

CITY OF YUBA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
October 15, 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 Clarine Musfelt

Commissioners Absent:
Vaughn Minnix and one vacancy

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Musfelt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 17, 2008 Regular Meeting – Copy submitted

Commissioner Garmire moved to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2008 Regular Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Musfelt, 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

A. Park Master Plan – 2nd Review – Matt Mathes

Mr. McIntire stated that Mr. Mathes would not be in attendance at this meeting. He discussed a list of changes and edits for the Park Master Plan (copy attached).

One of the edits that needs to be clarified is the “trail policy”, which is the trail that will encompass the City. A discussion stills needs to be held regarding this including equestrian trail access. At this point the City does not want to commit to this trail being used for equestrians. Commissioner Garmire asked that if this is not mentioned specifically, does this mean it will be prohibited. Mr. McIntire stated that it does not, it means that should this happen, it would be a different type of construction design to make this usable by equestrians. It has not been decided whether this would be a paved trail or not, which

would make a difference as far as the width of the trail. Commissioner Garmire stated with the development of the river bottoms, he felt that would be a natural place for equestrians. Mr. McIntire agreed with this statement, reiterating that the trail that is talked about in this document is for the “bike” trail that is existence at this time, with expansion through this document. Vice-Chairperson Musfelt stated she had read this portion of the document and also thought the “trail” would be available for equestrian use. Mr. McIntire stated that if it was stated and finalized in this document, it would be a commitment that the City is not ready to make at this time. This does not mean that if the need is there in the future, it will not be done.

Mr. McIntire stated that this document is slated to be presented to the Planning Commission one week from today, and to the City Council in early December/mid-January. He further stated that this is a thorough document, and staff would like another month to look it over before presenting it to City Council. The Commission will receive a copy of the final product when it is completed.

Commissioner Garmire made the motion to approve the second reading of this document and move forward with the process. Commissioner Musfelt seconded the motion, which passed by the Commissioners present.

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Parks & Recreation Report

Mr. McIntire informed the Commission of the following:

- The Centennial Celebration was held last Friday, which was the final activity in this year long event. Approximately 10,000 people were in attendance, and was deemed very successful. With the opening of Plumas Street, this was one of the largest events to be held in the downtown area.

Chairperson Blake stated she attended the event and said it was such a fun event. Mr. McIntire stated that Carol Ramirez, Jackie Sillman and Nancy Geweke were the main individuals that put the year-long events together for the Centennial Celebration.

Commission Garmire stated that driving north on Plumas Street is very dramatic. He further stated that with the way it is arranged, you have to drive slow, which gives you an opportunity to look around and see everything along Plumas Street. He stated there are quite a variety of businesses there. A discussion ensued regarding Plumas Street and what it's future holds. Mr. McIntire stated that the Downtown Business Association will need to take the reigns now to market their downtown.

- Duel in the Pool – Mr. McIntire stated he went before City Council to ask that Gauche Aquatic Park be kept open during the winter months so programming could continue. The complex is running at a 91% recovery rate at this time, which is approximately 28% higher than the standard. This proposal was approved by City Council. The Duel in the Pool event was held to raise funds to defer the cost to keep the facility open. Feather River Aquatics, the Master Swimmers and several community groups got together and held some competition swimming events. This event generated approximately \$3,000.
- Flag Football – 250 participants are enrolled for this program at this time.
- Mighty Mite Basketball – Approximately 160 participants are enrolled
- A Flu Shot Clinic will be held on Monday, November 3rd from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- The Senior Center had 14 individuals attend the New England Backroads trip.
- The Senior Center Annual Yard Sale was held, and generated approximately \$1,000.

- The kick-off for the brand new 10-week “Get Fit for the Holidays” Walking Program, co-sponsored by the Sutter County Health Department, was just held, with over 20 participants in attendance.
- Adult Softball is in full swing.
- The Girls on the Run program has 8 girls participating in this program, which runs through December. Commissioner Musfelt stated this program is slow growing, and at the end of each session, a run/walk is held. It was nice to see that after the summer program, besides the participants in the program, there were mothers, grandmothers and friends who joined in the run. The annual Run/Walk will be held May 9th, 2009 – open to both men and women. The program is for girls 8 – 11 years old, with a maximum of 15 participants.

Commissioner Garmire asked about the Youth Basketball program and if there were enough courts to run the program. Mr. McIntire replied, yes. With the addition of Riverbend and the use of AK, Yuba City HS, and River Valley HS, this is not a problem. Commissioner Garmire asked if there was a conflict with the schools programs. Mr McIntire stated that practices and games are held at different times.

- GAP is planning a Halloween Haunted Swim.

Chairperson Blake asked why the department doesn't put on a Haunted House any more. Mr. McIntire stated that it is a very expensive endeavor, time consuming, and a location is difficult to find.

B. Agenda Items for the Next Commission Meeting

None at this time.

VIII. TREE ADVISORY BOARD

There was nothing to report at this time.

IX. NEXT COMMISSION DATE

Regular Meeting – November 19, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. – Littlejohn Madden House, 1300 Franklin Road, Yuba City.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Blake adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad McIntire
Interim Parks & Recreation Director

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