

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

February 27, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on February 27, 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, John Weatherford

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

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 Underhill to approve the minutes for January 23, 2013, second by Commissioner Batchelder, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Allison Collin – Mesquite Rd. Bishop
Allison understands that the City of Bishop would like to do something for Arbor Day. She has been documenting the best examples of trees with the Master Gardeners and put it together to create a tree walk. Originally it was set to walk thru residential areas near Home Street starting on Keoughs St. After discussion with City Park Staff, she was reminded that some home owners may not be agreeable to this and she was offered the City Park area instead. She is asking for approval to go forward with this. The walk will be free of charge and will be done in partnership with the Master Gardners.Keith shared that a map of the trees was created by Charles Milligan that may be available to those who wanted to participate on the walk. It would also encourage other park walkers to come thru. This event is planned for Arbor Week. Commissioner Hallenbeck shared that she participated in a tree walk that Allison put together in the Manor Market area and it was very well done. Commissioner Hallenbeck wanted to know if there was anything else planned for Arbor Week. Dan stated that he was hoping to have a tree planting along side the Tree Walk. The event would be publicized and they would possibly be planting more Evergreens, funds are available from the Garden Tour.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Outdoor Gym Equipment-

Waylon shared that there was a bent piece on one of the pieces of equipment that rubs, that new piece has been ordered. They also have to make an adjustment on the lap press as its pretty high. Alex Printing is doing final proofs for the signage. They will plan a grand opening this spring, but there is not a set date as of yet.

2. Pine to Park Path-

Keith asked the Commission to review two renderings of the Pine to Park path. One route goes to the inside of the split rail fence, the other has the route to the outside of the split rail, otherwise the pathways are the same. Keith shared that the plan is still to have a nice circular pathway that will go around the planned ballfields and connect to the Pine to Park pathway to allow a walking access all the way around the park.. A vote was taken, all in favor of recommending the Pine To Park Rendition of Inside the Fence to the Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Garden Update-

Mary McGurke came to represent the Community Garden and answer any questions or concerns that have come up. Commisisoner Hallenbeck said that she that the Rotary was working on flower seeds, but she was understanding that the garden plots were for food. Mary said that though the majority of the plots are used for vegetables and herbs, some plots are for educational purposes, thus seeds for flowers are necessary as part of the educational plots. The native plants are used for demonstration. They are use for pollinator paradise. They are showy annuals and perennials and each plot is put together and worked by a different group. Commissioner Hallenbeck said that she likes the fence. Mary said that there is a grant with funding that has to be spent by the end of 2013. They worked on the fence though it still needs gates. Keith stated that if the Commissioners had not yet had the chance, they should go see the garden, it was incredible last year. Mary has pictures of before and after and then midseason after planting.

STAFF REPORT:

Programs –

There have been two movie nights. The first was really good, there was a decent turn out. The second one attendance was low.

Kids Night Out at Studio B had 21 kids in attendance. Everyone had a really good time. The new twist to have it hosted by a local business has been good. The next one has been scheduled at Pizza 395 on March 8th with a max allowed of 20 kids.

Waylon and Dan attended the Parks and Recreation Risk Management Conference in Huntington Beach. They learned a lot and met a lot of new people from other cities.

Commissioners will see that a March Calendar has been included in there folders.

Volleyball ends the 21st of March, Basketball ends on the 20th and the 12th is the Softball League meeting as staff prepares for the summer season. Softball this year will be capped at 40 teams. When Keith started, there were only 17 teams, we have come a long way.

City of Bishop is hosting the Childrens Day of the Arts. The event is co-sponsored by the Sunrise Rotary and made possible by a grant from First 5. The event will be March 16th from 9-12 with roughly 18 stations that will provide a 15 minute project.

Arnie Palu is again putting on the BUHS Football camp over spring break as a fundraiser for the football team.

Kung Fu will start back up, Step Aerobics has just begun, and lastly interviews were held for the Aquatics Coordinator position and it was decided to hire two in a co-coordinator status, Elaina Stoll and Nicole Younger. Lifeguard interviews have also been scheduled.

Both Softball and the pool are due to start up on April 29th.

Facilities-

Soccer has wrapped up. Mammoth was able to open their new fields prior to the season ending. Field 5 is open and needs to be seeded.

The ski season has 4 days left. There are trial modifications happening to see if they will work before making the change to next year.

Staff has been working on field preparation for BUHS and Little League. The pool building floor received a coat of sealant, they have been looking at the Chamber bathrooms for possible renovation and they are working on finalizing the details for Arbor Day.

The Chamber has the Blake Jones Tournament in two weeks and they will need help with preparation. Looking ahead to April, Fishing opener is at the end of the month with Fish Camp in the planning stages for that same weekend. Little League opening ceremonies is set for April 6th. The pool preparation begins prior opening and a refurbished mower has been purchased.

Seasonal staff hiring has begun. There are several returning and one new hire, Nathan Rigney who will work at Sunrise Mobile Home Park.

Keith shared that there is the possibility of applying for more First 5 grants. For Nutritional Health and Fitness and Everybody Swims. The Swim program is a great opportunity for the young kids to know how to swim . It will allow the community to experiment with other different programs like gymnastics and crockpot cooking and may be a good way to utilize the new outdoor equipment.

Keith also wanted to share that the Council has more questions regarding the food vendors in the park. What style will be allowed and details on facilitation and supervision. Currently the ordinance does not allow

vendors at the park. Commissioner Batchelder asked how this compares to the Mule Days and Labor Day events at the park with vendors. Keith shared that these events are facilitated by Inyo Council of the Arts, they pay to rent the park and the city gets the share of taxes that get paid thru sales. He suggested maybe the Commissioners would want to review the policy book, not only to familiarize themselves, but also to suggest any changes. A retreat can be scheduled to go over the policy book. Commissioner Underhill asked if the policy manual can be received three weeks prior to allow time for them to go through it. Keith said of course, it will be scheduled for April after the regular meeting.

Keith went back to concerns with vendors in the park. He knows that there will need to be a limit. He believes it will be popular and could bring a lot of opportunity. He agrees that time frames need to stay away from non-profit organizations time frames. There could be opportunities for Munch and Music night gatherings during the spring and summer months.

ITEMS FROM THE
COMMISSION:

Commissioner Cox asked if there was any word on Field 6. Dan and Waylon said at this point they have heard anything.

Commissioner Underhill asked if the Commission could revisit the Community Building. Keith said it could be revisited there may be other entities that would use some of the space and assist in covering costs for maintenance. It will be an expensive project.

Commissioner Weatherford said the he was approached by the Hockey League for an outdoor center. He suggested they get some things together for the possibility of a summer program next year.

Commissioner Cox said he would completely support that.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm to reconvene Wednesday, March 27t, 2013, at 5:15 pm at the City Council Chambers.

Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv. Secretary