

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

June 16, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Parks and Recreation Commission met on June 16, 2010, the meeting was called to order at 12pm in the City Park.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMISSIONERS  
ABSENT:**

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

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES:** Motion made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the minutes for May 19, 2010. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner McDermott, approved by unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A last minute emailed update from Mary McGurke who was scheduled for this agenda and was unable to attend. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if they were looking for a decision today. Keith said they were looking at the three alternative sites and that at this point they have not given a preference yet, they were still reviewing the sites discussed at the last meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

## STAFF REPORT:

### Program Update –

Programs are full speed ahead. The first week of Summer Camp is close. The Gamer Baseball Camp seemed to be going well with 16 kids in attendance. Next week Tennis camp with Patty Cummings will kick off the City Summer Camp program, later in the week the BUHS Girls Co-ed Basketball camp with Coach Nick Alexander will begin. Keith said they wanted the ability to connect with the High School and all the funds go to the High School Teams. There are some late arrivals with the BUHS Girls Softball Camp in Mid-July. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if we made posters to advertise these programs. Keith shared that we use local media and newspapers, and the activities brochure was the #1 hit on the City website, so it was given a scrolling link on the home page of the site. He also shared that the Swimming Pool is going full blast with Lap Swim, Swim Lessons and Public swim all going on now.

There are several Softball Tournaments Scheduled, Tom Reid Memorial a 24 hour tournament and the July 3<sup>rd</sup> tournament were just the start. It feels the Park is just the place everyone wants to be, seems like the Rear Pavilion has something going on everyday.

Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if there were still Gymnastics Birthdays. Keith shared that it seems pretty popular, Karey said that there have already been 7 parties, and a few more are scheduled, but due to the warm temperature in the Auditorium, they are limited to the morning hours right now on Saturdays, but are usually set up for Sunday afternoons.

Aquatics Coordinator, Melanie Beard shared that the Bishop Swim Meet is coming up and the pool will be closed during this time. They have posted and handed out flyers and it was put out thru the local media so the Community would know that it would be closed. She said that it is a good revenue for the City as many families come stay in our local hotels, some even come for a few more days as a vacation and there are families that have up to 5 children that they need to keep busy if they are not part of the swim team. Commissioner Cox asked about the current count for the team, she said about 55, it is down a little this year, but is a good dedicated group of kids. Keith wanted to share that Melanie has been doing an outstanding job as the pool coordinator. She said that it helps that many of the guards are returning guards, and even though they have some new rules, they have been nothing but respectful. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if there had been any progress in the further research for the cover for a year round option. Melanie said they were able to get some more information on a trip that was taken to Napa but wants more before putting an informational packet together, and would also like to look more into solar.

### Arboretum-

Keith said that they now have a smaller committee working together on this. Wayne from Bishop Nursery has been very busy. He will be getting together with Dan and Charles McMullen to get started on this project.

Dog Park-

Nancy Hardy would like to be a part of the planning committee for this project. She is currently out of town, but when she returns they will sit down and start pushing ahead on fundraiser opportunities for this project. He has meet with Ted Schade with ICARE they are very excited and interested in being a part of this. He has also found out there are other groups outside of ICARE that do dog programs and he wants to be sure they get included and can give some feedback. Discussion began as to the amount of dogs there were in the Park during the Memorial Day Weekend. Keith said that they really only have two options, one – to go to Council requesting dogs be allowed in the park, or, give them an alternative place to go. This is the perfect alternative with parking close by.

Softball-

The League season has gone full blast. There are 29 teams with approximately 140 athletes out on the field. There are games every night and the park staff has done a fantastic job keeping up on the fields.

Big Day in the Park-

This will be held in the park on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is the second year in planning an event over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend to encourage the community to stay close to home and give them something to do. There will be the Softball Tournament, Farmers Market, live music, kid's games, watermelon and pie and ice cream. As well as the Chili and Salsa Cook-off. The plan is to finish in time for everyone who would like to, to enjoy the fireworks at the Paiute Palace.

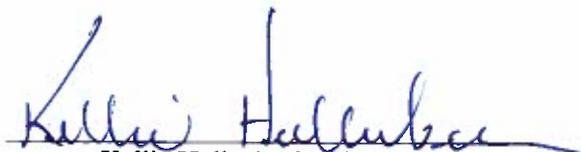
ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Weatherford reiterated his support in the need for a dog park.

Commissioner Cox wanted to be certain the Park Staff was aware of the Little League All-Star games and some double-headers that have been scheduled for that.

ADJOURMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:55p to July 28th in the City Council Chambers.

  
Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair

ATTEST:   
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv. Secretary