

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

March 25, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on March 25, 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, Kellie Hallenbeck and Barry Simpson

COMMISSIONERS
ABSENT:

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

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: The minutes of the February 25, 2009 Park and Recreation Commission were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STAFF REPORT: 1. Community Services Secretary position is being advertised. Interviews should be mid-April. If interested in sitting on the interview panel please let me know. The goal is to have someone hired by the end of April to work with Annette for a month.

The Facility Worker's position will be more than the Groundskeeper position. Groundskeeper position will remain on the books. The position will be available if needed in the future. There were 65 applications for the Facility Worker's position. With current budget restraints the position will not be filled until fall. We will try and have another meeting at the park where we can meet with the park staff since we have a few new seasonal workers.

Commissioner McDermott-Stanford inquired whether there will be 1 or 2 full-time positions coming open; one being Fred's old position the other being Steve's. Director Caldwell advised that there will be a total of 2 positions opening the end of 2009. Plan is to bring someone on board a month before Steve retires so that he can train that person.

2. Program updates:
 - a. High school is using the ball fields on a regular basis.
 - b. Softball will be starting soon. We should have approximately 30 teams.

- c. Dates for summer camps will be announced after spring break and flyers will be sent to the schools for distribution.
- d. The pool opens April 14 for swim team. Commissioner Cox inquired as to who would be the Aquatic Coordinators for the season. Director Caldwell advised that this year there will be two coordinators this year.

3. Youth Athletic Board's goal is to bring all youth sports organizations together that use the park and school fields. All that use these facilities will abide by the same Rules, Regulations, Policies, Procedures and Code of Conduct. Some suggestions were that all of soccer might be moved to the park and football at the school fields. Will attempt to rotate the park/school field usage so that the fields can rest in off seasons. Next meeting will be April 16, 2009 at 6pm.

4. Multicultural Commission met for the purpose of bringing organizations (Paiute, Toiyabe, TANF and Owens Valley Career Development Center) together to look at calendars, programs and camps and ways that we can work together and receive additional funding. Another element would be the Latino population. Goal is to look at how we can help each other. Commissioner Simpson advised that our District Learner Advisor Committee has a number of Latino parents that meet regularly and could be an opportunity to meet with that group. They meet at Pine St School. Teresa Elkland who works at Pine St School assists with the parent out-reach program. Director Caldwell advised that we want them to become aware of our camps and different opportunities. Commissioner Hallenbeck inquired if our flyers would be rearranged to Spanish. Director Caldwell advised that would probably be the best way to reach that group.

5. The new field is moving forward. Have to make a connection from the Field 4 to the new field for irrigation.

6. Tennis backboards are up and are being used.

7. Commissioner Weather made a suggestion last meeting for an Easter Egg Hunt in the Park. There is already one in the park that is open to the public sponsored by a local church and another one at Brown's Town that is opened to the public and publicized.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lynne Round, JKB, advised that students made a mural for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and would like to place the mural at the skate park for about a week. Commissioners agreed that the mural be placed at skate park. Also for Sexual Assault Awareness Month students in Inyo County high schools will participate in Walk-A-Mile-In-Her-Shoes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Invitation to Masonic Lodge to talk about programs that the City has. They are interested in sponsoring a softball team and maybe summer camps.

ITEMS FROM THE

COMMISSION:

Commissioner Cox inquired about live-scan and how it operates. Director Caldwell advised that your fingers are scanned, sent to Department of Justice and most of the time results are within minutes. If a manual search is required, it could take up to 30 days. Commissioner Cox also inquired about if the girls are not using Field 1 can the boys use that field. Director Caldwell advised that it would be first come. We do have reservations for Adult Softball for Field 1. There were approximately 30 teams that might sign up for Adult Softball this year. All the games will be played on the City fields Monday through Friday.

Commissioner Hallenbeck advised that the Tree Committee will meet April 2, 2009 at 1 pm in Executive Conference Room. Would like you to attend if you have any suggestions for any trees in the City. Our main concern now is for street trees to help Dave Grah broaden the list.

Commissioner McDermott-Stanford advised the tennis courts need to be repair. The weather has deteriorated the courts. Originally I thought that we could just patch the problems with paint but I don't think that would fix it now. It would be nice if there were any funds to resurface 2 courts. Director Caldwell advised that would be looked into. Also another priority would be that back picnic shelter. It has structural issues would like to see if a civic organization could help us. We need a structural engineer to give us a design so that we can move forward with repairs. The original group that built the structure was the Rotary and is willing to assist in the repairs on this.

Commissioner McDermott-Stanford asked that more parking is needed since we have the new back field what can be done with the Forest Service area. Director Caldwell advised that one of the street projects will have shavings and it is our goal to get those shavings and spread them over that area for a parking lot.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other items on the agenda, the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 6:06 pm to April 22, 2009 at 5:15 p.m. May 28 meeting will be moved to May 20, 2009.

ATTEST:

Barry Simpson, Chairperson

Annette Blackwood, Community Services
Secretary