.

Barry Simpson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Annette Blackwood, Community Services Secretary