

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

September 14, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on September 14, 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(entered at 5:20pm)

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 August 24, 2011. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Weatherford, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

CORRESPONDENCE: none

OLD BUSINESS: RC Track-

Keith thanked Commissioners Hallenbeck, Weatherford and McDermott for being so involved in this project. He shared that work has begun for the EIR, the group has been working closely with Gary Schley and it is moving forward. As they work to mitigate all the issues brought to them, they have gone ahead and reopened their temporary track at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Commissioner McDermott asked if Gary does the Environmental Impact Report. Keith said that Sam, the representative for the group will actually write up the report to be submitted. It will go to

the Commission first, then to Council and then another opportunity for Public Comment.

#### Pine to Park Path Public Hearing/ Open House-

There were concerns that came up regarding more people walking in the vicinity of Sterling Heights. It's already a well used area. They received some good comments on how good it would be to have it for many of the neighbors. Commissioner McDermott said that it was nice to be able to appease concerns with some movement. The pathway has already been chosen by the public, it is what they currently use, and it is what they know. People will continue to use the pathway they already know, even if it is moved. Commissioner Hallenbeck said she would suggest some type of motion sensor lighting so that if there is someone back there, the residents would know when that light came on. Keith said there will be one more public hearing and he will pass that on.

#### Dog Park-

Waylon shared that there was 300 feet of six foot chain link fence donated. They are planning the phases for the build. The main area would be in the first phase and they are about 160 feet short on fence to complete that as well as two gates. They also need to put in a maintenance gate and signage. It seems to be moving forward at a good pace. Commissioner McDermott asked about an Environmental Impact Report. Waylon said he has it sitting on his desk; it consists of thirty two questions and will need before and after photos. This will also be done in-house thru the City and will be contingent upon approval from the City Council. A question came up as to how work can be done if you can't disturb the area. Keith said that any disturbance can have no adverse affects on the current state of the area. Commission McDermott asked how they would know. Keith said the report gets sent to the State of California before any work can be done. Commissioner McDermott asked if the public can review the document prior to sending to the State, Keith said they can.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioners for interview panel-

Keith has asked for two volunteers for the interview panel for the Parks and Recreation Commission seat that will be available. If there is more than one interested person, the panel will be necessary. Commissioners Weatherford and McDermott volunteered.

#### STAFF REPORT:

##### **Programs –**

Waylon shared that Gymnastics has started again, with 4 out of 7 classes filled completely. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked for what ages. Waylon said 18 months to 12 years.

Movies in the Park have been going well, 22 people showed until the wind and rain came about halfway thru the movie and staff had to shut it down.

The next movie is set for October 8<sup>th</sup>; however it will be postponed until the Trunk or Treat on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Soccer started last Saturday. Staff is working on getting some Pedestrian signs as well as a request for some no parking areas.

Fit-4-Life is a new quarterly program that will begin next Monday. It will be a combination of Physical Education and Nutrition. This session will prepare the kids for the Toiyabe Road Race in November; the cost of class also covers the registration for the race. They will work on tracking what they eat in a Dietary Log, and they will get a water bottle.

Trunk or Treat is getting closer. Melanie is going to have a Spooktacular Fun Run to start the festivities. Costumes are encouraged. This event is for the whole family to participate. The Childhood Obesity workgroup who is a large part of the Rethink Your Drink campaign has also requested not promoting candy, but encouraging healthy alternatives. Thrill-the-World is a world wide event where people all over the world simultaneously dance to Michael Jackson's Thriller. Erin Livingston is heading up this program and is looking for dancers to come out and join them. The Bishop High school Dance Team has been a big part of getting this off the ground. They are working on making it a fundraiser for the group. This will take place in the same area as the Trunk or Treat between fields one and two.

The program guide for 2012 is in the works. There should be a draft next month as well as a program evaluation.

#### **Facilities –**

The front gazebo turned out well. Dan said there are exterior lights that are set on a timer for the evening. Special thanks to the staff as it was quite an undertaking.

They have started work on the ball fields Weatherford has been working on the trenching while staff has been moving dirt out for the sod that should be here in about three weeks. Thanks to Carl Riesen who donated a survey crew thru Cal Trans.

#### **ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

Commissioner McDermott commented on how nice it looks, that it was long overdue. Keith gave kudos to the staff, the re-dedication went well. Also a big thank you to Councilman Ellis for his time he gave to paint the handrails.

Commissioner Weatherford asked again about the tree in the front of the park. Dan said at this point they have a few options, Chalfant Big Trees will donate to the Arboretum or staff could move a Colorado Spruce near the edge of the creek in the back. Steve at Chalfant Big Trees has recommended a Blue Spruce. Commissioner Weatherford asked if there has been any support from Bishop Nursery, Dan said he never heard anything back from them.

Commissioner McDermott asked in regards to the RC track if staff could put together a questionnaire and a checklist for other groups who may be interested in a project on park property. This would make it more clear

as to how the process needs to work and allow them a full understanding from the beginning. Keith agreed this would be a great idea.

Commissioner Hallenbeck asked Keith to explain the Pine to Park Path and the track movement. Keith said that they would create a track that looped thru the new ball field area and come back around so that it keeps a line of site around the park.

ADJOURMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:55pm to reconvene on Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

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Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair  
Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv.