

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

January 20, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on January 20, 2010, the meeting was called to order at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS Kellie Hallenbeck, Cheryl McDermott-Stanford, Lee Cox,

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ABSENT: John Weatherford, Barry Simpson

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Caldwell, Community Services Director, Karey Poole, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: Motion made by Commissioner McDermott to approve the minutes for December 16, 2010. 2nd by Commissioner Cox, approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Public Correspondence regarding the City Park Master Plan

OLD BUSINESS: Review of City Park Conceptual Design Workshop –

Keith first gave his appreciation to the Commissioners for giving up their time in the middle of the day to participate in the workshop. He shared that it was agreed at the workshop to use the #8 design alternative to move forward to the council and reminded everyone that it is still a fluid design and is not set in stone. He stated that we will have to use all our current resources to find more funding opportunities. The goal is to keep momentum going.

Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if there was going to be a second workshop prior to the January 26th Council Retreat at which time the design will first be presented.

Keith said no, because there is not enough time to post the agenda, 72 hours is needed. He said that R.O. Anderson will be sending a format of the design in a format that we can post on the website for public comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Council Retreat –

Keith shared that he will be making a presentation of the agreed #8 Conceptual Design and will be asking approval in the very near future. He will request guidance from the Council for forward movement on the elements they would like to begin with. He asked the Commission if they all still agreed that #8 design is the one they would like taken to the Council.

Commissioner Hallenbeck stated that her biggest concern is still the location of the dog park and she understands that its agreed that it needs to be close to parking. Keith said that he would talk with R.O. Anderson about shifting it towards the Community Center area or closer to the ball field area near parking but still close to main street. She also shared that she is also concerned about Performing Arts Center being in a location that is leased and not owned and their difficulties working with DWP on that and their concerns that will arise with that issue. It is her understanding the Highschool is trying to fix up the performance area there. Keith shared that it was their request to be placed in a park space, though nothing is designated, it will fall where it falls. A lot of things will be base on fund availability. Park Staff will be prepared and shovel ready and will pull from any available funding resources out there.

Commissioners McDermott and Cox both agreed to design #8.

STAFF REPORT:

1. Review of Tree Committee Arboretum Meeting held Wednesday, January 20, 2010 –

Keith shared that unfortunately due to some confusion amongst those who do the scheduling at the Senior Center that the meeting had to be moved to January 29th at 12:30.

Commissioner Hallenbeck wanted to confirm that he would be sharing the entire park design, not just the Arboretum area. Keith said that he would wait until after the Council Retreat and let them know that he was going to take it to this meeting for public review. Commissioner Hallenbeck pointed out that the area on the plans make the area look giant but it really is not due to the creek that runs thru the area takes up a lot of space. Keith shared another thought in creating an ingress to the Senior Center and a third road would be for Park Staff services. The other thing that was suggested was traffic calming devices thru there, there is some concern with the Council of removal of some of those roads and the need to create a safe throughway that is long term. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if the current cameras can pick up the cars that are speeding in the current problem areas. Keith said that they can if they where set up to that specific area, he said that the Police Department is going to be out there during very active times to help cut down on this issue.

Program Update-

Keith wanted to thank the Park Staff for running Volleyball at the Highschool in the East Gym. He said that it may move over into the Boys Gym once Basketball is over and league play can begin for Spring play, granted there are enough teams signed up. Commissioner Hallebeck said that Dan and Waylon have not seen the current Volleyball sand pit being used as often as thought. Keith said that they could always suggest a new area for movement of the pit to allow better use, this would allow the possibility for forward spread of the Arboretum. He also stated that there has not been a lot of people coming forward to say if they want to keep it or not. He said there is a lot of family use of the pit and seeing kids of different ages allowing moms to come out that may not have a babysitter. This situation could open a door to create another childrens program down the road.

Keith shared that Basketball is going well with 6 teams playing Monday and Wednesday nights thru the month of February. So far there have not been any issues. The players are respectful to the place they are playing and the program itself.

