

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

April 28, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on April 28, 2010, the meeting was called to order at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS Cheryl McDermott-Stanford, Kellie Hallenbeck, Barry Simpson, John Weatherford

**COMMISSIONERS
ABSENT:** Lee Cox

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

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:** Motion made by Commissioner Weatherford to approve the minutes for March 24, 2010. 2nd by Commissioner Simpson, approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Connie Morris, Daughter of Mr. Holland whom the Gazebo area at City Hall was memorialized for. The letter states that the area had become overgrown and the family appreciated the staff getting it cleaned up. The staff worked hard to get it back to where it needed to be and created a plan so that it will stay nice.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

STAFF REPORT:

Keith shared that the Park Staff has been working really hard the last few weeks to get the pool ready. Melanie Beard, our Aquatics Coordinator has been working with our High School lifeguards who have gotten started. Fred Tormohlen came by to help where he could as well. Commissioner Hallebeck asked about Lap Swim and having volunteers. Keith shared that only one parent from Swim Team who offered, took the class. So they figured out a schedule for the guards and volunteers for the front desk, and in appreciation the volunteers will get swim pass for the hours they put in. This will be for Swim Team and Lap Swim.

The Arboretum was presented to the Rotary Foundation who was excited to be a part of it and has already designated \$1000 towards the project. There will be brochures put together that have pictures and information on the trees within the Arboretum. There will be Fall and Spring printouts and the Rotary funds will go towards that piece of the project. The Bishop Nursery will be sponsoring a Garden Tour of which the proceeds will go towards the Park Arboretum. This funding can be used for planting, landscaping, purchasing the trees. The Christmas tree at the front of the park is still a topic of discussion as the current tree needs help, maybe some new lights to spruce it up. The thought is to get a small tree and set it up for the local school children to decorate, but have it planted as the future tree, something the children can grow with. This tree would be planted in the fall it would be the 15'-20' range, a Sequoia, and has a good size price tag. Hopefully funds from the garden tour can help and there may be some other organizations that may want to donate. The idea is to have one of the Rotary be the keeper of the funds for this project.

Keith shared that the Master Gardeners class had graduated and as part of it, they were to donate community service hours and had several projects going as a result. The class purchased a tree for the park to donate in Kerry Lozito's name. She will pick out the tree she would like and it will be planted in the park. The cost is \$150 for a tree off a specified list, the program has been ongoing now for several years and may be added to the brochure so that more know that the program is available.

Keith has a meeting with Ted Schade with ICARE set for Thursday (tomorrow). They plan on talking about the financing and conceptual design of the area behind the Forest Service lot and what their needs are. They are hoping to have something for the Mule Days weekend it's a push but there is already one existing fence and hopefully it can be an option for a location for training class opportunities.

Softball starts next week with 29 Teams registered, 5 Divisions with 6 team slots available for each. Games will be played until 10pm everynight. The goal is to have a family atmosphere and he has brought in Jim and Patty Cummings to work as dual coordinators for this season. Commissioner Hallebeck asked if there was any plans for a 24 hour tournament. Keith said yes, there is one being planned.

Keith said that he met with one of the Master Gardener Graduates in regards to the Community Garden. They have found that the water line on Hanby will be extended down the back end of the park, so there is now a water source for projects irrigation needs. This project needs to be looked at as a collaborative effort. Its not a City coffer, others will have investment in the project.

The staff is looking for the right areas for Horseshoe pits and Bacci Ball Courts. The are hoping to have them in place this summer. They are down in Staffing numbers for savings purposes, so it will take smart staffing, smart scheduling and hard work to accomplish these projects. Commissioner Hallenbeck shared her appreciation for their hard work and she felt the letter in the paper was not correct. Keith intervned and shared a conversation he had with Kevin Carruncio, Inyo County CAO, who believed they may have been talking about Inyo County, possibly Big Pine's Park because the letter writer was from Big Pine. He advised that it should not be taken personal, this is part of being in the public eye and they are not going to make everyone happy all of the time.

Keith also updated the Commission on the associated costs with Sunshades for the local playground area. He is willing to look for other funding sources or local groups who may be willing to pitch in for the cost of the shade. Commissioner McDermott thought maybe Kids Club or other childrens organizations, First 5, to help with the cost. Commissioner Hallebeck also suggested something that would blend with what is already in the park.

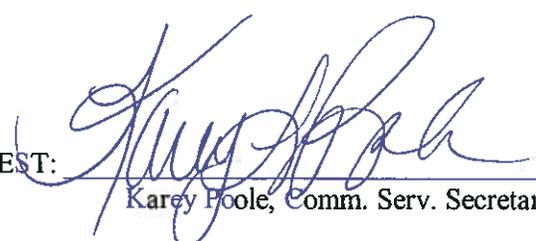
ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner McDermott shared her excitement that the pool will be ready to go for next week.

ADJOURMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 to May 19th at 5:15pm.


Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair

ATTEST: 
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv. Secretary