

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

April 22, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Parks and Recreation Commission met on April 22, 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 March 25, 2009 Park and Recreation Commission stand as corrected.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**STAFF REPORT:** 1. A copy of the summer programs that will be offered this season is with your packet. There are 24 softball teams this year. All games will be played at the City Park, 55 minutes in length, played 5 nights per week. Thought of maybe offering some type of children's activities during the time that the parents are playing softball.

A Wellness Walking program started with about 10-12 participants. Lynn Greer is the instructor.

Will be meeting with Alex Ellis to discuss the possibilities of a gymnastics class.

Met with Heidi Hart of OVDC to discuss the possibilities of having a training program where they would pay for someone to learn skills in the park.

2. Introduction of Karey Poole, new Community Services Secretary. She will start April 27, 2009 and train with Annette for a month.

3. You have a map of the proposed park path. The access area will be off Pine Street. This will be Public Works project for sewer and water

with no cost to Parks. There will be additional signage and bollard lights along the path.

4. Celebrating Community Connections was a huge success. There were games for children, music, food and a lot of informational booths. Also there were also trips to view the sheep in Silver Canyon.

5. Rotary will be having a work day Saturday, April 25, 2009. The Sunrise Rotary will be planting the vegetable garden in Sunrise Mobile Home Park. The Noon Rotary will be planting on Main Street and cleaning up Talmage Park.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Richard Noles and Randy Gillespie, Adventure Trails Program, advised the Commissioners of a program that would bring OHV participants into the park. The park would be a drop-off point where designated routes to areas like Silver Canyon and Black Canyon can be taken. It is requested that the Commissioners would allow participants to drive OHV into the park so that they can visit different business in that area.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

Commissioner McDermott-Stanford inquired if there is any news about the Park Lease. Director Caldwell advised we have not heard anything. Commissioner McDermott-Stanford also inquired as to when there would be park staff in the afternoon. Director Caldwell advised that after July we will be able to have park staff work in the afternoons at the park. As of this time park staff is limited to hours worked this fiscal year. In July Cameron will change to afternoons/evenings. The goal is to have someone there after hours so they could be contacted by public if needed.

Commissioner Weatherford inquired about the prices on the spring and summer programs. They look somewhat expensive. Director Caldwell advised that the youth baseball camp was set by the program, not the City. City is doing the camps and pricing is set by us. The basketball camp was set by Bishop High School, which is a fund-raiser for BUHS.

Commissioner Weatherford also inquired about the Adventure Trail program staging area. We might want to think about where to have the staging area and where they will be allowed to travel within the park. It would be nice if they could drive to the Chamber. Commissioner McDermott-Stanford advised that parking is an issue and unable to accommodate large groups. Commissioner Weatherford advised that we need to think of how far in the park they need to go, also ADA compliance. We need to decide what the rules will be with OHV in the park.

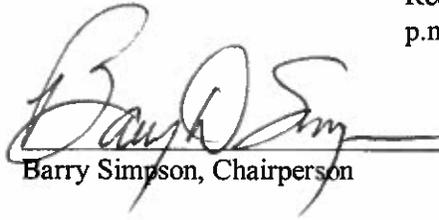
Commissioner Cox advised that Director Caldwell threw out the opening pitch, which was a strike. Is it possible to get the windscreens up since the sun is hot. And field 3 was not properly done. They put an on-deck

circle out there, which we don't have and then the coaches box in an odd area. Oops, Keith did it!!!!!! Director Caldwell advised that a new person did it.

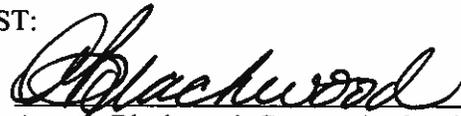
Commissioner Hallenbeck would like to propose to find funding for a little shade on the back playground. It is hot back there and needs some shade. Maybe something that you can put up in the summer and take down in the winter.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other items on the agenda, the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 6:15 pm to May 20, 2009 at 5:15 p.m. (Moved up 1 week)

  
Barry Simpson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Annette Blackwood, Community Services  
Secretary