

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

January 22, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on December 4, 2013 the meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm at the City Park, 301 W. Line St, Bishop, Ca.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS Kellie Hallenbeck John Weatherford, Thom Batchelder and Cheryl Underhill

COMMISSIONERS
ABSENT: Lee Cox

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 December 4, 2013, second by Commissioner Batchelder, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: **Update on Community Center/ Master Plan revisions -**
Waylon updated the Commission on the decision by the committee to continue on with the two building plan. One for a sports complex with multiuse rooms and a gymnastics area, the other for the arts. They have continued discussion on which area they would like to see the buildings go. The Sports Complex is moving forward faster and currently they would like to see the building go in at the rear of the park across from the Senior Center. The current Master Plan is not up to date on what has been put in place in the last few years. Staff would like to get the Master Plan updated to show the new areas and see where other areas are at, with the new buildings coming in, the rear fields may have to stay in place where they are. Cronus Dillard from the Committee may have access to CAD, and may be able to manipulate the old file and move these areas around so the commission can see the direction the park is taking. Over the next few meetings with the Sports Complex group staff will be able to talk about this a little more and see if it works out. Discussion ensued and the Commission suggested a working meeting after staff has a chance to get everything in place to allow the meeting to be worthwhile. Commissioner Batchelder wanted to add that the DWP is willing to donate the dirt for the BMX track. Waylon said they

don't want to forget that that will be a tangible program for the Master Plan discussions.

NEW BUSINESS:

street
This
Talmage
Due to this
upgrades. New
staff to get some
easier maintenance,
over the sitting areas.
he had any ideas or
outlook they had envisioned
more inviting. The
upgrades on both the street
atmosphere in the center of

Warren Street Project, effects on Talmage Park and Academy Street:
Doug Talmage was in the audience to represent the family; Deston Dishion from Public Works was on hand to present the current outline of what the changes can look like. Due to code, the parking area on Academy will have to be deeper, therefore cutting away some of the sidewalk. This will encroach on the area surrounding the tree in the center of making the main walkway around the tree on the south side. A major change funding for this project can provide some concrete is much needed and they have been talking with ideas of other changes such as a larger grass area for benches and the lighting moved to make it brighter. After a brief discussion staff asked Mr. Talmage if suggestions. He stated that he agreed with the for the upgrades and felt that it would make the area commissioners were also in agreeance as the and park upgrades as it would provide a nice the main street throughway.

STAFF REPORT:

Waylon shared that Basketball was in its third week and doing well. Volleyball begins tomorrow for open gym on Thursday and Sundays thru February. Waylon has been a part of Team Inyo, a group that encourages healthy lifestyles. They have put together all the necessary requirements to become a HEAL City. A resolution will be read at the next City Council meeting and this will open it up for some great grants and program promotion. Keith shared that this group has been pretty productive; they leaned on the groups that vend in the park and have gotten them to choose healthier drinks such as fruit juices and water instead of soda. This gives us the opportunity to be a leader in a healthier lifestyle. Commissioner Hallenbeck stated that Keith should be proud. When he was first hired on one of his goals was to help stop obesity and the programs that are being created show that the City cares.

Waylon shared that the Children's Day of the Arts is set for March 15th at the Pine Street School BAC. Waylon applied for the grant from First Five and received \$2,000 for that. Commissioner Batchelder asked if that would cover the cost for the event. Waylon said it would be close; he will be looking for a little more money to cover the rest. Kids Night Out is scheduled for this Friday at Pizza 395 from 5:30-7:30; the kids will make pizzas, eat and play. He would also be attending the Career Connections with Karey at the Cerro Coso College where they will have applications available for the seasonal positions now open for summer employment. Gymnastics is up and running with 70 kids. The Dog Park has had a change in presidents. Leanne is the new president and Waylon feels she will do well. They will be working on the kiosk and pavers for the Dog Park this spring. Lastly, Hunters Safety class are going to be available January 27th from 3:30-5pm should anyone need to get their certificates.

Keith updated the commission on the ATV Trails; he advised them that they were moving ahead with the environmental report with the County as lead agency. California Highway Patrol has created a road block; they have denied all routes into the city without explanation. The group has asked for explanations to see if they can work around them to get to the main goal, get potential ATV riders into the city for supplies. They are hoping to get a

response soon so they can begin to mitigate the issues and concerns with CHP. Commissioner Underhill asked if it was stopped locally or at Sacramento. Keith stated that it was at Sacramento. Commissioner Batchelder asked if anyone has talked to California City to see how they were able to pull it off. Keith said that that was one idea and also to go higher if they can't get thru CHP and talk with Legislatives and Senators that may have more pull.

Facilities –

Dan shared that staff has been busy fixing broken water lines, one domestic water line that sits under the pool slide area making it difficult to get to. They also had a repair one of the old planters on Rose Street that was crushed by a vehicle. Tuft rock is difficult to get, but they managed to salvage what they needed for the repair. He will begin to do irrigations audits, a good time as the governor has asked for a twenty percent cut due to drought. They removed all the Christmas lights from Main Street and the park. The Tree Committee met two weeks ago regarding the Warren Street Project. If the commission is interested they can see the plan on the website with the structures and trees. Though staff will be asking for some changes due to the current plan being a maintenance nightmare. February 27th is the Tree City meeting and they will begin to work on Main Street while the plants are dormant. Little League has begun to work out details for upgrades to the fields which will include mounds and bullpens and nets for the t-ball areas. Commissioner Batchelder asked about lights for field 3. Dan said they are looking at that a little more to see what they can afford to do if they stop upgrades for field 4, they can move that money over to put towards lights.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Weatherford asked about the status of the ski program. Dan said they are working on surplusing the ski equipment. So far all is going well with renting from the mountain. He also asked about the parking lot between fields one and two and the railroad ties. Dan said they need to look at them for other options to fix them. Commissioner Batchelder asked about using boulders as he has access to some.

Commissioner Underhill said she had heard about the Council changing meeting times and asked Keith if they were looking at the commissions as well. Keith said not at this time, it's not impossible should the commission want to make changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Discussion was made regarding a possible change in the next meeting and it was agreed to move the meeting by one week. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm to reconvene on February 26, 2014 at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

Commissioner

ATTEST: _____
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv. Secretary