

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

June 4, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on June 4, 2014 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 April 23, 2014, second by Commissioner Weatherford, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Update Pine to Park Path –

Dan shared that they would be breaking ground on the path project on June 9th. There will be some impacts on parking at the rear of the park as well as access to the garden area while they are working. This will be a three to four week project. Park staff will need to work on waterlines and help ensure it's a seamless process so they can get the project completed as quickly as possible.

Update Field 6 –

Dan stated that the EIR is open for Public Comment with a 30 day response time. The project has been placed in the hands of Barry Simpson and Jim Tatum on behalf of the high school. It will need to have curb and gutters along the whole corner area. They need to put together and excavation plan as well. Staff is just waiting to hear back from them before anything can move forward, hoping to be able to get started in August.

Update on Community Center/ Master Plan revisions –

Waylon shared the updated map to the Commission as requested from the previous meeting. Batchelder noted that it didn't show the culvert between the park area and Field 2. Weatherford asked to have the bathrooms moved near the dugouts and asked if there was a way to show the BMX track behind the Senior Center. Commissioner Batchelder commented on the fact

that only if there was enough room for the track. Karey noted that there are still no restrooms at the back of the park by fields four and five. Waylon stated that it would be possible to add some bathrooms as part of the maintenance shed in that area. Commissioner Weatherford said that it may also be a possibility to put the maintenance shed by the dog park if there isn't enough room by the ball fields. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if the Sterling Heights was changing the direction for vehicles pulling in to their facility will all the work going on with the path. Keith said that he would double check with her and find out for certain. Keith shared with the Commission that when they felt they were ready with the new plan, he could move forward and take it to Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

STAFF REPORT:

Facilities-

Dan let the Commission know that the memorial tree for Karl Riesen had been planted at Field 4. He stated that Mule Days went off without a hitch. The Part time staff did a great job; they had an estimated 8,000-10,000 visitors in the park. Staff is now going into maintenance mode. They continue to upkeep the pool; it has been busy with pool party's non-stop. The pool managers are doing an awesome job as well. He shared that Arden Wagoner and Kyle Goin are back for the summer season. Staff will spend the next few weeks taking care of the weeds that came fast after the rains. He has scheduled CDF to help with creek cleanup again and is gearing up to mow the rear field.

Programs –

Waylon shared that Softball was going great with 31 teams. A women's league will also be getting started. He said with the pool opening the beginning of May there was a count of 66 kids participating on the Swim Team. Staff was able to get Brittany Rossi certified to teach Lifeguard Instruction. To date there have been three in house re-certification classes. Staff is still working out fees and charges for this new piece at the pool. He also shared that concession sales have started at the pool for the first time and the swim lesson registration is opening with a scholarship program thru First 5 for the first session.

Waylon shared that the beginning of May was also the Youth Activities Expo at the front of the park with a Recycled Art competition. They had four entries and gave each of them a great prize. He also said the Community Garden group had an orientation and a cleanup. They didn't get the clean air grant this year, but still want to do the project for the native species portion of the garden.

He shared with the Commission that the Mule Days Arts and Crafts fair had 131 vendors, they were down 19, but 30 of those this year were new. Keith shared that the City gets \$5,000 for renting this area out to Inyo Council for the Arts.

Waylon stated that this weekend was the Swim Team Triathlon and staff was geared up to be down there to help get set up. Water Aerobics will begin June 17th and possibly a few more water exercise classes. Summer Camps are also getting started with the first being Science themed. Currently the camp is full at 36 participants and 6 counselors. Challenger Sports camp is coming up as well as Little League closing ceremonies. There are several Softball Tournaments on the calendar as well as pool parties leading up to the Big Day in the Park. A new event this year, Miss Teen City of Bishop, Callie Kruse has proposed and began planning for the first Mud Volleyball Fundraiser Tournament scheduled for July 19th at the fairgrounds. There will be Karaoke and Live Music. High School Rodeo is set to begin June 9th. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked for the dates of the Swim Meet, Waylon stated that it's scheduled for the 20th – 22nd. He also shared that preparation to go to bid on coolers for the Auditorium has begun allowing more time and space for programs. Keith shared that the After School Program will be going to the school board for approval. The program will be housed on school campus utilizing a currently unused building.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Weatherford asked Dan on status of equipment. Dan said right now looking good. He put in a request for next budget year to purchase a new tractor. Gator has been a little fussy, fan needs a switch. Dan is hoping to save some money on the tractor purchase to be able to also get an infield machine with a tiller attachment.

Commissioner Weatherford asked Waylon about upcoming Hunter Safety courses. Waylon said that this topic just came up. Bill Dailey of Fish and Wildlife put the classes back on the Game Wardens to have them have more involved in the communities. This also allows more class offerings and also online classes are offered. Commissioner Weatherford also asked staff about having a Summer Streets of Lights, similar to the one in the winter; a time to invite business owners to be open a little later. Keith reminded the Commissioner of the Art walk and Chocolate walk put on by the Chamber and Inyo Council of the Arts in the summer and fall months. Commissioner Weatherford suggested a community get together for the 4th of July at the park on field 1. Allowing families that don't want to go to the airport a place where they can still see them. Maybe take donations for the Fire Department. Staff suggested talking with the Fire Chief about this before moving forward at least for this year. Commissioner Batchelder agreed that there may be some push back from the Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm discussion ensued; the Commission will change the July meeting date and reconvene on July 9, 2014 at 12:00p.m. at the City Park just south of the pool.

Commissioner

ATTEST: _____
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv. Secretary