

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

December 8, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on December 8, 2010, the meeting was called to order at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS Cheryl McDermott-Stanford, Kellie Hallenbeck, Barry Simpson, John Weatherford, Lee Cox

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: City Administrator, Jim Southworth, Karey Poole, Recording Secretary, Dan McElroy, Parks Supervisor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Commissioner McDermott to approve the minutes for October 27, 2010. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Simpson, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter of Recognition for Dan McElroy and his park staff for the clean up of the creek along side the Senior Center.

OLD BUSINESS: Arboretum –  
This program is moving forward as shown by the draft pamphlet. You can get a good idea of what it will look like, however it will be reprinted correctly by Alex printing. These will be given out as a marketing tool and will be made available at the Chamber. Visitors will be able to use this and go around and find the trees that are printed in it. All of the art work was done by Charles Milligan. The temporary Childrens Tree that was out front for the Christmas tree lighting was donated by Steve Blair at Chalfant Big Trees. The 16-20 foot Sequoia is on order, the temporary tree will be placed in the back of the park, it served its purpose well, the kids made decorations and staff did a good job helping them to get them on the tree. Steve Blair will be donating \$500 a year to the program, he himself will be driving up to Oregon to pick up the Sequoia and bring it back for planting. Dan McElroy added stating that Southern California Edison has an overage in their budget and has offered to donate some of

the landscaping, rocks and boulders to the program. Commission Hallenbeck liked the size of the planter for the Childrens Tree.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Joint Council/Commission meeting has been scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup>. Keith wanted to know if anyone has anything in particular that they would like to place on the agenda for discussion. Kellie will call the meeting to order.

Commissioner Weatherford stated that he is looking forward to meeting everyone. Commissioner McDermott would like to talk about Security and Dogs at the park. Commissioner Simpson would like to talk about local sports and supporting the Master Plan to further vision.

Commissioner Hallenbeck stated that it will be a good opportunity to come together and show how it all flows.

Not on the agenda- Commissioner Weatherford's term is ending and another person has also submitted interest. There will be an interview process and needed are two Parks and Recreation Commissioners and two City Council Members. They will interview John and Skandar. Commissioner Cox and Commissioner Hallenbeck volunteered to be on the panel.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Programs Update –

Gymnastics camp is coming up, it was very successful last year. We anticipate 15-20 kids to participate.

The Art program added another age specific class, so now it will be both Monday and Friday afternoons with both classes full.

Thanksgiving was held at JKBS and went very well. All the kids seemed to have a good time.

The Ski Program is starting up. The staff has done the boot fitting and have more kids than in the past. There will need to be more boots and skis purchased. The official season will begin after the first of January.

The Community Garden is in its winter off-season work. They will be preparing for trenching for irrigation, the City has donated one week's worth of work from the Park Staff. Staff has already cleared that back area and mowed, and the neighbors near the area have been asked to clear the area as well where they have stored items in the past. Staff has saved all recyclable material that can be used by the Community Gardeners.

The Self Defense class will be getting started in January. The instructor, Michael Capstick, is a Corrections Officer at CDC's Camp 26. It will be based on the art of Kung Fu and he will show the participants the best way to defend yourself.

The Tree Lighting and Streets of Lights went very well and could not have been done without the Park Staff. Commissioner Simpson said it was mentioned in an article in the L.A. Times regarding small town atmospheres for the holidays.

The Bocci Courts are moving forward. Staff has been working close with Skandar and has sketched out an area. They have begun ordering the materials. They will be placed behind the tennis courts near the Elms Motel. Commissioner McDermott asked if Skandar has been able to raise enough money. Keith said that with the funding and donations available, they will be able to do one court.

Keith also shared that he has been working with the California Parks and Recreation Society to use the logo "Parks Make Life Better!". The logo will be placed on the web page, pamphlets and brochures. He said that they do support CPRS and plan on attending the conference in March. Its important that we be a part of a state organization and CPRS is one of the top five in the country.

Keith also asked for discussion regarding the next meeting with the Joint Council/Commission Meeting following shortly after. It was decided to keep the January meeting as scheduled.

ITEMS FROM THE  
COMMISSION:  
ADJOURMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm to Wednesday January 26, 2011 at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

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Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair  
Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv.