

CITY OF YUBA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES - **Revised**

Regular Meeting
April 18, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.
Conference Room – Littlejohn/Madden House
1300 Franklin Road, Yuba City

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Yuba City Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Blake at 5:35 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Littlejohn/Madden House.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Michele Blake, Richard Garmire, Clarine Musfelt and Vaughn Minnix

Commissioners Absent:

Lynne Koll

Staff Present:

Gary Marler, Parks Manager, Brad McIntire, Recreation Manager, and Lynda Griffith, Recreation Supervisor

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 21, 2007 Regular Meeting – copy attached

Commissioner Garmire moved to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2007 Regular Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Musfelt, and passed unanimously by the Commissioners present.

B. March 21, 2007 – Regular Meeting – No meeting due to lack of quorum

No motion required

V. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Public comment was invited regarding items of interest within the City's jurisdiction whether or not agendized for this meeting. No public comments were offered.

VI. BUSINESS FOR THE COMMISSION

A. Friends of the Parks & Recreation Foundation Special Event – Michele Blake

Chairperson Blake stated the Committee met on March 12th and it was decided to hold the fundraiser Luau on September 15th at 6 p.m. at the Gauche Aquatic Park (GAP). This event will be open to 200 people and the cost will be \$50 per ticket. Included at this event will be a Silent Wine Auction and the food will be provided by Dave Newquist with the Yuba City Fire Department. Another meeting was held on April 2nd, however she was not in attendance at that meeting. She will get the information from that meeting and update the Commission.

Commissioner Garmire asked how the tickets would be distributed, and Chairperson Blake replied that each Board Member of Friends will be selling those tickets. Mr.

McIntire stated tickets will also be sold out of the Recreation office as well. Chairperson **Blake** stated that this will be an annual event.

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Parks & Recreation Reports

Directors Report – Brad McIntire, Recreation Supervisor, for Skip King –

- On Wednesday, April 11th staff took a tour of the Feather River Parkway area with the Proposition 50 group. Staff was informed there is \$38,000,000 of funds to be allocated, with approximately \$84,000,000 worth of requests for these funds. Yuba City made the top 40 projects, and during the next month the Prop. 50 group will be doing site tours of other City's sites. After the van tour, Mr. Marler arranged for a tour on the river, which was approximately **1 hour**. Mr. McIntire felt this tour went quite well. After the river tour, they met at the Corporation Yard and were joined by the City Manager and the Mayor. The City is applying for **\$4,800,000**. Commissioner Garmire asked if the City had to match these funds, and Mr. McIntire stated they did not. The main concern of the Prop 50 group was access to this area, and the City Manager conveyed that this site would be maintained by the City and would acquire access to the site. The City should hear from this group in June. Commissioner Garmire asked how far south this area goes, and Mr. Marler stated it goes from the 10th Street Bridge north to approximately Lynn Way. Commissioner Garmire stated he thought their tour had gone further north, and Mr. Marler stated that the area the Commission took their tour was private property, where the City's low lift pump is. He further stated that the City is researching some other grant funds that may be available for the purchase of open space land. Commissioner Garmire asked about the boat ramp, and Mr. Marler explained it belongs to the City, however it is maintained by the County. He explained the property lines of the area between the 5th and 10th Street bridges. Commissioner Garmire asked how many acres the City is looking to develop, and Mr. Marler stated it is 172 acres. More discussion ensued regarding what would take place should the City received the funding and it was stated that his area would be built in phases. A discussion also ensued regarding the people who would be displaced by this project. Mr. Marler stated it is felt there are approximately 75 - 100 people who live at the river bottoms on the Yuba City side of the river. Commissioner Musfelt stated the United Way is looking into the fate of the homeless and there possibly being a bi-county coalition who will serve the needs of those displaced. This is still in the research phase.

Parks Report - Gary Marler, Parks Manager –

- Gauche Aquatic Park – This project is going quite well. He stated the first layer of the roof is on the building and the floor of the pump room has been poured. Road base is in all the parking lot areas and are ready for asphalt. Conduit for the electrical in the parking lots and the irrigation lines are all in. The contractor is working on C Street, and grading is being done. Mr. Marler stated they are working on the swell of the road on C Street, taking it out for a smoother road. He further stated that the only thing holding up the project at this time is water spigots, which are required every **50** feet around the pool.

Commissioner Garmire asked about the status of the pools, and Mr. Marler stated they are so far along, they aren't working on them now. He stated the slide should be constructed in two weeks. Mr. McIntire said you can get a good feel for how the

building will look from the shell that is built. Mr. Marler stated that all the above ground utilities will be underground.

- Gray Avenue Pool – The City is in the beginning stages of testing for lead and asbestos, and the preliminary reports are looking good. The plan is to demolish the pool and put in large picnic areas with BBQ's.
- Staff is starting to purchase equipment for the new pool, i.e. a utility vehicle, miscellaneous items for the pool.

