

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

May 20, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on May 20, 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, Annette Blackwood, Recording Secretary and Karey Poole, Recording Secretary Trainee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 22, 2009 Park and Recreation Commission approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR ADVENTURE TRAILS PROGRAM;
Keith requested the Parks Commission to allow this concept to move forward for discussion with the City Council. After the last discussion it was determined that the Parks Commission needs to be involved with the process so that Park Rules are obeyed. Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott-Stanford, Second by Commissioner Weatherford, approved to forward to City Council.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS;
Commissioner McDermott-Stanford nominated Commissioner Hallenbeck for Chair; Commissioner Weatherford nominated Commissioner Cox for Vice-Chair, approved by unanimous vote, to be effective at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORT:

1. Softball is well underway; two more teams were added to make a total of 26 teams. There has been a lot of juggling for game schedules with 5 games on Friday nights and the park will be very active every night with softball players and families.

2. Swimming is going really well, Swim Team and lap swim are underway, and we will be opening for Public Swim this weekend.

3. Summer Camps are filling, currently about half full at this point. Patty Cummings will be running those. We also have her doing a Tennis Camp for the teen group, and we have the Gamer Baseball Camp starting on the 8th run by private organization. Nick Alexander has a Co-ed Basketball Camp that we are pulling registration together to get it filled.

4. DWP Update - We have been in touch with the local DWP Agency and have been told it looks like August. Rick was involved in the discussion today and we are going to try to push it a little quicker to try be a part of the June or July cycle for the City Council in Los Angeles. If this is possible than we can look at another series of Federal Grants. At this point any Private or Federal funding streams will be helpful as we move forward with the park. We are still actively perusing the Lease Agreement, the current grant we have cannot move forward until we get the Lease Agreement.

5. Meetings for additional programs – Meetings have been rescheduled until after Mule Days. The Commission will continue to be updated as these programs that will be offered at little or no cost to the Public to keep the kids and Adults active this summer.

6. Keith recognized Annette Blackwood in attendance at her last meeting as she is retiring and invited the Commissioners to attend a Retirement Party for her in her honor.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ITEMS FROM THE
COMMISSION:

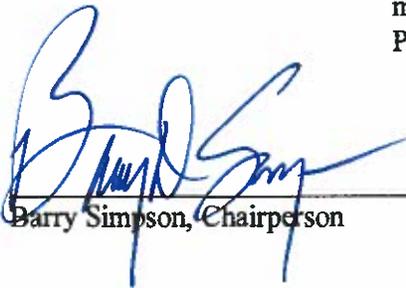
Commissioner Weatherford brought up that the City used to do a Tournament for Softball where teams from out of the area have been invited, and this may be a good source of revenue. Keith informed the Commission that there are currently 5 Tournaments set up for the summer and gave an overview of each of those events.

Commissioner Cox stated that he has been made aware of issues with the preparation of the Baseball Fields from some of the Coaches. Keith advised that he was also aware and that we have some new employees that are still learning and he will continue to monitor their progress.

Commissioner Simpson asked if there have been anymore Youth Sports meetings scheduled. Keith advised that they met last month and feels that this board is going to be an asset to our local youth sports programs.

ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm. Due to conflicting schedules, the meeting will be moved to reconvene Wednesday July 22, 2009 at the City Park at 12pm.



Barry Simpson, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Annette Blackwood, Community Services
Secretary