

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

July 27, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on July 27, 2011, the meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm in the City Council Chambers, 301 W. Line St. Bishop, CA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Barry Simpson

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 McDermott to approve the minutes for June 22, 2011. 2nd by Commissioner Weatherford, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

CORRESPONDENCE: none

OLD BUSINESS: RC Track-

Keith gave a review of the last meeting where the Commissioners were invited to go to the proposed sight and get a feel of what it was like and use vehicles like those that will be used on the track. He shared a conceptual design that was drawn up by Charles Milligan. The design shared the groups idea for three tracks, the artist added burms to the drawing for sound barrier should it become a question. The design is inclusive of a restroom and parking. Commissioner McDermott asked if there had been any concerns from the neighbors. Keith said as of yet there has not, only from the Commission and the City Council regarding noise and dust. This is why this new design shows the burms to help with noise reduction and there is water available to help keep the track wet to keep the dust down. Commissioner McDermott asked about fencing. Sam Vargas spoke on behalf of the group stating that it will have fencing eventually, they will have to work in phases and get more

measurements. Kellie Hallenbeck asked about the podium and location for it . Sam Vargas said once the design has been decided on then they will pick the best location for that. Commissioner Weatherford confirmed with Keith that the design in the drawing is conceptual only and is still fluid. Commissioner McDermott stated that as soon as the track goes in, it will be used and therefore important to ensure the burms are in the first phase to cut down on the noise and water ready for dust. Sam agreed. Keith ensured the Commissioners that Public Works had to stub in water to use for the street projects on and around Hanby, so that was detail is taken care of. Sam said that they plan on irrigating with a few hose bibs for the track and regular irrigation for the rest of the surrounding area.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to move progress on to the City Council. Commissioner McDermott seconds the motion on a probationary measure subject to complaints on the noise and dust that must be mitigated or the track will have to close. All in favor.

DOG PARK-

Keith said there was a meeting a few weeks ago that Waylon attended to represent The City of Bishop. The group wants to move forward with the publication on the Dog Park and the opportunities for fundraising. They have fencing and a few other high dollar items to purchase with the funding. They were approached with a possible donation of fencing, but it was not quite what was needed, so they were going to go back to the donor and see what they could do. They figure it will cost between \$6-\$7 thousand for the other items such as dog stations, trash cans, signage and benches. The vision for the park needs to be sold to supporters to make it happen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Service Limit-

Keith was approached by Council Member Stottlemyre who has requested the thoughts from the Commission members service term limits. Currently there are no limits set for how many terms you can serve. It is understood that there are not always other community members readily willing to participate on a commission. Recently there have been a few that have tried to get onto a commission but were not chosen over the current Commissioner whose chair was coming available. Commissioner Weatherford was in agreeance to some type of limit as it was good to bring in new ideas and views. He suggested to be able to go two terms if selected and take a term off, unless unopposed, at which time could be reinstated. Commissioner Cox agreed, this is the simple reason why he is still on the Commission and still on the Little League Board, no one else wants to. Keith wanted them to know that he appreciated all the commission does for the City. McDermott reminded everyone that the reason why there were only five commission positions was because there were seven at one time and they could not get anyone to fill them. She says if there is interest, bring the positions back up to seven. Commissioner Cox agreed. Commissioner Weatherford said there should be something that could be put together to make both suggestions work together. Commissioner Hallenbeck stated that she thinks the

current chair holder should be able to re-interview for the position, and those who want to come make public comment should be invited to do so and put their thoughts out there as to what they would like to see.

STAFF REPORT:

Programs –

Waylon reported that the Softball season has gone very well. Regular season ends August 13 with more tournaments scheduled thru the remainder of the month.

Waylon shared that due to staffing issues the pool would be closing on August 14th for weekday swimming and will remain open on the weekend until August 28th.

We had 9 summer camps, most of which were full and we had good feedback from parents.

This Sunday is our second Dive in Movie and August 13th is the next Movie in the Park, with hopes to continue these into October. IMAH has had snack booths at them for fundraising.

Gymnastics is set to begin its first Fall Session the week of September 1st with the next registration date on August 27th during Open Gymnastics.

Commissioner McDermott asked if there is an evaluation for the Summer Camps for parental input. Waylon said that he and Keith have gotten together to discuss putting together an evaluation for all the events. Kieth shared that the Everybody Swims program evaluations went out to the parents. It was good to see the swimming abilities change for the children as they went thru the classes and the input of the parents was positive. It's important to do this with all of our programs.

Commissioner Hallenbeck wanted to confirm final closure date of the pool was the 28th. Waylon said it would depend on staffing if we could have it open on Labor Day weekend. Kieth shared that the Everybody Swims program evaluations went out to the parents. It was good to see the swimming abilities change for the children as they went thru the classes and the input of the parents was positive. It's important to do this with all of our programs.

Facilities –

Dan shared the upcoming upgrades to the Gazebo in the front of the park including metal railing and hand rails and rock around the outer area with low voltage lighting. They are trying to keep the cost below \$5,000.

The staff has been working over at City Hall to install new bollards around the propane tank as required and will work towards the ones at the Fire Station next.

The field mower has been out around the Community Garden area to allow for fencing to go up that they have gotten. They have a potluck set for the area on Saturday to see what they have done so far.

The Arboretum is always evolving and they have received another donation from the Milovich family for a Spruce. They have also taken a walk with Councilman Jeff Griffiths to see where they need to work on some of the trees for healthier and safer growth, which will include some tree trimming that sixty percent of can be done in house.

The staff at City Hall has been focusing on the surrounding landscaping in hopes to convert some to drip systems.

Commissioner Weatherford asked if the fencing that is being used for the Community Garden has to be approved. Keith said yes that it goes thru Gary in Public Works.

Commissioner Cox asked with all that is going on if there is enough help. Dan said yes that there is a good crew this year.

Commissioner McDermott asked how the Skatepark is doing. Dan said the kids that go inside the Skatepark are doing great, but there is still another unidentified group that is still leaving trash behind. The kids have been given an old table and allow to do their artwork on the table as long as there are no vulgarities. When they run out of room, they will be given paint to cover it again and start over. Dan shared his excitement about the upcoming Skate and Bike Jam at the end of August with several local sponsors.

ITEMS FROM THE
COMMISSION:

Commissioner Cox said Thank you to the park staff for all the work they did for the All-Stars games. There was only one area that was brought up, but the visiting teams really liked the fields.

Commissioner Hallenbeck just wanted to let them know that she drives by often and never sees anyone having down time, they are always busy.

Commissioner McDermott asked about new hires. Keith said that we have two, Adam Marcellin who will work weekends and holidays and Neil Gelvin who will help maintain City Hall and Main St.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 to reconvene on Wednesday August 24th at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair
Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv.