

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

January 25, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on January 25, 2012 the meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm in the City Council Chambers, 301 W. Line St. Bishop, CA. (originally adjourned to January 18th, changed back prior to public notification)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS Cheryl McDermott-Stanford, Kellie Hallenbeck, JohnWeatherford and 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 Cox to approve the minutes for December 7, 2011. 2nd by Commissioner McDermott, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS: Trevor Murphy – Skating Rink proposal
Trevor returned at the request of the Commissioners. Commissioner Hallenbeck said she did some research regarding past requests for the same type of proposal. However no one returned most in part because it is quite a process. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if Trevor, will assistance from his parent, was ready to spearhead such a project for the development of a rink. They were. Keith said he would work with the Murphy Family in regards to details they will need to put together.

RC Track –

Keith shared that regardless of all the group had put into the development of the track, response from the community has made them decide to pull out of the project. It is a long process and at times frustrating. He appreciates all the hard work they put into this and appreciates Sam Vargas being in attendance today. Sam shared that they were grateful to be given the chance, however, they didn't expect so

much opposition. Even though all community members were invited to go to the Fair Grounds where the current track sits, and experience it all to see how noisy the cars were and the amount of dust, no one came out. The groups goal was family and community oriented, they meant no inconvenience to others. Maybe down the road, they may try again. But for right now the Fairgrounds has given them a home.

Dog Park-

Waylon shared that the group met a few weeks ago. They expect to need approximately \$9,000 for Phase 1. They have submitted the required paperwork to Gary Schley for the EIR and are awaiting a response from him. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked about the donated fencing.

Waylon said it is still there and blocked for the Dog Park. Commissioner Weatherford asked if they were still looking at making that area smaller. Waylon said it was decided to leave it the size it was, they are working out details for the irrigation for the designated area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for two Commissioners for interview panel-

As Commissioner Simpsons chair comes up for reappointment, Denise is in need of two Commissioners to volunteer to sit on the panel for interviews in February. Commissioners Cox and Hallenbeck will attend.

BUHS Collaboration-

Jim Tatum, representing BUHS, talked with the Commissioners about some collaboration to create some sports fields on the back section of the park near Hanby Street. He stated that currently they are land locked at the school, but knows the community needs more fields. Creating these fields will spread the usage and create better rotation of the fields to keep them healthier during the seasons of use. The School District is offering to put out the time and materials to build these fields, they are just looking for guidance on necessary requirements for the park and space. They are ready to begin documents for an EIR, but do have some concerns regarding issues with Community Members who did not want that particular soil disturbed. Keith requested permission from the Commission to move forward with the project plan and budget to present to the Council. They agreed.

STAFF REPORT:

Programs –

Basketball-

Currently in mid season and is going very well. Steve Thomas has been the coordinator for the games.

Volleyball-

Currently in mid season for open gym. League play is set to begin February 16th.

Tennis-

The socials have been very successful with only two Saturdays left.

Kids Night Out-

The December Kids Nights were very popular and the children were asking for more. Staff is currently looking into creating a program with themes and coordination with other local entities. They will be looking for a coordinator to work these and are looking at having them once a month.

Senior Programs-

Waylon has been talking with the Senior center to try to create programs they can be involved in such as walking classes and the community garden.

Seasonal Park positions-

It is time to gear up for the upcoming season. Applications will be available next month.

Waylon finished by talking about the upcoming Eggstravaganza and the refurbishing of the diving board. He shared that the Program Guide is out and available online with sponsorships totaling \$1200 to help pay for the booklet.

Facilities-

Dan shared that bid requests will be put together pending approval from Council. The department is looking at a required purchase of an ADA Pool Lift, and are in need of a new lawn mower. He also talked about the current sewer improvement project, it will be ready for seed in about a week. He shared some of the requested improvements to the hallways for the courts and benches purchased with a grant that will be dispersed amongst the park system. Public Works is looking at sidewalk repairs along side the Auditorium. And staff is preparing for the upcoming ski program season beginning this week.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Weatherford asked, with all the changes and field proposal, is there a plan to look into restrooms. Keith said yes, it will have to be provided. Commissioner Weatherford suggested looking into those already prefabricated.

Commissioner McDermott asked if there were funds available for some type of Kiosk outside the auditorium. Staff said they would look into it and see what they could come up with.

Commissioner Hallenbeck again asked about a shade for the playground structure and if the community garden group was going to do a cleanup. She also asked if they were going to look into fencing. She also noted that the website was not up to date. Karey said she would get with Michele on that and get that taken care of right away.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:02pm to reconvene Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv. Secretary