

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

March 24, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on March 24, 2010, the meeting was called to order at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS Cheryl McDermott-Stanford, Lee Cox, Barry Simpson, John Weatherford

COMMISSIONERS  
ABSENT: Kellie Hallenbeck

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

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES: Motion made by Commissioner McDermott to approve the minutes for February 24, 2010. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Simpson, approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rosie Graves - Community member, parent of children involved in Roller Hockey and a Roller Hockey player herself is asking the Commission to consider a space for a Roller Hockey Arena in the Master Plan for the City Park. She shared that the sport is not just for the children, there are many adults that play to stay active. She feels that there could be a multipurpose use for the space for example after school programs and summer programs. She requests the commission keep this in mind as they begin to make decisions on the available space at the park. In discussion Ms. Graves stated there are currently 7-8 kids per team and there are 5-6 teams per division with continued growth. Commissioner Simpson asked if she minded telling them how much she was having to pay for the use of the Fairgrounds. Ms. Graves stated she heard it was around \$16,000 a season. Keith said that it appeared she shared the same thoughts as the commission and the community. Ms. Graves asked if they thought there was even room for something like this. Keith told her definitely. Ms. Graves said she would be more than happy to do some research if it was needed. Keith encouraged her to go to the website and look at the proposed map and read the Master Plan. Commissioner Cox supported this and reminded her that it was a fluid plan.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

STAFF REPORT: Keith shared that there was an Adult Softball League meeting last night, the goal is 30 teams. There was a great turn out with more phone calls today.

Keith said that Volleyball has been going since the first week of April and Thanks to the school it has been a fantastic start. The staff has been allowed access to everything they need.

Keith shared that he has been working on bringing back on the Pool Staff including Melanie Beard and Alix Ellis as Co-Coordiators and will give some good guidance to the current staff. Pool preparation will begin in the next few weeks to be ready for opening on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The budget will not allow for us to be open as much as we had in the past, we will be closing on Monday and Tuesdays this summer. We will try to work with the Swim Team and Lap Swimmers to try to get in there on one or both of those days and will be working with the Lap Swimmers to provided opportunities on different days to have access to the pool. We anticipate a saving of about \$10,000-\$12,000 over the summer. We are also going to be cutting the pool staff from about 25 to about 20, the kids will work a set schedule Wednesday thru Sunday. It will give them a good opportunity to make some good money over the summer, and hopefully we will back to being open Tuesdays again next summer. Commissioner Simpson mentioned that he knew that the end of the school year pool parties are going to be a big deal and he appreciated the City working with the schools so they can do this. Keith assured him that these pool parties will not be affected by the changes. Commissioner Weatherford asked if the savings was coming from salaries. Keith said yes that with the pool closure and the change in park staff with staggered schedule, two starting in April, two more starting in May giving us a total of 6 during our crucial time at the park. This will allow for all day coverage and more eyes and ears to see what is going on at the park.

Keith said that the Gymnastics and Cheerleading/Tumbling Clinics are going very well and there will be some Summer offerings of these as well.

There was a coaching clinic on Sunday with 29 coaches. McDonalds served everyone breakfast and they were NAYS certified and can get insurance and access to techniques that they can share in their teaching and focus on being there for the kids. He shared that 70% of youth stop playing by 13 years of age.

Keith shared that Dan was recently updated his certification for Pesticide Training and both he and Waylon received the Playground Certification. In the Fall they will work on pool certification, they have an eagerness and willingness to move forward with the required education for their positions.

Keith spoke regarding the Dog Area. He said that it was getting out of hand and needs to get under control. He is hoping to partner with ICARE,

they may not get what they want initially, but it would create an area and keep the dogs off the ball fields. It would also give us the ability to say they have to remove their dog from the park and give them an alternative of where they can have their dog. Keith is asking for approval to move forward to approach ICARE and approach City Council and go from there. Keith shared that it would be the area near the Forest Service lot, it would be fenced and adjacent to parking. Keith said it may only be temporary but would provide an area for the current situation.

Commissioner Weatherford suggested putting an article in the paper to let the community know what is happening and what we are trying to do and ask for their cooperation. Commissioner Cox shared that the most discouraging thing he has heard was that the Police K-9 was let loose on the fields, Keith reminded the commission that this dog was a City Employee and Kathleen has been spoken to regarding this issue. Keith said that we need to let the community know that we are starting to move forward on something that will show results, which will be a positive reflection on the City.

#### ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner McDermott asked about the Horseshoe Pits. Keith said that we did have a change in staff since it was last discussed, but that it is still in the plan. Commissioner McDermott said she had some contact information for if Keith needed it to contact someone from the local club. And that they may be willing to help out.

She also said that she knew Commissioner Hallenbeck wanted to know about a sun shade for the playground equipment at the back of the park. Keith said that he would do some research on cost and see if there were any grant opportunities on that. She also said that she would review the website as Karey had asked for their ideas and comments for the webpage.

Commissioner Weatherford asked about times for lapswim and if it was possible to have a lane during lap swim. Keith said there would be opportunities in the morning as well as the middle of the day and the evening and the pool is opening on May 1<sup>st</sup>, a lane during public swim time would be impossible. He then asked Dan and Waylon if they plugged and thatched. Dan said yes and fertilized with calcium nitrate and will move on to the rest of the park.

Commissioner Simpson commented that he had asked about the cost for Roller Hockey because that would put a big hole into the Fairgrounds budget to loose that funding. He thinks it would be great to have it at the park, however, you don't want to step on anyone. Keith said that everyone is having budget hits right now, its one of those things we have to partner thru. Commissioner Weatherford said that another place may allow them to have more time on the court, summers in the park, winters at the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Cox shared that Karl Reisen said the Park Staff is doing a great job.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:56pm to April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm.  
Keith requested that the May meeting being changed to May 19<sup>th</sup> or  
cancel and reconvene in June and they will talk about it at the scheduled  
April meeting



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Lee Cox, Vice Chair

ATTEST:



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Karey Poole, Comm. Serv. Secretary