

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

June 22, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on June 22, 2011, the meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm at the City Park, 700 N. Main St. Bishop, CA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Community Services Director, Keith Caldwell, Karey Poole, Recording Secretary, Dan McElroy, Parks Supervisor, and Waylon Cleland, Parks Facility Maintenance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the minutes for May 18, 2011. 2nd by Commissioner McDermott, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

CORRESPONDENCE: none

OLD BUSINESS: RC Track-

Keith gave an overview of the current proposal to create a remote vehicle track in the rear of the city park and possibility to include in the Master Plan. Ed Merchant made the request to speak on behalf of the Owensville RC Racing Club. He again reiterated the reasons for the request and hopes to see it move forward. Keith asked the Commission to state any concerns they may have regarding the request. Commissioner Hallenbeck stated the noise is an obvious concern for the neighbors adjacent to the park, though none of those residents came to speak at the public hearing. Commissioner Cox had no concerns and is in favor to move forward as it would give the local kids a positive activity to do. Commissioner Simpson had no concerns and would like to move forward. Commissioner McDermott would like to see off street

parking set up before moving forward. Ed Merchant requested use of the area near where the track would be built for parking for track use. Keith said parking will have to be set as part of the plans. Commissioner Weatherford likes the idea and stated that if money and a grand plan can get together, it can work. Ed Merchant again shared his excitement to see it move forward and allow the local children to get involved in competitions including some outside of the Bishop area. He said that all the sportsman are like family and help each other out on the track.

Commissioner Hallenbeck asked about the proposal and budget. Keith stated that they have a current draft proposal and budget. He has asked for a conceptual design of the track and hopefully all the issues can be worked out and ready for the next meeting. Signage and parking is a current issue, they will need to measure the area and tape the area for the track and do a walk thru. Ed Merchant asked if it was possible to have the grass cut down and possibly use the chalker to set a visual for the track. Commissioner McDermott asked if there is water nearby. Keith said yes. She then asked about maintenance on the track and if Park Staff was going to be used. He said no, the group will handle care and maintenance of the track. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if equipment not owned by the City was okay to use. Keith said yes they would have to have liability coverage and an understanding of the use of tools for this project. The group would be considered City of Bishop Volunteers and an in-kind for future grants that may come available in the future. Ed Merchant estimated the group spent \$500 to have three races at the Fairgrounds. Keith asked for Commission approval to work with the group and Park Staff to finalize the details for the next meeting allowing the Commissioners time to walk the area and have a better idea of where it will be. Commissioner Hallenbeck stated she appreciated the amount of effort and preparation that went into this to give the Commission good details.

NEW BUSINESS: none

STAFF REPORT: Softball-
The season has been going well, we have twenty eight teams. There will be the second weekend tournament that has the fields rented for this weekend.

Pool-
The First 5 Swim Lessons have reached 130 families so far, the cost was free. There has been good feedback. Thank you to Melanie Beard for all her hard work to help make it happen. It was offered to Parents as well, but none have taken advantage of it yet. Commissioner McDermott asked about the Lap Swim schedule. Keith shared that they have expanded the hours to accommodate the lap swimmers. Also Melanie has allowed some to come during Swim Team practice time who could not come during the other hours it was offered. Keith also shared that the Bishop Sting Rays will be hosting a meet this weekend for 190 participants

Summer Camps-

Next week is the seventh summer camp for the season. There are three sports camps this week, with Red, White and Blue camp next week.

Little League-

Angela Riesen, President of Little League, said that it is a pleasure to host the Little League Division Tournaments in Bishop next week. Several of the Park Staff have children involved in the program which has been great. They will be bringing in 16 teams per division, plus their families. She wanted to thank the Park Staff for all their hard work on the fields.

4th of July, Big Day in the Park-

Keith shared that Monday, July 4th, has a full schedule of activities in hopes that families will come for the day and then move on to the Airport in the evening. There will be a Softball Tournament, Bocci Tournament, Free Swim at the pool, live music, watermelon, pie and ice cream. They expect as good of a turn out as it was last year.

Dive in Movie-

The first movie at the pool is scheduled for this weekend with hopes for a good turn out. A fee will be charged.

Dogs in the Park-

During Mule Days, the park was over run with dogs. The Park Staff has been working with the Dog Park Committee to get some progression started. This situation was brought up by locals at Coffee with the Mayor. Concerns are that the locals know the rules of the park and then see the visitors going thru with their dogs and it becomes an unfair situation. We don't want the feeling to be unfriendly, but Mayor Smith would like to see the topic revisited. Discussion regarding how big the issue has become and how to progress on a happy medium brought up the possibility of having Park Embassadors or moving the current Dog Relief area before there is a liability issue. Commissioner Hallenbeck said there is a Dog Park meeting today at 4pm to further discuss progression.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner McDermott said she noticed the Restrooms have been painted and they look very nice.

Commissionr Cox stated that when progression begins on the Dog Park he would like to see it continue until completed, not half finished or with temporary fixtures.

ADJOURMENT

The meeting adjourned with next meeting set for Wednesday, July, 20 2011** at 5:15 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 W. Line St, Bishop, CA.

**Correction submittle for Adjournment from June 22, 2011 Agenda.

The Agenda from this meeting stated next meeting date set for July 20, 2011. This was a clerical error, as the correct date for the next regular meeting is July 27, 2011 at 5:15 in the City Council Chambers, 301 W Line St., Bishop, CA.

Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair
Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv.