

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

January 23, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on January 23, 2013 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 Thom Batchelder, Kellie Hallenbeck ,Cheryl Underhill, Lee Cox

COMMISSIONERS
ABSENT: John Weatherford

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Caldwell, City Administrator/Community Services Director, Karey Poole, Recording Secretary, Dan McElroy, Parks Supervisor, and Waylon Cleland, Recreation Supervisor

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: Motion made by Commissioner Cox to approve the minutes for October 24, 2012, second by Commissioner Underhill, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Keith took a moment to introduce Kristina Blume, Miss City of Bishop, 2012. Kristina gave her thanks for the opportunity she has been given to represent the City of Bishop. She filled the Commission in on some of the events and programs that she has participated in since being crowned in November.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: **Dog Relief Area, Council Decision-**
After discussion the Council decided to keep the Dog Relief Area due to high traffic and frequency of use. Signs will be put up at the area to direct users to the Dog Park and encourage more people to use that area.

Outdoor Gym Equipment-
Staff continues to work with Toiyabe, the lead donor for the project. It has been a great collaboration. The equipment is in, however, there is still a part to be replaced that was damaged prior to delivery. After that arrives and is put in place a grand opening ceremony will be scheduled to note the official opening of this new addition and recognize all those who made it happen.

Pine to Park Path-

Pine to Park Path is going to be back on the Council Agenda in the Spring. The hope has been to create a walking pathway through the back of the park and connect to go through to the Community Garden and connect with existing pathways in the park. Pine to Park Path will be paved to allow walking and bicycle traffic. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if the offroad vehicles that will be parking nearby to access the offroad trails will be allowed on the pathway. Keith said no, they will be restricted to specific routes, the pathway will not be part of that.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update on Council Report for Food Vendors in the Park-

Keith updated the Commission of the recent request to allow food vendors in the park for Council consideration. The current ordinance will have to be changed to reflect this allowance. Council is looking at reviewing it again at the next meeting on February 11th. The change in the ordinance would set fee and designate certain hours and time frames to keep from taking away from the nonprofit organizations such as AYSO and Little League. The vendors allowed would have to pay per day to be there. With all those who use the park including those for softball, it won't be an issue for them to make their money back. Location will also be a part of that and so we need to make sure that all of that comes together to make sure everyone knows when they can be there, where they are supposed to be located so that toes are not stepped on. At this point, Keith opened it up for discussion and comments from the Commissioners that Keith can take forward to the Council. Commissioner Batchelder stated that he would like to see Little League in the snack shack without any other competition as it's a major funding stream for that organization and we would need to be conscious of the other nonprofit groups as well. Keith stated that the designated hours would not interfere with these groups or other fundraisers we allow. The hours would be during City programs times only such as adult softball and adult soccer time frames. Commissioner Batchelder asked if there has been any push back from the business in the area. Keith said no. Commissioner Cox stated that at the current time, no volunteers have come forward to work the Snack Shack for Little League. Keith stated that if Little League needed to allow someone to run the Snack Shack, that maybe Community Services could run it and give a percentage back to Little League and still be able to make some money. We will wait for Little League's lead. Commissioner Underhill asked if nonprofits would be charged for concessions. Keith said no, only for profit vendors. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if Park Staff would have any leverage to request the vendors to leave if there was issues. Keith said yes, the vendors will have to follow the ordinance, they will need to get licensed through the city as well as certified by the county for health and safety, Staff would have total control over that. Commissioner Hallenbeck then asked if the number of vendors would be limited, Keith said yes. Keith stated that it would be first come first serve for times available, he expects there to be some competition for the prime times. This would be an add on to the business they already have. Commissioner Hallenbeck thinks this is a great idea.

STAFF REPORT:

Programs –

Waylon shared that the Pageant held in November was a huge success, with standing room only in Whiskey Creek. It was impressive and will need a larger facility next year

The tree lighting ceremony went off without a hitch, the weather was good, it was perfect.

Over the past few months there have been an eight class session of art for ages 5-12 as well as our Thanksmas, both with 12 children enrolled. There were also two Kids Night Out for the holidays that were successful, the second of which Councilman Ellis read Twas the Night Before Christmas, staff was very thankful for that, it was a lot of fun.

Basketball has started, there are seven teams each with 10 league games. Opengym Volleyball has also started with 20-30 players each night, league will begin February 21st. We have our first Family Movie Night in the auditorium scheduled for this Friday at 5:30 the next has been schedule for February 22nd.

Our first Kids Night Out, that is sponsored by a local business, Studio B for Hip Hop Night will take place on February 1st at 5:30. Another Kids Night Out has been scheduled in March for Pizza 395, followed by Childrens Day of the Arts on March 16th. For this event, the City was approached to take it over. A grant from First 5 was applied for. The hope is to have 15 booths for ages 0-5years and 7 to 8 booths for the older age groups.

Lastly, Waylon shared that over this past year, 54 local businesses have contributed in some way to our programs. In a way to say Thank You, certificates of appreciation were made and framed for each one and most were delivered by hand so Waylon could share our gratitude.

Facilities-

Dan shared that staff has been cleaning up in the Community Garden area, removing the burn piles and unrecyclable pile. They hauled the slash to Public Works facility to avoid excess fees.

Christmas lights came down, roughly 3-4 days of work with help from DWP and SCE.

Currently BUHS and Mammoth Soccer are out on the park fields as they progress to the end of those seasons, softball and baseball are preparing to begin.

Ski Program is midseason with the last day being March 14th.

Staff has also been working on Sunrise Mobilehome Park, finishing up cleanup on front yards and other requested fixes that need to be taken care of. They are also looking at moving the three trees on Fowler Street by the City Employee parking lot, clean up for Baseball season, getting quotes for paint for the pool building floors, working on Chamber

restrooms, preparing for Youth Associated Sports meetings and NAYS Training.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

ADJOURMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm to reconvene Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at 5:15 pm at the City Council Chambers.

Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv. Secretary