

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

October 27, 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: City Administrator, Jim Southworth, Karey Poole, Recording Secretary, Dan McElroy, Parks Supervisor
(Community Services Director Keith Caldwell was in attendance for the last 15 minutes of the meeting to answer questions)

Due to the absence of Director, Keith Caldwell, an attachment regarding his notes on Staff report was included in the packets of all Commission Members. Staff in attendance was to go over each item and answer questions if possible. The attachment will be made a permanent piece of these minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Commissioner McDermott to approve the minutes for September 22, 2010. 2nd by Commissioner Weatherford, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Newly hired City Administrator, James Southworth stood to introduce himself. He gave a brief background of himself and his experience. He met with the City Council to go over expectations. They requested he plan a meeting with each Commission and the City Council to go over the roles of each group. He would like to schedule the the meeting in the next month or two.

Commissioner Hallenbeck asked what types of things were introduced where he had worked in the past. Mr. Southworth said they provided resources to the Community to help keep children out of "other activities". If we provide the programs we could reduce it. He said he helped provide the environment to make it happen.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: Master Plan –
The Staff has continued to make improvements and additions to the City Park. As suggested, and later approved, Staff will look for funds from outside the current budget to improve and implement park projects.

On Monday, October 25th, the City Council approved the final, specific plan for the Community Garden. The approximate cost is \$4500. All funds are being raised through donations, fundraisers, in-kind work, and a grant through UC Davis. Ground breaking was October 9, 2010.

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The Arboretum project is moving forward. The rock wall is in place and the Children’s Christmas tree will be planted within the next two weeks. This tree along with a brochure and has been a part of phase one. The City is working with Rotary Foundation and with a donation of \$5,000 from Slager Sunset Foundation. Phase one should be mid November. The Children’s Christmas Tree lighting scheduled for Friday, December 3rd as part of the Street Lights celebration.

NEW BUSINESS: None

STAFF REPORT: Programs Update – **See Attachment**

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION: Commissioner Weatherford said a parent asked what the AYSO paid the city for use of the park. Karey said that the time for lights is all they pay for at \$10 per hour.

Commissioner McDermott asked about the trees at the park due to the windy season upon us and concerns of the possibility of tree limbs coming down. Dan said the Park Staff has been doing a walk thru of the park to remove any potential hazards.

Commissioner McDermott said that she has seen less dogs in the park. Dan said that he believes its because its getting cold. Commissioner Simpson is interested in knowing how the fields have held up with all the soccer at the park. Dan said that field 1 definitely has some damage and will be closed after the Football season when the High School can go back to the football field. And field 5 will be used for Mammoth High School. Dan said that he spoke with Greg Alexander about rotating some of the younger kids that are less aggressive to give the field a resting period. Commissioner Simpson said that if necessary,

the school can take back some of the games to alleviate some of the damage.

Commissioner Hallenbeck asked about the two smaller parks, Talmage and behind Raymond's Deli and whether or not they have had any problems with vandalism. Dan said no, everyone seems to enjoy them, occasionally a sprinkler head or two, but nothing else.

Discussion proceeded regarding the next meeting date. After thoughts were put out on the table it was decided to combine both November and December meetings due to the holidays. A date was set for December 8th at 5:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:58pm to Wednesday December 8, 2010 at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair
Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv.