

CITY OF YUBA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
August 15, 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 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Littlejohn/Madden House.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Michele Blake, Richard Garmire, Vaughn Minnix and Clarine Musfelt

Commissioners Absent:

Lynne Koll

Staff Present:

Brad McIntire - Recreation Manager and Rachel Ah Sam, Recreation Coordinator

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 18, 2007 Regular Meeting – Copy submitted

Commissioner Musfelt moved to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2007 Regular Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Minnix, and passed unanimously by the Commissioners present.

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. Substance Abuse Steering Coalition – Tina Lavy & Narinder Dhaliwal

Representatives from the Yuba, Sutter & Colusa County Substance Abuse Steering Coalition were present at the meeting, and those present included: Tina Lavy, Jeff Olson, Bob Shelby, Joe Barker, Nancy William and Narinder Dhaliwal

Ms. Dhaliwal stated over 92 cities and counties in California have passed ordinances that require parks to be completely smoke-free. She and the Coalition are asking that the City make Gauche Aquatic Park a smoke-free environment. Ms. Dhaliwal handed out packets to the Commissioners and stated in making the facility smoke-free, it also alleviates a litter problem, stating cigarette butts are not bio-degradable. Ms. Lavy handed out a letter to the Commission regarding a smoke-free environment.

Ms. Dhaliwal stated a concern of organizations has been the enforcement of this policy. She further stated this can be alleviated by having clear signage.

Commissioner Minnix asked if the purpose of their presence is to make Gauche Park non-smoking or to have this as a starting point to have all parks non-smoking facilities. Ms. Lavy stated that at this time they are interested in Gauche Aquatic Park and the others may follow if it is the desire of the City. Ms. Lavy informed the Commission of the Tot Lot Law that was passed in 2002, which is a California State Law. This law states that smoking is not allowed within 25 feet of playground tot lot areas in California counties and cities.

Mr. Garmire asked if there is an existing ordinance at the pool at this time, and Mr. McIntire deferred this to Rachel Ah Sam, Recreation Coordinator for the Aquatics program. Ms. Ah Sam stated there is no smoking inside the fenced area of the pool, however it is not prohibited outside.

Chairperson Blake stated she had discussed signage with Mr. Marler, and this signage should appear in the parks throughout Yuba City within the next six months.

More discussion ensued regarding designated smoking areas at facilities and it was recommended that, should a smoking area be needed, it be set up in the parking lot. Ms. Dhaliwal informed the Commission that there is also a law prohibiting smoking within 25 feet of open doors and windows at governmental buildings.

Ms. Dhaliwal suggested that as the facility is marketed, it be stated that this will be a smoke-free environment. More discussion ensued regarding smoking in parks and Sam Brannan Park has been a facility the Coalition has held outreaches to the public.

Commissioner Garmire made a motion that the Commission make a recommendation to City Council that Gauche Aquatic Park be designated as a smoke-free environment. Commissioner Musfelt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by the Commissioners present, with Chairperson Blake abstaining from the vote.

Mr. McIntire asked about designated smoking areas and Ms. Dhaliwal stated this is usually done in a designated area of a parking lot, not the whole parking lot. More discussion ensued regarding the designation of a smoking area and Ms. Dhaliwal stated in many parks smoking is allowed past the curb. She further stated that, should the Department need any information, please feel free to contact her.

Ms. Lavy thanked the Commission for their time. Commissioner Minnix asked if there was a timeline for the other parks to be included in this request for smoke-free zones. Ms. Lavy stated that the Coalition would like to see the signage up around the tot lots at the City parks as soon as possible.

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

Chairperson Blake asked Mr. McIntire to inform the Friends Foundation that the Commission would like to have a table at the Luau. There was no other information to share.

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Parks & Recreation Reports

Parks & Recreation Report – Brad McIntire, Recreation Manager -

- Working on an Agreement with Yuba City Unified School District to include all programs offered through the Department at school sites. This year the Department will be implementing adult programs to be held on the high schools new all-turf fields, both at River Valley and Yuba City High Schools. These programs will include adult flag football, soccer leagues and youth soccer.
- Working on an Agreement for Gauche Aquatic Park for school use, which will have a fee associated due to the cost of running an aquatic facility. It is anticipated that other schools within the Yuba City Unified School District besides River Valley and Yuba City High Schools will be using this facility in the future.
- After-school programs are gearing up to begin.
- Summer programs are winding down as the summer ends.
- The 2007 Fall Brochure has gone out to the public.
- Friends Foundation – Over \$13,000 was raised for the Foundation during the Yuba-Sutter Fair concession.
- Feather River Parkway – The Public Works Department will be meeting with an engineering firm to determine the resources and the role of the City.
- Gauche Aquatic Park – Half of the river walk has been completed. The pool deck will be poured next week, and external and internal tiles will also be installed. It is estimated that next week the facility will have all windows in place and will be able to be a locked facility. It is planned that the facility be opened for two weekends prior to it closing for the season.
- Parks has hired two Groundskeepers and will start on September 18th.

Mr. McIntire introduced Rachel Ah Sam, Recreation Coordinator. Ms. Ah Sam gave an update on the Aquatics/Special Events programs:

- Swim lessons began June 4th and will end Friday, August 23rd. Over 1,200 individuals participated.
- Open Swim will close September 3rd.
- Two Luau's were held during the summer, with approximately 80 – 100 individuals participating at each event.
- Three types of Water Aerobics were offered this summer – Senior, Adult and Deep Water, with 159 individuals participating throughout the summer.
- New programs to be offered at the new facility will be Physical Therapy, Strength Training and Step Water Aerobics.
- Certifications and re-certifications were offered for CPR, Lifeguard Training and Title 22, with 23 lifeguards being trained and re-certification of 48 individuals.
- The Junior Lifeguard program was offered once again this summer.
- Five Summer Concerts were offered to the public this year, held on the lawn at City Hall. Approximately 150 – 300 people attended each concert.
- A John Carter Children's Concert was held in May, with another Concert to be held at Gauche Park on October 5th. Historically there are approximately 300-400 in attendance.
- The Cultural Celebration will be held Saturday, September 8th from 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. This event is held at the Town Center.
- The City Hall Tree Lighting will be held December 4th. All Commissioners are encouraged to attend.
- The Polar Bear Plunge will be held on January 1st at Gauche Aquatic Park this year, and Commissioners are once again invited to participate.

Commissioner Minnix asked about the inflatable screen discussed at a previous meeting, and Mr. McIntire informed the Commission that the movie "Happy Feet" was

shown at Sam Brannan Park on July 13th on an inflatable screen. There were over 500 people in attendance at this event. The event was held in coordination with Comcast and was only advertised on two occasions prior to the event. Free popcorn and shaved ice was served. The inflatable screen is something that the Department would like to purchase, pending available funding.

- B. Agenda Items for the Next Commission Meeting
No items at this time.

VIII. TREE ADVISORY BOARD
No information at this time.

IX. NEXT COMMISSION DATE
The next regular scheduled meeting will be held September 19, 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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