

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

August 26, 2009

- CALL TO ORDER:** The Parks and Recreation Commission met on August 26, 2009, the meeting was called to order at 5:15pm in the 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, Karey Poole, Recording Secretary
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion made by Commissioner Cox to approve the minutes for July 22, 2009. 2nd by Commissioner McDermott-Stanford, approved by unanimous vote.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** Brian Dressler, a local lap swimmer and Bishop Resident, shared his appreciation for use of the Pool Facility and the Staff that ran it. Shared interests and suggestions in seeing the pool facility go year round.
- Rochelle Hair, Mammoth Resident and a local lap swimmer, shared support for Mr. Dressler. Also shared her interest in a year round facility especially for her personal use for training as a Tri-Athlete.
- CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- OLD BUSINESS:** Use of Community Facilities, High school, Park etc. for Youth Organizations- Keith shared some concerns about issues between facility coaches and groundskeeper at the High school regarding use of the football field for Youth Football. Keith advised he is willing to have Staff set up the field on Friday if it is approved the High school. He reiterated that they need to work together for appropriate field space. Commissioner Simpson stated that at the last School Board meeting the President discussed how bad the football field is during Soccer season after a discussion ensued the Coach and staff may have felt that they had support that that field should no longer be used for anything accept High school Athletics. He said they would have further discussion in September. Commissioner Cox furthered discussion on the matter by stating that they reminded the kids that they were guests at the school and also stated that the High school coach at

that time requested the run the same offense, the Wing-T, as the High school team and it was difficult to teach to a young group of kids, but it was done because that's what they wanted them to do. There was a core group of coaches involved and the kids were required to respect the field. He said that its sounds like there is a loss of communication now. Commissioner McDermott-Stanford agreed that communication is broke and that the Board members may be making judgment without understanding the whole scheme of things. Commissioner Simpson stated that a lot of this comes from the heart rather than really thinking about what the issue is, and stated that he and Keith really should talk before the next Board Meeting. Keith said that they have had several meetings to try to prepare for the fall sports and that the School Board and Commissioner Simpson have been great in the collaboration process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Staff Update-

Keith advised the Commission that Kent Lindholm will be leaving his position with the City and moving to Colorado. He shared that the interviews for Park Helper were coming up, Kent has asked to be a part of the interview process. There will be more interviews coming up for Fred and Steve's positions around October 13-15th, if a Commissioner is interested on being on the interview panel to let him know.

STAFF REPORT:

Pool Update-

Keith let everyone know that the new "Brain" for the pool is working very well. Commissioner Weatherford asked roughly how many people have used the pool. Keith said he would estimate 200-500 attend on the weekends alone and that we could get definite numbers if it's needed. He also let them know that there would be several Public attendees at the next meeting regarding some changes to the pool facility and that they have been made aware of the costs to run the pool all the way around.

Tennis Courts --

Keith shared that the Tennis Courts have been completed with a new surface. The company had two employees working on the courts and it was all very professional work. He did state that there is an issue with bicycles on the courts and that it will need to be resolved to keep them off.

Program Update-

Softball has finished with a successful season. There were several tournaments, a fast pitch, and our first overnight which was a successful fundraiser for the Dance Team.

DWP Update-

Keith said that the last word was that the contract was in the Mayors office, it will go back to the DWP Water Board and is supposed to be set on the Agenda for September.

Other programs-

Gymnastics is here and going well. Cardio Club Adult fitness is going into its second session after the Labor Day weekend, and Lynn Greer has contacted Keith for another walking class. Sheri's Water Aerobics did

well. We are moving into Flag Football, he will talk with Barry and keep Lynn Greer in the loop. The programs have been going well. We are thinking out of the box. We are missing a Community Center and after school programs, we need to show that it can be successful and get Community Support and a good mix of different Organizations.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner McDermott-Stanford- Enjoyed the Tour of the Park and asked what the possibilities would be to have a Tree Removal and Replacement Program. Keith said that there is currently a Tree Committee for removal and replacement of trees. The committee is in place and is looking at that "mark". She said that she would also like to see Horseshoe pits in the rear corner, Keith stated that he currently has Steve working on a design and also considering an Arboretum location. Pits may be in by Labor Day. Commissioner Hallenbeck stated that we need to keep them away from the residential fence.

Commissioner Weatherford said that he noticed standing water on the walk way by the bridge near the playground area. Keith said that he is aware of this and that it will be a Fall project. He said that he appreciated them noticing different things, ideas and suggestions are taken seriously.

Commissioner Hallenbeck said that she was in the area of the Skate Park and that the kids like having the gate open for easier access in and out. She also feels that Officer McClinton is doing a great job making sure the kids are following the rules and wearing their helmets. Keith supported this statement and said that there is a lot of appreciation for our Police Department, they are currently saving our department roughly \$1200 a year by locking the restrooms for us in the evenings while they patrol the Park.

Commissioner McDermott-Stanford said that she attending the Bicycle Safety Day and it had a good turn out. Keith added that there was also the free swim day and the Fast Pitch Tournament as well as the Farmers Market, it was very busy.

ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm. The meeting will reconvene Wednesday September 23, 2009 at the City Park at 5:15pm.


Kellie Hallenbeck, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Karey Poole, Community Services Secretary