

CITY OF YUBA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
July 16, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.
Conference Room –Littlejohn-Madden House
1300 Franklin 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 5:43 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:

One vacancy

Staff Present:

Gary Marler, Public Works Superintendent

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 18, 2008 Regular Meeting – Copy submitted

Commissioner Minnix asked for clarification regarding VII. Items for Information and Discussion - Friends Foundation. He asked if it was correct that \$48,000 was raised during the Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament and that the Friends Foundation was the one to receive this amount. Also, was it correct that the Friends Foundation donated \$8,000 of that amount to the Recreation Department for scholarships? Mr. Marler stated that this information is correct.

Commissioner Minnix asked if the information in the Parks & Recreation Report regarding attendance, park reservations and birthday parties at Gauche Aquatic Park had met the expectations of staff. Vice-Chairperson Musfelt stated that at the July meeting when giving the report, it was stated that this more than exceeded staff's expectations.

Commissioner Garmire asked what the cost of running the pool was? Mr. Marler stated that Mr. McIntire is the one with this information, and he would forward that question on to Mr. McIntire. He stated it is staff's understanding that it will cost approximately \$25,000 per year for chemicals alone.

With the conclusion of this discussion, Commissioner Garmire moved to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2008 Regular Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairperson Musfelt, and passed unanimously by the Commissioners.

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. Y-S Fair Concession for Friends Foundation

Discussion ensued regarding the Y-S Fair Concession and vacancies in time slots that needed to be filled. Mr. Marler asked that, if the Commission knew of anyone to fill these vacancies, please let him or Brad McIntire know. Mr. Marler informed the Commission that this is the last year of the 3-year contract for the concession.

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Parks & Recreation Report

- GAP – To date there have been over 30,000 participants
- GAP has provided more than 500 participants with swim lessons
- Participation in various programs in the department has remained the same as last year. Staff feels this is due to the economy.
- Kingwood Park – The perimeter sidewalk was completed today, so people can walk all the way around the park now. Next week construction of the bocce ball court will begin. This will be placed in the area where the exercise equipment once was.

Chairperson Blake informed the Commission that Sutter County Public Health and Sutter North Medical Foundation is partnering with the Senior Center in a program called Walking in the Park. Many of the area seniors are walking in the mornings at various parks on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For the kick-off event of the program, seniors walked from the Senior Center to Sutter North Medical Foundation located at the Town Center. At that location, there was a reception, and then the participants were bussed back to the Senior Center.

- Holly Tree Park – The concrete work should be completed this week and installation of the playground equipment is scheduled for the week of August 18th. Hopefully the installation will be completed in 5 days. A discussion ensued regarding the type of equipment that is going to be installed.
- Blackburn-Talley Sports Complex – An issue has arisen in the large open area between the Treatment Plant, basketball courts and field #3. People are using this area for “partying” and semi-trucks are parking in this area, too. “No Truck Parking” signs have been placed at the area. A pipe swing gate is going to be installed to prevent vehicles from accessing this area.
- The Parks crew is performing routine maintenance for this time of year.
- The Weed Abatement Contract has been renewed for the year. This encompasses the Bike Path and open spaces throughout the City.
- CIP project for the West Onstott Detention Pond will begin soon. This will go out to bid to have turf placed in the bottom of the detention pond so it can be used for sports practice. Access will be at the south end of the pond off the frontage road.

Commissioner Garmire asked if anything had been done under the water tower with the renovation of Plumas Street. Mr. Marler stated nothing has been done, however he had heard the water tower was going to be painted. He stated that the Plumas Street project is going very well, and may be completed in September.

Commissioner Minnix complimented the Downtown Stroll, and Mr. Marler informed the Commission that with the renovation of the street, access to electricity will be easier for any vendors who will be participating in any downtown event. Each light pole will have a 20 amp service available. All of the services are GFI, so if an outlet is overloaded, it could be reset, and those in charge of the event will be able to tell if someone is overloading a circuit.

Chairperson Blake stated that the 4th of July Parade was fabulous again this year.

Commissioner Garmire asked if there would be any more Community Workshops before the Park Master Plan goes to the City Council. Mr. Marler replied that he believed it is going to be agendized for at least two City Council meetings where people will have an opportunity to voice their opinions.

Commissioner Minnix stated that one of the comments from the Community Meeting Notes stated someone felt "more notification of parks and recreation events was needed", and he wanted staff to know he feels they do a good job in advertising their events.

C. Agenda Items for the Next Commission Meeting

1. None at this time

VIII. TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Marler informed the Commission that the big heritage oak tree on Bogue Road and Hastings had to be removed due to structural damage sustained in the winter storms. Staff replanted the area with three valley oak trees, however one of the residents in the area was opposed to the trees being planted there. This person was so adamant about the trees not being planted there, he went to the Mayor with his complaint. Staff sent out letters to the surrounding neighbors to see what their opinion was of this situation, and were given until July 31st to respond. In the letter it was stated that if they did not respond, it meant they agreed with the current planting, and it would not be changed.

A discussion ensued regarding the type of trees that were planted on Plumas Street, and Mr. Marler stated they are a sycamore tree, but not the same variety as the ones planted along Plumas Boulevard. He explained the difference in the variety.

Commissioner Minnix said he thought Plumas Boulevard looks very nice and likes having the Farmers Market at the Town Center. A discussion ensued regarding the area, and Mr. Marler stated the City wasn't consulted regarding the move, but has made arrangements for them to continue there. Mr. Marler stated that this area is a maintenance contract area, and due to the heavy traffic during the week, the maintenance was done on Saturday. He contacted the contractor regarding this new schedule and he is now working around this event.

Commissioner Minnix asked about the people who play and swim in the fountain, and Mr. Marler stated it is posted at all the entrances to the fountain that it is not permitted.

Chairperson Blake asked about the vacancy on the Commission, and Mr. Marler stated this opening will be advertised in the next couple of weeks.

IX. NEXT COMMISSION DATE

Regular Meeting – August 20, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. – Littlejohn Madden House, 1300 Franklin Road, Yuba City.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Blake adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Marler
Public Works Superintendent

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