

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

July 18, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on July 18, 2012 the meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm at the City Council Chambers, 301 W. Line St, Bishop, Ca.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS Kellie Hallenbeck, Cheryl Underhill, John Weatherford, Lee Cox, Thom Batchelder

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 Weatherford to approve the minutes for June 20, 2012. Approval contingent on discussed corrections on page two, paragraph two for the movie in the park date and after paragraph three, the addition of Kieths introduction of Park staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:
OLD BUSINESS:

James Wiley, Kmart builing proposal update- Keith shared that he had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Wiley to discuss further his proposal. Discussion lasted about an hour and included necessary details for his proposal including overhead cost plans and a business plan. Mr. Wiley asked for a few months to put somethings together to work on these details. Commissioner Cox asked if this proposal was really something that falls under the Parks and Recreations Commission. Keith said we deny no one regardless of how crazy their ideas may sound and he didn't know where else to turn. It would be a recreation type business, this is where Keith had him start. Commissioner Hallenbeck said that she still has all the plans from the original proposal for a community center that she would be willing to share, it was denied because it was determined that the City couldn't keep up with the maintenance costs. Commissioner Batchelder shared some concerns that he has with Mr. Wiley personally that he wanted everyone to be aware of and felt that caution would be necessary in proceeding with Mr. Wiley.

NEW BUSINESS: None

STAFF REPORT:

Keith took some time to introduce Patty Cummings and recognize how important she is, in so many different ways. She is the key to our success for many of the programs we talk about. She works very well

with Staff.

Patty said on behalf of Softball, thank you for having that program and getting it going in a good direction and making the park a family place.

Programs –

Waylon gave a brief report on programs. He shared that the Big Day in the Park was a very good time, there were 270 swimmers enjoying the free day, 16 Softball teams at the tournament, lots of pie and ice cream and the soft opening for the Dog Park was a hit. He wanted to thank Patty for all her hard work with Softball, Summer Camps, Tennis Socials and Volleyball. On that note, C Division would be having their championship game tomorrow with the others coming up around the first week of August. Summer Camps went very well with full camps and a lot of fun activities for the kids. Open play sand volleyball has begun, they wanted a league, but there wasn't enough time to put it all together. Tennis Socials have grown so big that there isn't enough court space or time to rotate them all to play. They set up themselves when players are available on their own time. There were roughly 60 attendees at the movie in the park last Saturday, this is the first one due to wind issues. Staff was unable to have the Dive in Movie was cancelled due to wind, instead it was opened to Public Swim time, this led to another Twilight Swim this Friday from 7-10pm. The proposal for outdoor exercise equipment is moving forward with possible funding available thru a tribal grant put together by Rick Frye at Toiyabe. Everything has just happened there will be more information at the next meeting. And lastly, AYSO has asked the City if they would be interested in taking over the Adult Soccer League, as they will no longer be hosting that league. Waylon said that he has to work out the kinks and has another meeting set up July 30th for teams interested in playing. It could be a difficult transition, but he hopes not. The hope is to run it similar to the Softball league.

Facilities-

Dan reported that there has been a lot of creek and garden clean up with a big thanks to the CDC crews. This creates a lot of open visual lines and will continue for a few more weeks. The salt cedar has been trimmed and removal of pile of old tree limbs along with the fence for the community garden. Brad is currently away from Sunrise Mobile Home Park. This will give the staff to go in and get some things fixed that he hasn't been able to get to. Playground bark is on its way, thank you to Karey for making the arrangements to make that happen. They have been working on cleaning up the Tennis Courts, tilling ball fields and prep for AYSO. Staff is working on getting quotes to help reduce the parking issues for field 5. Lastly he invited all the Commissioners to join in the City of Bishop Staff Golf tournament on the 29th at \$30 a player, there is a sign up sheet in the office. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if the garden was still in place at the Sunrise Mobile Home Park. Dan said yes and it is kept up very nice. He said in the main park Community Garden they are continuing with irrigation and other projects, its been really special and Commissioners are encouraged to take a look.

ITEMS FROM THE
COMMISSION:

Commissioner Underhill was talking with a mother and her child who noticed there are still dogs in the main park, she asked if the area in the front was going to be moved. Keith said that it gets good use, but it was only meant to be temporary. Commissioner Hallenbeck said that the Dog Park Committee has asked that that area be removed now that the Dog Park is open. All Commissioners agreed it was time for it to be removed. Commissioner Underhill also had a suggested looking into signage for the Civic Center now that the sidewalk project is complete.

Commissioner Weatherford shared that the Farmers Market was good. He asked about getting some signage for the Dog Park by the RV signs. Staff will work on that.

Commissioner Cox asked about the Adventure Trails group, Keith said they are still working on an overall plan for that.

Councilman Ellis was present and asked again about a pedestrian gate at the front of Field 5 for those who have to cross the street from the dirt parking lot. Keith said the hope in the new parking area at the rear will create a better traffic flow, but he will have staff look into it.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm to reconvene Wednesday, August 22, 2012, at 5:15 pm at the City Council Chambers.

Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv. Secretary