

CITY OF YUBA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

Public Hearing
November 21, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
1201 Civic Center Boulevard, Yuba City

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Yuba City Parks & Recreation Commission Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Blake at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Michele Blake, Lynne Koll, Vaughn Minnix and Clarine Musfelt

Commissioners Absent:

Richard Garmire

Staff Present:

Brad McIntire - Recreation Manager and Barbara Gilmore - Administrative Assistant

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 17, 2007 Regular Meeting – Copy submitted

Commissioner Musfelt moved to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2007 Public Hearing as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Minnix, and passed unanimously by the Commissioners present.

V. MEETING PROCEDURES

Chairperson Blake stated that this is the third and final Public Hearing to be held for the proposed non-smoking ordinance. She further explained that the Parks & Recreation Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

Chairperson Blake dismissed herself as Chairperson of this meeting as she is the Sutter County Project Director of the Sutter County Tobacco Control Program and also a member of the Substance Abuse Steering Coalition. She turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairperson Koll, who proceeded to run the meeting.

VI. PROPOSED NON-SMOKING ORDINANCE AT GAUCHE AQUATIC PARK

Vice-Chairperson Koll asked that as people step up to the podium, they state their name and address.

Gurpreet Kaur and Harshbir Bansal addressed the Commission by stating they had participated in a park clean-up in Yuba City, where over a period of one hour, 605 cigarette butts and empty cartons were cleared from a local park. Ms. Kaur and Ms. Bansal would

like to see this ordinance implemented as soon as possible as they felt this is a real problem in the community. Commission Minnix thanked them for being a part of this clean-up.

Tara Crumb stated she was excited to hear about the water park and would like to see the facility smoke-free.

Narinder Dhaliwal, with California's Clean Air Project, reiterated from previous meetings that this organization could assist with signage.

There being no further members of the audience to address the Commission, Vice-Chairperson Koll thanked those in attendance for their input in this process.

At this time the audience left the meeting and a discussion ensued regarding the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Garmire was not in attendance, however he sent in his comment for the record, "I really don't have any further comments. I believe that we should ban smoking at the GAP. We should also take up the issue of smoking at other park sites at a later date."

A discussion ensued regarding all parks being smoke-free, and Commissioner Musfelt and Vice-Chairperson Koll stated they felt comfortable with starting with Gauche Aquatic Park for a smoke-free environment and review this in six months to one year. At that time the Commission can evaluate the situation and possibly move forward with the rest of the City parks. Commissioner Minnix stated he felt comfortable with this.

Commissioner Minnix reiterated that he like the idea of a six month review to take a look at the potential downfalls. Commissioner Musfelt asked when the six months would start, and it was stated six months from the initial implementation of an ordinance. Vice-Chairperson Koll asked about the penalties, and it was felt that this is something the City Council could discuss.

Chairperson Blake asked that the Commission heavily research this issue with other cities to see what has occurred throughout California.

Commissioner Musfelt made the motion that in an effort to reduce park user's exposure to secondhand smoke and to reduce smoking related litter in parks, the Parks & Recreation Commission is recommending that Council approve adding a section to the Yuba City Municipal Code to include language relating to the prohibition of smoking in Gauche Aquatic Park. More discussion ensued regarding the wording be changed to tobacco free, which is the wording the Substance Abuse Steering Coalition had been using in their presentations, and the motion was changed by Commissioner Musfelt to: In an effort to reduce park user's exposure to secondhand smoke and to reduce smoking related litter in parks, the Parks & Recreation Commission is recommending that Council approve adding a section to the Yuba City Municipal Code to include language relating to Gauche Aquatic Park be a tobacco free park. The motion was seconded by Commission Minnix, which passed with a vote of four ayes (including Commissioner Garmire's comments) and one abstention by Chairperson Blake.

VII. 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.

VIII. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING & RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Blake reconvened the Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

IX. BUSINESS FOR THE COMMISSION

A. None at this time

X. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Parks & Recreation Reports

Parks Report – Gary Marler, Parks Manager -
Mr. McIntire stated he would be reporting for Mr. Marler in his report.

Recreation Report – Brad McIntire, Recreation Manager –
Mr. McIntire stated there are some changes in the Department with the retirement of Skip King, the former Parks & Recreation Director. The City Manager has appointed Mr. McIntire to be the Interim Parks & Recreation Director. Mr. McIntire stated his duties would be overseeing the Recreation Department and park projects. Gary Marler has been assigned to oversee the maintenance and operations of the Corporation Yard, which include Public Works and Parks.

Recreation related items:

- Youth Basketball will begin in January and has approximately 500 participants.
- Mighty Mite Basketball has approximately 200 participants enrolled.
- The Annual Tree Lighting will be held Tuesday, December 4 at City Hall prior to the City Council meeting.

Parks related item:

- The water feature project at Shanghai Garden Park will start at the beginning of 2008 and the scheduled completion date is July 2008.

B. Agenda Items for the Next Commission Meeting

No items at this time.

XI. TREE ADVISORY BOARD

None at this time

XII. NEXT COMMISSION DATE

Regular Meeting – December 19, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. – Littlejohn Madden House, 1300 Franklin Road, Yuba City.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Blake adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad McIntire
Parks & Recreation Director

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