

CITY OF YUBA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
August 20, 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 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Littlejohn-Madden House.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:
Michele Blake, Richard Garmire and Vaughn Minnix

Commissioners Absent:
Clarine Musfelt and One vacancy

Staff Present:
Brad McIntire, P & R Director and Barbara Gilmore, Administrative Assistant

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Minnix lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 16, 2008 Regular Meeting – Copy submitted

Commissioner Minnix moved to approve the minutes from the July 16, 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 on the agenda for this meeting. No public comments were offered.

VI. BUSINESS FOR THE COMMISSION

There was no business from the Commission at this time.

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Parks & Recreation Report

Mr. McIntire handed out a Park and Recreation Commission Summer End Report (attached) and highlighted some of the items within the report:

- The Happy Park shade structure project is ahead of schedule
- Kingwood Park is very close to being completed – Bocce Ball courts will be completed in October
- Assembly of the playground equipment for Holly Tree Park started this week

- The Shanghai-Garden water feature re-opening was held last week, with approximately 350 – 400 participants enjoying lunch. Staff prepared lunch and did the final cleanup afterwards.
- Feather Parkway – The City will be applying for the second round of grants for the funding of this project in November.
- Summer Camp participants increased from last years totals
- Youth Summer Basketball numbers were down a little
- Football Skills and Drills numbers were up
- New camps offered were Basic Art Camp, Gymnastics Camp and British Soccer Camp

Mr. McIntire stated that with the state of the economy at this time, the department hasn't seen an affect on programs/activities. Staff feels that should this happen, it would be seen more in adult sports rather than youth programs.

- The Senior Center started a Senior Singles Group, which provides social interaction where seniors can meet new people in a safe environment.
- Upcoming Trips through the Senior Center are Trains of the Colorado Rockies and New England.
- Some of the most recent partnerships for the Senior Center are Sutter North Medical Foundation and the Sutter County Health Department, assisting with the Walk'n the Park program.
- GAP has surpassed the 50,000 participant mark last week.

Commissioner Garmire asked how these numbers compared to the Sam Brannan Park swimming pool, and Mr. McIntire stated he was unsure of the exact numbers, but guessed that the number would be approximately 10% of this year's number. The Department has found that participants are coming from the surrounding area – even from Chico.

- Almost all of the Aquatics classes/programs have exceeded staff's expectations.

Mr. McIntire handed out copies of the Aquatics International magazine, which featured Gauche Aquatic Park on the cover, and also received three pages of information inside the magazine. The Commissioners were very impressed with this advertisement of the facility. Commissioner Minnix asked if the public had been made aware of this. Mr. McIntire stated that LPA, the firm that designed the park, was going to put out a press release to the Sacramento Bee and publications in Roseville and Rocklin.

- The 100 Songs of Summer program, which is the re-vamped Concerts in the Park, was very well received this year.

Commissioner Garmire complimented Mr. McIntire on his report and asked when the pool would be closed for the season. Mr. McIntire stated that, at this time, the pool is open after school, and once he gets the attendance numbers from the past week, he would be able to answer that question. He stated that tonight would be the first night that the pool would be covered as the temperature is starting to go down.

- The Friends Foundation's most recent fundraiser at the Yuba-Sutter Fair netted approximately \$13,500.

Commissioner Minnix asked about the status of the Park Master Plan, and Mr. McIntire stated that Chapter 6 of the General Plan had been completed, and has been submitted to Community Development for their review. It is his hope to take this to the City Council at the beginning of next year or sooner.

Commissioner Minnix asked about the vacancy on the Commission, and staff is waiting to hear from the Human Resources Department. Commissioner Minnix asked what the requirements are to be on the Commission, and Mr. McIntire stated an individual needed to be a City resident.

C. Agenda Items for the Next Commission Meeting

1. None at this time

VIII. TREE ADVISORY BOARD

There was nothing to report at this time.

IX. NEXT COMMISSION DATE

Regular Meeting – September 17, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. – Littlejohn Madden House, 1300 Franklin Road, Yuba City.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Blake adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad McIntire
Interim Parks & Recreation Director

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