Keith shared the Winter/Spring Gymnastic Session are back on. He wanted to thank Karey for the work that she has done to keep it going. He stated that the registration will be changing hands and the instructor will be handling this aspect from now on. This is to help keep the office momentum from being disrupted as the popularity grows. It is running well. He also wanted to share that we will be doing something new with the Gymnastics Program, there have been requests for Birthday Parties. This was a popular piece of Alix's program prior to joining the City and since the rest of the program has done so well it was thought this would be a good revenue maker for the City and would be scheduled for Sunday afternoons. There is also going to be a Cheer and Tumbling class for ages 8-13years to hopefully be a feeder system for the Youth Football Cheer group and this will be put on by Alix's sister Beth McKitrick. Keith shared that the class will be basic only, he doesn't believe that they will be doing anything highly strategic until Highschool level.

Keith said that they will getting ready for Spring and will talk about Part-Time Seasonal Staff, about the Pool and its budgetary constraints. Highschool schedules are already in for Baseball and Softball, the Staff has the skills and the ability to take the fields to the next level and feels that we will get some good feedback on the fields this year. Lastly, he said that they are going to be encouraging the local Youth Organizations to be a part of a bigger Organization called NAYS, National Association for Youth Sports. There will be coaches clinics so they can understand the expectations of the City and their organization to what is expected of them on the field, coaching will be left to the organizations. The goal is to create a coach that is positive and encouraging and creates an attitude where the children want to come back and be involved for a long time rather than be burned out due to intimidation. He said he is not saying that this currently happens, however he also can't say that it doesn't. He thinks that this will be a very positive thing.

Commissioner Cox asked if the Hockey League was notified. Keith said they were and they are definitely more than welcome to be a part of it if they would like to be.

Commissioner Hallenbeck said she is still interested in seeing a Babysitting program. Keith said that he will talk with Laura Smith and see if she would still be interested in doing this, she is the only person that he knows of .

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner McDermott asked how the Ski Program is doing. Keith said that it is going well. The kids are off this week due to bad weather. Dan and Waylon are learning everything they can to make it successful. Dan shared that all the volunteers have his phone number to keep in contact for better organization. Keith said that he believes that this is a trust issue, and they trust Dan and Waylon with this program.

Commissioner Hallenbeck asked about the equipment. Dan shared that some of the equipment is in need of repair and some skis will definitely need to be replaced. He said that it will have to get done in thirds to be able to cover costs of the repairs. Commissioner McDermott asked how long before this will need to be done. Dan said that he felt we needed to start prior to next ski season and get it going.

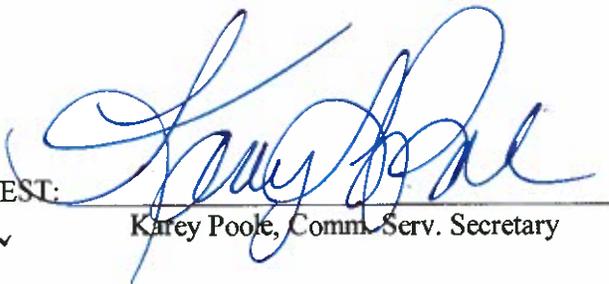
Commissioner McDermott said that she attended the DWP meeting with David Freeman speaking and he was pinned down to talk to the Supervisors regarding the land issue. DWP is remised in finishing their agreement in releasing the land they were supposed to. She believes the land behind the park is going to be available after some time. Keith said that that particular piece will have to take a judges order to put that piece with the package. He is under the impression that this is going to happen. From there there are some things that have to occur from the City's standpoint. He doesn't not how much of the land is buildable, it is definetly something the City is thinking about.

Commissioner McDermott said that they have talked previous about the parking in the front of the park that is mostly taken up by the Schat's Bakery employees. She is requesting that this go forward to the Council to be a limited time parking area to allow other users of the park to be able to park here. It is premium parking for the pool and softball fields.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:02pm to February 24th. Keith will check on possibility of a lunch meeting to allow Commissioner Weatherford to attend.


Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair

ATTEST: 
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv. Secretary