Commissioner Minnix stated that at the last meeting the topic of lifeguards came up and who would train them. Mr. McIntire stated that the Department just hired a new Recreation Coordinator, Rachel Ah Sam, and she is being certified as an instructor to train the lifeguards for the City. He further stated that at the last meeting it had been mentioned that staff would be meeting with the Master Swimmers and Feather River Aquatic group to find out what their needs would be, which would decide what the needs for the pool would be. It is believed that the pool will open in February when the high school begins their swim program. Commissioner Musfelt asked if the high school had Water Polo, and Mr. McIntire said they do and are currently playing at the Gray Avenue Pool.

- Staff is still in the process of mapping the City trees, with most of the Landscape Maintenance Districts having been mapped, however they are still mapping the trees along the block walls in these areas, and should be completed in approximately 2 weeks. After that is done, the older parts of town will be mapped.
- Park Impact Fees – Years ago the City was divided into four quadrants, and the fees that were collected went to specific quadrants. Approximately \$35,000 was found that had not been spent. This money will need to be spent in the quadrants it was collected for (NE and SW quadrants). The money will be spent at Kingwood Park, Northridge Park, Patriot Park and Holly Tree Park. The Department has requested some Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds to purchase equipment for Holly Tree Park. At Kingwood, the exercise yard would be taken out and a new park sign would be placed there, with some other improvements.

Discussion ensued regarding the new Developer Impact Fee Study Session with City Council, and more information will come in the near future. City Council would like to see these fees implemented July 1, 2007, which would be the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Recreation Report – Lynda Griffith, Recreation Supervisor -

Ms. Griffith stated that she oversees Youth Sports, Youth Camps and Special Classes. Following is her report on programs:

- Winter Youth Basketball for boys and girls ages 8 – 15– 593 participants. This program continues to grow every year and is held at Yuba City Unified School District facilities.
- Track & Field for boys and girls ages 6 – 13 – 226 participants from Yuba City/Marysville, with Beale AFB joining with approximately 30
- Hershey's Track & Field Meet – This one day event will be held June 2 and community donations are given to help run this program.

- T-Ball is for ages 4-7, boys and girls. This year there are 386 participants, with a waiting list of approximately 20.
- Spring Break Day Camp – There were 35 participants per day, with arts/crafts and sports being offered throughout the week.
- 7 on 7 Youth Soccer League – 40 participants are registered.
- Summer Camp begins June 5th. Over 2,000 participants were in the camp last year. Activities include swimming, bowling, movies, sports, arts/crafts and fields trips (2 to Sun Splash, Sacramento Zoo, Monarchs game, Jelly Belly Factory and CalSkate in Chico). This program is for ages 5 – 13 years. The program is run out of Gray Avenue School and Sam Brannan Park. The cost of the program is \$125 per week and is held from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Summer Youth Basketball – Historically there are approximately 300 participants. This is for ages 8 – 15 years and is six weeks in length.
- British Soccer Camp – Held August 6-10, with approximately 28 participants signed up.
- Tots at Play is held at April Lane School – 235 participants have been enrolled since January. This program is so popular, parents sign up 2 months in advance to guarantee their child's participation.
- Kuk Sool Won – This class is offered in coordination with the local Martial Arts Academy. Fifty people have participated in this program since January.
- Tennis – ages 6 – 12 – eighteen participants are enrolled for April.
- Cooking with Efraim – This class is held at Pardiso and participants taste the food that is prepared in front of them and recipes are handed out. Ninety-five adults have participated since January.
- Progressive Dinner – This is a traveling dinner with appetizers, meal and dessert and are all done at three different locations – Pasquinis, Paridiso and The Refuge. In January there were 16 participants, and at this time there are 19 signed up for May.
- Gymnastics – Ages 2+. The Recreation Department uses Palmer Hall at the Y-S Fairgrounds. The program runs Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, with a Jazz Dance class being added on Tuesday. Enrollment is as follows: January – 91; February – 125; March – 125; and April – 114.
- Upcoming classes: Historical Fencing for ages 14+, Rock and Ride held at the Skate Park for ages 13+; BMX Camp held at the Riverfront BMX Track for ages 4 - 12 and will run June through October in several sessions; Kuk Sool Martial Arts Camp for ages 6 – 12 will be held June, July & August from 8 a.m. – noon; Robitix Camp – participants will work with Legos and computers, and will build a robot; Beginning Archery; Jazzercise Kids Camp; Jazzercise Camp for 18+; Wine 101 for ages 21+, which will be held at Ruthy's; Beginning Fly Fishing for ages 10+; Mother's Day Flower Containers and Mosaic Step Stone Madness, held in coordination with Two Chix Plantation Nursery.

Mr. McIntire stated the new activity guide will be going out to the public on May 8th.

B. Agenda Items for the Next Commission Meeting
 1. Develop Impact Fee Presentation

Commissioner Minnix thanked Mr. King and Mr. Marler for taking the Commission on the tour of Gauche Aquatic Park, stating it was very informative. Mr. Marler stated that the Commission could go on another tour when the facility is further along.

Mr. McIntire stated the new City web page is being re-done at this time and will go live at the end of April.

VIII. TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Marler informed the Commission that the Sycamores in front of Sutter North on B Street have been removed in order to allow the Valley Oaks to grow.

IX. NEXT COMMISSION DATE

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held May 16, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Recreation Conference Room at the Littlejohn/Madden House, 1300 Franklin Road, Yuba City.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Blake adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad McIntire
Recreation Manager

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