

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

February 22, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on February 22, 2012 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, Barry Simpson and Lee Cox

COMMISSIONERS
ABSENT: John Weatherford

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 January 25, 2012. 2nd by Commissioner McDermott, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS: Dog Park –
The Negative Declaration for proposed project has been submitted. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for March 12th as well as request for Council decision. Commissioner McDermott asked if there has been any calls or correspondence. Keith said none negative. Waylon shared that they currently have gotten \$1500 from Noon Rotary. Commissioner McDermott added that they had \$350 more to add and will be looking at about \$1100 to begin the first phase.

ADA Pool Lift –
5 bids were taken for the project, another came in but was late. The prices were very competitive. The lowest bid was to Recreation Supply out of North Dakota and we are hoping it will be here in the next few weeks. Nathaniel Gratz, a local who recently had a debilitating accident that has put him in a wheel chair, has offered to assist pool staff in learning how to use and teach others how to use the lift properly. A meeting will be set up with him when the lift arrives.

Toro Mower-

One bid was received. The company later called and rescinded their bid because they sold the mower. They expect that another will be available in April or May. Staff will be allowed to make the purchase without having to go back to bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUHS Collaboration-

Jim Tatum returned to give an update on the proposal for sports fields at the rear of the park. The City Staff and High School Staff are working together in the planning process. It has been discovered that this project is exempt from and EIR due to the simplified work and they will be moving ahead. Plans are in the works for irrigation and they are looking at the future for the work at present. Commissioner McDermott asked about availability of restrooms, maybe even portables or an addition to the Senior Center. Keith said that it is not a forgotten detail, but there are no sewer lines at the back of the park which is an issue. They will continue to find a fix as it will be a necessity, but will be expensive and will take some time. Commissioner McDermott asked about the possibility of a grant, something Dave Grah may be able to help with as he has been very successful in his grant research and applications. Keith said they are already working on that and hopefully it can be in conjunction with the Restroom project. Commissioner Simpson asked if there was a timeline. Keith said that with the Categorical Exemption for the EIR, they can start with a plan to Gary Schley and a plan for who will be doing what staff wise and financially. This way they can see what the budget will be and what it will take from everyone to make it happen. Commissioner McDermott asked if there would be a Public Hearing. Commissioner Simpson agreed that there should be one to allow those who feel the need to voice themselves on the project.

STAFF REPORT:

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Programs –

Zumba- This is a new program with Instructor Pam Galvin that will begin March 13th and run for six weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Basketball-

Current season has been going well and will wrapping in March.

Volleyball-

League season games begin on February 23rd on Thursdays and Sundays.

Tennis-

The Socials were successful. The group has decided to continue to meet on their own the third Saturday of every month.

Gymnastics-

We are looking at revamping the program to accommodate the 100 children enrolled. With Alix Ellis taking Lead, we will have 3 regular instructors and two for back up. We have registration for March that is already a third full. It continues to be our largest program. The Program Staff will meet tomorrow to set up details for their future.

Seasonal Park positions-

Application date closing was the 17th of February. They are hoping to begin interviews on the 27th. Melanie Beard has announced that this will be her last year so we are hoping to be able to hire someone that we can groom to take her place next year.

Staff continues to work on the upcoming Egg-Stravaganza on April 1st and also look forward to Earth Day on April 21st which is looking like it will be a big event.

Facilities-

Dan shared that Park Staff will be having an Arbor Day planting on March 7th with possible donations from Steve at Chalfant Big Trees. He will be registering the event on the Arbor Day website.

He met with Public Works on the Street project by the Auditorium. They removed the trees today and he continues to work with the Tree Committee for selecting trees and shrubs.

Mammoth High school has finished the season, so the goals will be coming off of Field 5 and T-Ball will start going in, Little League evaluations take place on April 14th.

Park Staff will also be assisting the Chamber with the Blake Jones Tournament coming up on March 17th.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner McDermott asked staff could continue to work with outside groups and have them attend meetings.

Commissioner Simpson advised everyone that he would not be reapplying for his chair. He believes that there are some good applicants and its time to allow someone new to come in. With that he asked if the March meeting can move to March 21st so that he could attend as his last meeting.

ADJOURMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm to reconvene Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair
Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv.