

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

September 22, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on September 22, 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, Lee Cox

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Commissioner McDermott to approve the minutes for August 25, 2010. 2nd by Commissioner Weatherford, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

STAFF REPORT: Programs Update –

Keith shared that there are several new programs, from a dull Fall to an exciting Fall to keep up the momentum with diverse programs year round. The City is seen as capable to deliver a good program and there are flyers available on all that we are getting started.

Soccer-

AYSO is in full force. If anyone is there on a Saturday, you know there are so many people out there, as well as on Monday nights. Probably a couple thousand every Saturday and that is just for Soccer. There are also several traveling visitors, it's a full park every weekend.

Tennis-

We are happy to have the High School Tennis Team back on the courts. There has been some concern with a small group of kids harassing the girls. The new Police Chief, Chris Carter, will be back tomorrow from training and a meeting has been set regarding this matter. There is also an afternoon Park Helper on duty, but he doesn't always see everything that happens and is not expected act as he could be putting himself in harms way. Keith shared that Chris is different from Kathleen and brings a different set of skills. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked how these situations will be handled. Keith said the Police will be called, Staff is not required to step up nor do they have any code enforcement capability. The Police can come and handle it. The staff also has a camera, there are the video cameras and they can be banned from the park. Commissioner Simpson asked if there has been talk of more of a presence. Keith said that at one time there was more law enforcement presence, for a period of time the number of cites did go down but it has changed again. Police presence makes a big difference. It has only been a handful of kids that have been a problem. Commissioner McDermott said that it has been consistent with school back in session its been a hang out and the Tennis girls are there, and then by the time someone calls in the issue, its already happened. Commissioner Simpson said that its not a Skate Park issue, fights have been going on at the park for years. Keith said that was a good point, its kids who are bored or just looking for trouble. He asked the Commissioners if they saw anything going on to call and let him know. He hopes that the meetings with Chris will help. He is happy to host the BUHS Tennis Team and wants it to be a respectable place so that they all want to come back.

Gymnastics-

There has again been a good response to this program. Class popularity depends on the time of year and other activities going on for different age groups.

Art Classes-

Classes will be available for ages 5-12 afterschool. Rhondda Saunders is the Instructor. Commissioner Simpson shared his knowledge of her and said it would be great fun for the kids. Keith said that like any program just starting out, that it will be evaluated for worthiness and is budget based. There will also be a participant quota for moving forward. Commissioner McDermott asked about the publicity for the program. Radio and newspaper as well as flyers. Commissioner Simpson talked about the possibility of having a link to the School website.

Dog Obedience Class –

Keith shared that these classes are going on in the grass area by the parking lot that the high school students park in. We will see how it goes. It was another opportunity to offer our community.

Movies in the Park-

A screen was donated a couple of months ago by Cindy at Mammoth Signs. The first movie is scheduled this Saturday and the next movies will be picked by the viewers and they will get a prize. There will be popcorn, hotdogs and drinks as a fundraiser for the Ski Program. Because the City is a part of the "Rethink Your Drink" program for preventing Childhood Obesity, they will not be serving soft drinks. We want to show that movies aren't all about just the sodas and popcorn.

4-H Bike Program-

The City is partnering with BLM and the local 4-H program for a Bicycle Safety program. Kids can learn how to maintain their bike for 2 days and there will be 4 times set up to learn how to ride on streets or offroad. The 4-H kids are very excited, they will store the bikes and learn to ride at the Park and some off site areas. Commissioner Hallebeck asked if this was available to all kids or just 4-H. Keith said that it is actually a 4-H program supported by the City and BLM. They will actually provide all the equipment and tools. There will be one more meeting to iron out the details.

Volleyball/Basketball-

Keith is looking at October 13th for a team meeting to see what the interest is. There will be early December practices and some games around the new year. Volleyball was a big success last year. Commissioner Cox asked if it was full court Basketball. Keith said yes, as it was last year as well.

Keith shared that Dan and Waylon have done a great job on the Gazebo, it has been repainted and stained due to a request to use for a wedding. It can be a potential revenue source as well as the rear Pavilion. There is currently no charge to use the facilities and we may have to take it in front of the Council. People leave everything in pretty good shape for as often as it is used.

Keith asked Commissioner McDermott to update everyone on the Tennis Tournament October 2nd and 3rd. She said it was a lot of fun. There were players that were local as well as Mammoth, Ridgecrest, Reno, Tahoe and Palm Springs.

Keith talked about the Trunk or Treat program he would like to have on October 30th. About 3:30, allow younger kids to go thru the parking lot that will have vehicles with decorated trunks and truck beds or tailgates and get treats from each one. Its an alternative for young kids, it will also be the third Movie Night that evening. The BUHS class advisor, Kathleen Stout, has some interest. Possibly a fundraiser for them, charge \$5 a spot, offer prizes for categories, they come out and bring the candy. They can put as much control on it as they want. Kathleen will talk to the class to see what they want to do, if they opt out, Park Staff will do it. Commissioner Hallebeck asked if the Community is invited to do it. He said yes, it would be put out to everyone. Its something a little different, and there are still some details to work out.

ITEMS FROM THE
COMMISSION:

Commissioner McDermott asked about the status on the Bocci Ball courts with Skandar. Commissioner Simpson said that he played up at the Millpond Music Festival for the fundraiser they were having, they said they made about \$6,000, he had a good time. Keith shared that Skandar is very excited. They are trying to do this with little or no funds, its all about collaboration and Community support. He said Skandar came forward and developed a plan. He offered to provide the materials and asked the City to help put it in and keep it up. Dan McElroy then discussed the plan for development of the area where the Bocci Ball courts will go. Commissioner Simpson asked about Horseshoes. Dan said they are still in the plan as well as some barbeques, it's a stagnant area and needs to get used. Keith said that they will be good projects as we end the season for our part time staff.

Keith quickly pointed out the flyer available for the Harvest Run on October 9th as a fundraiser for the Community Garden.

Commissioner McDermott asked for status on the Dog Park. Keith said that at this point there was nothing new. He said that he believed Ted Schade was out of commission temporarily, he knew that they were working with Sage to Summit for a "Dog Walk" fundraiser and were also talking about using a portion from the ICARE dinner.

Commissioner McDermott asked if there was a plan for costs. Keith said that they were estimating \$15,000-\$20,000 for phase one and wanted to let the community comment on it, as well as the Commission and on to the Council. He also said that the Community Garden was supposed to submit their final design to the Council in October.

Commissioner McDermott said she thinks we need to have more regular security in the park. Keith said that safety is first and the economics will need to get figured out. The City Council is aware and he can go ahead and talk with them. Discussion led to different options of possible Park Watch type programs to assist with some of the security issues.

Commissioner Hallenbeck asked for a status on the phases for the Master Plan. Keith said he will report on that at the next meeting, it's a good time to revisit it.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm to Wednesday October 27, 2010 at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair
Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv.