

CITY OF YUBA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
February 18, 2009 – 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 Musfelt at 5:34 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Littlejohn-Madden House.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Charles Anderson, Gary Hurlbut, Clarine Musfelt and Vaughn Minnix

Commissioners Absent:

Michele Blake

Staff Present:

Gary Marler, Public Works Superintendent, Tim Duvall, Park Supervisor, Abbie Cesena, Recreation Supervisor and Rachel Ah Sam, Recreation Coordinator

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Musfelt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 27, 2009 Regular Meeting – Copy submitted

Vice-Chairperson Minnix moved to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2009 Regular Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, which passed unanimously by the Commissioners present.

VII. 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.

VIII. BUSINESS FOR THE COMMISSION

A. P & R Commission Work Plan for 2009

Chairperson Musfelt stated she had met with Mr. McIntire regarding the work plan where they discussed the Adopt-a-Park Program and a youth mentoring grant.

In the Adopt-a-Park conversation, It was discussed that possibly a neighborhood meeting could be held for the residents in the neighborhood park in their area. At this meeting, it could be decided what the neighbors would be interested in doing at the park. Another idea would be that the Adopt-a-Park information be advertised in the Recreation Activity Guide

that goes out three times a year. Mr. Duvall stated that the department has a program in place at this time, however there is only one park that has an active member. Mr. Duvall stated that he had received a call from the local WalMart, and they are interested in performing some community service. He has been trying to figure out a project, and doing some work in the parks would be a good project for them. Mr. Duvall said he will be talking with the representative from WalMart in the near future and would report back to the Commission.

Vice-Chairperson Minnix asked if the department would provide supervision for this program, and Mr. Marler stated that the Groundskeepers would do this if the work was done on the weekend. Mr. Duvall stated that the workers would be set up with the supplies needed to do the job (i.e. garbage grabbers, rakes, etc.), and staff would come back later in the day to pick up the supplies. The supervision would all depend on what type of work they would be doing. Vice-Chairperson Minnix stated he is looking at the program from a liability perspective, and Mr. Duvall stated that there is paperwork that each person needs to fill out regarding liability should someone get hurt. Mr. Marler informed the Commission that those individuals who would participate in this program would be listed as a volunteer for the City and be covered by the City's Worker's Compensation Insurance.

Youth Grant – This grant would be used to help disadvantaged youth participate in a mentoring program where youth would possibly have the opportunity to go on trips outside of the immediate area. Ms. Cesena stated this is a gang task force grant through Sutter County.

Vice-Chairperson asked if it would be possible to have a copy of the Adopt-a-Park Program forwarded to the Commission to take a look at. Chairperson Musfelt asked the Commission to take a look at the information and bring back their ideas to the next meeting.

IX. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Parks & Recreation Report

Tim Duvall informed the Commission of the following Parks related items:

- Taking care of all the odd construction projects before the spring growing season starts.
- Streetscape and landscaping is being done by Northridge Park in front of the detention ponds.
- Working on switching the new athletic field on the corner of Poole and Civic Center Boulevards (next to the Police Department) over to City water. Mr. Duvall will be meeting with Mr. McIntire to discuss further improvements that will be needed to be done in order to open the facility for public use.
- Residential street tree pruning is being done.

Vice-Chairperson Minnix asked if the City had been experiencing a graffiti problem. Mr. Duvall stated there had been some recently on some of the landscape sound walls, however it hasn't been too bad lately.

Abbie Cesena and Rachel Ah Sam informed the Commission of the following Recreation related items –

Abbie Cesena, Recreation Supervisor, and Rachel Ah Sam, Recreation Coordinator, introduced themselves to the Commission. They handed out a packet with information on the programs and activities they have to offer (copy attached). Ms. Cesena informed the Commission that programming started at Gauche Aquatic Park beginning February 2008.

She further informed the Commission that the facility was able to stay open year-round this year, with a good group of swimmers participating in the Master Swim, Lap Swim and Water Walking programs. Also, Feather River Aquatics Club has approximately 15 – 20 participants in the off season, however have 60+ during the season. This year they had approximately 68 participants during the winter months. She feels this number will increase during the summer months.

Ms. Cesena informed the Commission that both high schools have swim teams who swim at GAP. This year for the first time the two high schools have separate coaches and separate practices, however occasionally they use the pool at the same time.

Vice-Chairperson Minnix asked if the pool is self-sustaining. Ms. Cesena stated yes, it was. She further stated that having the facility open year round made it possible for those who would go elsewhere during the closed months, to continue to participate at this facility. In finding another location to participate, they would possibly not come back to this facility. Chairperson Musfelt asked if the facility was open when it rained, and Mr. Cesena stated yes. The water temperature is kept at approximately 81° and, depending on the weather, it can get up to 84°.

Ms. Ah Sam stated that included in the packet are flyers for upcoming programs and activities (see attached). She gave a brief description of these programs. She further stated that along with the lifeguard classes offered to the public, as part of their job, staff is required to go through additional lifeguard training through Jeff Ellis & Associates.

Ms Ah Sam stated Bridge Street School is participating in an after school swim lesson program at this time, with approximately 100 participants.

Vice-Chairperson Minnix asked if there has been any opposition to the non-resident fee charged for programs. Ms. Cesena stated that when it is explained to participants, most people seem to understand why it is being charged. Commissioner Anderson asked if staff knows what the percentage of non-resident use was. Ms. Cesena stated this had not been done because we do not require information from those participating in Open Swim.

Ms. Cesena handed out a Summer Job flyer (see attached), stating this flyer has been distributed to Yuba College and the local high schools. Hiring will be done in March for those positions. Approximately 65 people work at the aquatics facility during the summer. Training for these employees will occur in March, April and May.

Ms. Cesena stated she is looking into programs that are low or no cost for the public to participate in over the summer, i.e. picnics in the park where a band will be provided for the public. She further stated she is in charge of the Special Events, i.e. Concerts in the Park and the Cultural Celebration.

B. Agenda Items for the Next Commission Meeting

Adopt-A-Park Discussion

X. TREE ADVISORY BOARD

There have been some tree issues in a few of the new housing developments throughout the City due to the lack of development. Since development has basically come to a halt, many new residents do not know that City staff maintains and plants specific trees in the City right-of-way, however they are responsible for watering the area. They have been planting their own trees (palm trees, walnut trees, fruit trees, etc.) or have not been taking care of the area. City staff has

been trying to educate the residents with hanging door flyers. Hopefully the word will get around and this will stop the planting of “odd” trees in the City right-of-way. Also, the City is going to put this information out with the water bills to try and reach more residents.

XI. NEXT COMMISSION DATE

Regular Meeting – March 18 at 5:30 p.m. – Littlejohn Madden House, 1300 Franklin Road, Yuba City.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Musfelt adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Marler
Public Works Superintendent

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