

CITY OF YUBA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
June 18, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.
Upstairs Conference Room – Yuba City Corporation Yard
1185 Market Street, 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 upstairs conference room at the Corporation Yard.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Michele Blake, Richard Garmire, and Clarine Musfelt

Commissioners Absent:

Vaughn Minnix

Staff Present:

Brad McIntire, Interim Parks & Recreation Director, Gary Marler, Public Works Superintendent and Barbara Gilmore, Administrative Assistant

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Garmire led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 21, 2008 Regular Meeting – Copy submitted

Vice-Chairperson Musfelt moved to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2008 Regular Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garmire, 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 agendaized for this meeting. No public comments were offered.

VI. BUSINESS FOR THE COMMISSION

A. Review Community Workshop Process

Mr. McIntire explained the process for tonight's Community Workshop. He stated he will give the attendees an idea of what the mission for this process is, and explain that the City is looking for feedback regarding the current park system, the components existing in the parks at this time, what is wanted/needed in the future, and feedback on the Needs Assessment for facilities that would be defined by open space, community center and a sports facility of some type. He explained the role of the Commission is to help facilitate the process. Depending on the turnout for tonight, another meeting may be scheduled in the future. He stated he will introduce Matt Mathes from Jacobs, Carter & Burgess, who will take over the meeting at that time.

B. Shade Structure at Happy Park

Mr. McIntire stated that in the Needs Assessment of the Park Master Plan one of the biggest needs is to have some sort of shade in all the parks (i.e. trees or shade structures). It was found that Happy Park was one of the main parks in need of this element, as there is no existing shade structure and the trees that were planted twenty years ago have not done well. It has been decided to have two shade structures placed in the park. Many different types of structures have been looked at, and it was decided to put in a metal structure that will be useable during the winter months as well.

C. Gauche Park Aquatic Fees

Mr. McIntire stated that Commissioner Garmire had called him last month regarding a "Letter to the Editor" in the Appeal Democrat about fees at GAP. The letter was addressing a specific program and not the admission fee to the facility. To date, there have not been any issues regarding the cost, however staff is reviewing the facility rental fee, and may be adjusting those at some time in the future. At this time the cost is \$2,400 to rent the facility, which equals the capacity of the pool multiplied by the \$4 entrance fee (600 x \$4 = \$2,400).

Mr. McIntire stated that the Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament had been held recently, and \$8,000 of the proceeds has been allocated to the Friends of YC Recreation Foundation. This money will help to subsidize four "\$2 days" at Gauche Aquatic Park. This will allow participants to go to the facility at half of the normal rate, which brings it to the same price as the old Yuba City Pool.

Mr. McIntire informed the Commission that the facility has already reached 10,000 participants. Also, there is a diverse group of individuals who are using this facility.

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Parks & Recreation Report

- GAP hit it's 10,000 participant mark last Wednesday (June 11th), and are averaging 300-330 per day per session.
- 60 park reservations have been made for the use of picnic areas at GAP
- 48 birthday parties have been scheduled to be held at the facility
- Summer Camp had 88 participants the first week and 229 the second week. Field Trip days are always a big draw.
- Archery Camp is full – first time offered
- Basic Camp is full – first time offered
- Football Skills classes offered through Yuba City and River Valley High Schools had approximately 150 participants
- Shanghai Garden Park water feature should be completed by the end of June
- Improvements to Sam Brannan will begin in August and be completed by the end of September. A sand volleyball court will be placed at the site of the old pool, along with a shade structure. Gray Avenue School gave their input for this facility as the pool was a part of their PE program in the past.
- Shade structures at Happy Park are slated to be completed by the first rainfall
- Holly Tree Park playground equipment is being installed at this time and should be completed within the month
- Construction for the walking path at Kingwood Park will begin in the fall. Also a Bocce Ball court will be added at this site.

Commissioner Garmire asked about the Director position in the department, and Mr. McIntire stated, at this time, he is still the Interim Director. He informed the Commission that six positions in the City have been frozen, with three of them being in the Parks &

Recreation Department – the Recreation Manager, the Customer Service Representative at Gauche Aquatic Park, and the Park Manager.

Vice-Chairperson Musfelt asked how long the department had been offering Archery classes, and Mr. McIntire replied that we had tried to offer it last year, but it really took off this summer. Classes are held at the Kuk Sool Won Martial Arts Academy.

- Friends Foundation – the Mayor’s Cup Golf Tournament netted approximately \$48,000 to be used for scholarships. Scholarships are designated for those in the Yuba-Sutter area, unlike the Rick Balfour Scholarships that are for Yuba City residents only. At this time the Foundation is looking into camps for youth that would have youth going out of town for one – two weeks during the summer. Mr. McIntire stated that Mayor Ramirez did a wonderful job with sponsorships for this event. Mr. McIntire will be meeting the Councilperson McBride regarding next year’s tournament.
- This year’s Fair fundraiser for the Foundation is coming up, and Chairperson Blake has the sign-up sheet for volunteering. This will take place July 31 – August 3.

C. Agenda Items for the Next Commission Meeting

1. None at this time

VIII. TREE ADVISORY BOARD

No items for this item

IX. NEXT COMMISSION DATE

Mr. McIntire informed the Commission that Commissioner Koll resigned her position approximately two weeks ago. The City will begin to advertise this vacancy.

Regular Meeting – July 16, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. – Littlejohn Madden House, 1300 Franklin Road, Yuba City.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Blake adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad McIntire
Interim Parks & Recreation Director

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