

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

March 30, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on March 30, 2011, the meeting was called to order at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMISSIONERS  
ABSENT: Lee Cox

OTHERS PRESENT: Community Services Director, Keith Caldwell, Karey Poole, Recording Secretary, Dan McElroy, Parks Supervisor, and Waylon Cleland, Parks Facility Maintenance

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES: Motion made by Commissioner McDermott to approve the minutes for February 23 and 28, 2011. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Weatherford, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Community member, Skandar, returned as requested from the February meeting with ideas on existing ordinances for dogs in the park. He shared some from well known areas and hopes that the commission will be able to review them and make a decision that will result in a probationary ordinance with in the year. He hopes a “test-drive” will determine whether or not it will work. Keith asked the Commission if this item can be placed on the next agenda to give time to review the information provided. It was approved to place on the April agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The Joint Council/Commission meeting has been scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> . Keith gave a review of how the meeting will take place. He included the outline of the Commissioners duties from the City Ordinance to review. He advised if there was anything else to add to the agenda to let staff know before they left for the evening.

STAFF REPORT:

New Staff- Seneca was introduced to the Commission. Seneca is the first hired of the Park Seasonal Staff this spring

Waylon Cleland spoke with the Commission regarding the Parks and Recreation Conference that was attended in Sacramento. He shared some of the information that he learned including some ideas that were presented that he wants to look into further for the future of the park.

Waylon also spoke about the upcoming Eggstravaganza event at the rear of the City park. He shared his excitement with the local community business participation for sponsorships to assist with prizes for the community children. He also asked for some volunteers to help with different aspects of the event. He shared that we are hoping for at least 300 children and their families to participate. The event has a coloring contest and an Easter Egg hunt both separated into 3 different age groups. There will also be a Little League Fundraiser barbeque beginning at noon, and the Bishop Highschool FFA will be setting up a petting zoo. At this point he introduced Joe Buffington, the Agricultural Teacher at BUHS. Joe shared that the FFA would like to give back to the Community where it can. The FFA "learns by doing". And they will do anything they can to help out and expand their education. Keith said that Joe met earlier in the week with the park staff and created some projects the FFA can help out with at the park while also creating more learning opportunities for the kids.

Dan McElroy got up and spoke about the classes he attended at the Parks and Recreation Conference in Sacramento and learned about some ADA projects that will be coming up in the future that the City will be required to do.

Dan also spoke about the upcoming Fish Camp over Fishing Opener weekend that will be in the back of the City Park at the pond. It will consist of one ½ day of fishing and safety education and fly fishing lessons as well as a ½ day derby. Fly rods have been donated and volunteers are already in place to assist in the instruction. Fish and Game will also be a part of the camp complete with a stock truck with fish for the pond. There are local business sponsors and support.

Dan also shared some current projects going on with Little League field expansions and the Community Garden irrigation.

Keith gave a review of the upcoming events and programs for the month of April including the Doggie Dash fundraiser, the Community Garden Ground Breaking Ceremony on April 10<sup>th</sup> and the Football camp over spring break, along with all the ongoing programs already in place.

He shared that the 2011 Program Guide is currently in draft form and will hopefully be ready to print by April 1<sup>st</sup>. It has been a great tool for the community members interested in what the City of Bishop has going on.

Keith also mentioned that Softball registration has opened and the final date is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 32 teams will be allowed to register. He also told them

that a new pool heater was purchased and a bid went out for seed and fertilizer for the park.

ITEMS FROM THE  
COMMISSION:

Commissioner McDermott asked how Bocce Ball was going. Skandar stated that Mother Nature had kicked in and the court has settled. They are ready to acquire some dolomite dust. They are having fun with the current players that use the court and continue to move forward on creating a club with a governing board structure.

Commissioner McDermott mentioned that she has noticed the No Dogs signs and they are pretty clear.

Commissioner Weatherford discussed the idea of appointing Commissioners to some of the upcoming projects that should have Commission representation. Kelly has been doing a lot of it, but there will be others to attend.

Commissioner McDermott asked if we could continue to have the upcoming Commity meeting dates on the website.

Keith also added that the next meeting they will do a re-organization for the Chair and Vice Chair so they can be ready with their choices.

ADJOURMENT

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 5:15pm.

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Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair  
Secretary

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