

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

October 19, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on October 19, 2011, the meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm in the City Council Chambers, 301 W. Line St. Bishop, CA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS Cheryl McDermott-Stanford, Kellie Hallenbeck, John Weatherford, Lee Cox (entered at 5:20pm)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Barry Simpson

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 Cox to approve the minutes for September 14, 2011. 2nd by Commissioner McDermott, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

CORRESPONDENCE: none

OLD BUSINESS: RC Track-

Keith shared that the information provided for the Environmental Impact Report was now going thru the approval process. It will take some time to mitigate any negatives to the area and can then move forward if approved. This has been a learning process as we have gone along and now know what each group will need to provide that has a project proposal. It will be available to the public after the Commission approves it to move forward and before the Council will review it for approval. It's on a good track now. Keith said that it has been about three weeks since he has heard from the group during this process. He

understands that it is difficult for those who have not had to go thru the process before, but it is the right way to do it. Keith also reiterated that should this project be approved by the Council that it is not a City Program. The RC group will come in and maintain it and run it as they see fit under rules and regulations provided to the public.

Dog Park – Moved to Staff Reports with Waylon Cleland

NEW BUSINESS:

STAFF REPORT:

Commissioner Interviews –

Keith shared that Kelly Hallenbeck was recommended to continue and begin her new term. There was a look at the possibility of going from 5 to 7 members upon approval. Keith wanted to get some thoughts from the current Commissioners regarding this idea. Pros and Cons of the change and of keeping the current number the same were discussed as well as setting a term limit for members of the Commission to allow for new ideas to come to the table. They currently have two interested parties that also interviewed and if the Commissioners decided to recommend a change to the Council they wouldn't be able to begin until January. It was decided to bring this back to the table at the end of the meeting for discussion.

Programs –

Dog Park – Waylon shared that the group continues to meet every two weeks and have raised roughly \$4,000 and have 300 feet of chain link fence with a possibility of another 160 feet in Lone Pine. The EIR is in progress, after that has been approved they will be able to move on to phase one of the project. He thanked Commissioners Hallenbeck and McDermott for being a part of that group.

Fit 4 Life – Melanie Beard is the coordinator for this program. There are two more classes and it will end with the Toiyabe Road Run, the race the kids have been preparing for thru this program.

Trunk or Treat – This is going to be a very busy day, starting with the Fun Run moving on to the Trunk or Treat and Thrill the World and ending with Double Feature Halloween movies. Waylon asked if any of the Commissioners were interested in volunteering to help with games and contests to let him know.

Kids Fitness- We will be trying a new program to keep kids physically fit. Instructor Patty Cummings will hold the class on Mondays and Wednesdays after school beginning November 7th.

Thanksmas- We are again planning for Thanksmas, a time where it's all about fun and games for the kids and a free night to prepare for the holidays for the parents. McDonalds will be providing dinner for the children.

Kids Night Out – There are two nights selected for our Kids Night Out program, December 9th and 16th. These will be held at JKBS from 6-8pm, we will have dinner from McDonalds, a movie, games and arts and crafts available for the kids, giving parents time to finish up for the holiday.

Basketball will be starting; a meeting has been set for November 9th.

Volleyball is also in progress with the season beginning in January.

Ski Program- This program will again be available for 6th – 8th grades and is set to start after New Years'. The staff is ready and the skis are tuned.

Tennis Socials – This is a new program for the winter months with Patty Cummings and will run every Saturday from 12-4pm weather permitting. Should a social need to be cancelled, another Saturday will be added until 6 socials have occurred.

The program guide is currently in the works with the calendar of events for 2012. The 2011 Program Guide has been replaced with an End of the Year Activities flyer with updated information. There also has been Project and Program forms put together for proposed ideas complete with supply list and budget as well as an evaluation form to go out to each participant for feedback. Waylon requested the Commissioners to review these forms and give him feedback.

Facilities –

Dan updated the Commission on the current status of the phases for the ball fields that the Little League has been working hard to get finished.

AYSO is finishing up their season so this will allow some down time for the fields that the Bishop and Mammoth High Schools won't be using.

California Department of Corrections is working on cleaning out the creek again this year. They will work for two days at \$218 per day and can also be used for upcoming projects.

The pool has been buttoned up for the winter.

The new Children's Christmas Tree has been replanted. The other one was moved back to the Arboretum area to continue growth there. A big thanks to Chalfant Big Trees for the donation and help with the plantings.

Dan let the Commissioners know that he was looking losing three employees for the season. There is still a lot going on and remaining staff will be doing everything they can to continue maintenance of the facilities.

Commissioner McDermott inquired on the recent vandalism that occurred in the Park. Dan assured her that the staff is cleaning it up as best and as quickly as they can. This was a wide spread incident that occurred all over the City, so there is a lot to clean up everywhere.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Weatherford asked if there was anyway that the part time staff could be kept working longer. Keith said there really wasn't anyway to make that happen, the City was already looking at trying to overcome an anticipated deficit of \$600,000. Discussion continued regarding the ongoing and new programs that need attention and the current Park budget. Keith assured the Commission that staff is much appreciated, they are very talented and the ones year round are capable of keeping up on what is coming across to them. It's always a question as to whether or not the seasonal staff with return, we just hope that they have enjoyed their job and will be ready with the season begins again in the spring.

Commissioner Hallenbeck asked the staff for suggestions regarding the possible restructuring of the Commission. Dan thought it could be good, but budget needed to be taken into consideration. Waylon likes what we have but would like to see more involvement with local groups at the meetings to hear more from those outside sources.

Alex (Skandar) Reid asked to speak, the Commission granted permission, he suggested inviting these groups to come and give a presentation allowing for them to speak and give suggestions, but without the financial commitment of expanding the Commission.

Keith said these thoughts would be shared with the Council on Monday with no definite decisions being made. The Commissioners are invited to come and share comments with the Council

ADJOURMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:27pm. It was decided to combine November and December, cancelling the original scheduled meeting date and they will reconvene on Wednesday December 7, 2011 at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair
Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv.