

CITY OF YUBA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
March 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 5:33 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Littlejohn-Madden House.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Charles Anderson, Gary Hurlbut, and Clarine Musfelt

Commissioners Absent:

Michele Blake and Vaughn Minnix

Staff Present:

Gary Marler, Public Works Superintendent, Tim Duvall, Park Supervisor, and Ann Gillen, Recreation Supervisor

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Musfelt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 18, 2009 Regular Meeting – Copy submitted

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2009 Regular Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hurlbut, 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. Adopt-a-Park

Chairperson Musfelt asked if the Commission had an opportunity to look over the paperwork that had been sent. Commissioner Anderson felt the document, with changes, looked good. Commissioner Hurlbut stated that Sacramento County has a program called Work Project, which is juveniles who perform work at sites with Supervision. Mr. Marler stated that the City has a youth work program that will be running this summer and funded through a grant. He further stated that the City is turning in paperwork this week that will allow for two youth to start this coming weekend and work until school is out. After that, there will be four

individuals working on both Saturday and Sunday. Also, the Conservation Corp has made a presentation to the City's department heads and would like to work some projects with the Parks and Public Works Departments.

Chairperson Musfelt stated that she and Mr. McIntire had discussed brainstorming ideas on how to get the information regarding the Adopt-a-Park program out to the community and make them aware of this opportunity. Mr. Duvall stated that the paperwork can become cumbersome, however he does have one gentleman that has taken on a park on his own. This gentleman walks his dog around Regency Park, and while doing so, picks up trash around the park. He further stated that if there is a problem at the park, the gentleman contacts the Parks Department directly. He stated there is a Boy Scout Troop that does some work at Maple Park. Mr. Duvall further stated that during a meeting, the Parks crew said it would be nice to give the gentleman at Regency Park something to acknowledge his commitment to helping to keep the park clean. The Commission thought that would be a good idea. Mr. Marler suggested that City Council could possibly recognize him at a meeting.

Mr. Duvall stated that once the Adopt-a-Park paperwork is completed, it will be posted back on the City's web site.

Chairperson Musfelt asked what parks the youth work program would be working at, and Mr. Marler replied that the individuals would be working with the Groundkeepers at various sites throughout the City.

Commissioner Anderson asked if the covered tables at Happy Park are reservable. Mr. Marler stated that they are not at this time, however they are used daily by some of the local residents. He informed the Commission that Happy Park is a neighborhood park, and the picnic areas in neighborhood parks are not reservable. The department does reserve the grassy areas during different times of the year for soccer and baseball practice for the local youth sports teams in town. Mr. Marler stated that people try to block off picnic tables in neighborhood parks, however people know they are first come, first served and take down whatever has been put up if no one is around holding the spot.

Chairperson Musfelt asked if anyone had any additional input on Adopt-a-Park. Commissioner Anderson stated he looks forward to seeing the completed handbook, and to keep moving forward with implementing this program. Chairperson Musfelt asked Mr. Marler what the next step would be, i.e. send letters to the neighbors, meet with community organizations, etc. Mr. Marler stated he would like to discuss this with Mr. McIntire and get his thoughts on this, too.

IX. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Parks & Recreation Report

Tim Duvall, Park Supervisor, informed the Commission of the following:

- Now that Spring is here, the crew is back to mowing, prepping fields for softball, and completing some Winter maintenance on Gauche Aquatic Park.
- The backstop has been relocated at the new Civic Center field site. Trash receptacles were installed, and park rule signs were placed around the park. Also, a new irrigation controller was installed, and old sprinklers were replaced.
- Street tree pruning and Merit applications for aphids has been taking place.
- Gang graffiti has increased, and the Department has been removing it as it comes up.

- A slide at Hillcrest Park was replaced (it was still under warranty).
- Four swing seats needed to be replaced at Patriot Park as they had been chewed by dogs.

Ann Gillen, Recreation Supervisor, introduced herself to the Commission, stating she oversees the Adult Sports and After School Programs for the Department. She also oversees the Youth Commission and other programs as needed. She gave the following report:

- Spring Adult Softball – 34 Men’s, 25 Coed and 8 Senior teams – Games are held Monday – Friday at Blackburn-Talley Sports Complex. With an open field available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the fields are rented for practice. She has also been getting a lot of requests for youth baseball and girl’s fast pitch teams wanting to use the facility for practice.
- Weekends at Blackburn-Talley are filled from the end of February through November with softball tournaments.
- Adult Basketball began in March, with 10 Men’s and 4 Women’s teams. Last summer there were 4 Women’s and 8 Men’s teams. This program will be offered again in the summer. Games are played at Yuba City High School on Tuesday night.
- “Girls on the Run” is a running program for girls 8 – 14. At this time there are 14 girls that range in ages from 8 – 12. This is a 12-week program, and the girls train for the 12 weeks, and at the end of the program, they participate in a 5-K Run/Walk. The 5-K will be on May 9th. Chairperson Musfelt added that each participant will have an adult running buddy to encourage her to complete the run. She stated this is not just a running program, but instills values, teamwork, and community involvement. Ms. Gillen informed the Commission there will be a summer camp held July 13 – 17, and the camp will end with a 5-K on Saturday, July 18th.
- The After School program has five sites – Andros Karperos Middle School, Gray Avenue Intermediate School, April Lane Elementary, Bridge Street School, and Park Avenue. These programs run (depending on the school) from 2 – 6 p.m. On minimum days, these times are extended to begin earlier. Each site, except for the middle schools, average 200 children per day. In the four hour period of time, they have an hour of academics, with the remainder of the time recreational, i.e. participating in crafts, team sports, and various recreational activities. At April Lane and Bridge Street, there is a gentleman who teaches woodworking projects.

B. Agenda Items for the Next Commission Meeting

None at this time.

X. TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Duvall stated the City celebrated Arbor Day with the Tree Crew making a presentation at River Bend School for all the 2nd grade classes. The children were taught about the benefits of trees.

XI. NEXT COMMISSION DATE

Regular Meeting – April 15 at 5:30 p.m. – Littlejohn Madden House, 1300 Franklin Road, Yuba City.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Musfelt adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Marler
Public Works Superintendent

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