

CITY OF YUBA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
April 15, 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 Vice-Chairperson Minnix at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Littlejohn-Madden House.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Charles Anderson, Michele Blake, Gary Hurlbut, and Vaughn Minnix

Commissioners Absent:

Clarine Musfelt

Staff Present:

Brad McIntire, Parks & Recreation Director, Lynda Griffith, Recreation Supervisor, Nancy Geweke, Recreation Coordinator and Barbara Gilmore, Administrative Assistant

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hurlbut led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 18, 2009 Regular Meeting – Copy sent prior to meeting

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2009 Regular Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blake, which 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. Lincoln East Plan – Community Development

Mr. McIntire introduced Aaron Busch, Community Development Director, and Katie Ertmer, Senior Planner. He turned the meeting over to them for the Lincoln East Specific Plan presentation. Mr. Busch introduced John Wilbanks and Alfredo Castillo with the RRM Group. Mr. Busch stated there are some very exciting components to the Specific Plan (copy attached) that deal with future park facilities and would like to answer any questions the Commission may have. He stated that at this time this plan is in the public review process with the draft of the Environmental Impact Report. During this time the City is

hoping to solicit comments from the stakeholders, interest groups and the general public. Mr. Busch turned the meeting over to Alfredo Castillo to review the document. Mr. Castillo explained that this area is located in the southwest portion of Yuba City – Franklin Road south to Bogue Road and George Washington Blvd. east to Sanborn Road. The area consists of approximately 1160 acres, 4,865 residential units, 82 acres of park land and two schools (one K-8th and one high school site). Mr. Castillo stated that the purpose of the Plan is to guide the development of the Specific Plan area with the goal of ensuring the provision of adequate park space, open space, and recreational facilities that meet the variety of needs of Plan Area residents and is consistent with the long-term park needs of Yuba City.

Mr. Castillo stated that the park requirements for this area are 5 acres to every 1,000 residents. He stated that the Parks and Recreation chapter of this document outlines the development of parks within the Specific Plan. Some of the goals and objectives are to provide adequate recreational facilities that are centrally located so that the residents can walk or bike to the parks and schools, and to establish a network of multi-use trails and paths that connect the focal points and anchor the neighborhoods.

Proposed parks in the area will consist of: City Park – approximately 32 acres; Community Park – approximately 10 acres; Neighborhood Parks – 5 acre minimum; joint use with the planned schools; detention pond/dual-use area, and proposed multi-use trails. Mr. Castillo described what each type of park would entail.

Commissioner Minnix asked when development would start. Mr. Castillo stated this will be done in phases. The plan has been broken up into seven pieces, and the area closest to existing water and sewer infrastructure would be the first to be developed. The fee structure was also explained to the Commission. Mr. Busch stated that there will be legal contracts between the City and the property owners that will obligate them to develop their property with the parks fees that are collected, i.e. have a set number of residents built before they are obligated to begin construction of a park site.

Mr. McIntire stated that this is not something that is going to be built in the near future. Mr. Busch stated that with today's market, this may have a 10-15 year build out. He further stated that with this plan in place, it does add dramatic value to this property.

After the presentation, Commissioner Blake stated it is refreshing to hear “walk ability” used to describe this area. Commissioner Anderson agreed to this statement. The Commission was asked to review the information received, and were encouraged to forward their input to Katie Ertmer or Aaron Busch during the Public Comment time frame. Mr. Castillo informed the Commission that the entire document is on the City's web page should they wish to take a look at that.

B. RFP for Parks & Recreation Brochure – Brad McIntire

This item was tabled to the next meeting – May 20, 2009

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Parks & Recreation Report

Mr. McIntire moved the meeting to Recreation – Lynda Griffith, Recreation Supervisor. Ms. Griffith introduced herself to the Commission. She stated that she oversees youth sports, summer camp, special classes and contract classes. Following are the programs offered:

- Mighty Might Sports programs – ages 4 – 7, with programs that include t-ball, football, basketball, and soccer
- Track & Field – 179 participants this year with 16 children from Beale AFB
- Hershey Track Meet – 179 participants
- Summer Basketball – last year there were 264 enrolled, with the hopes of the same number this year
- Informed the Commission that Youth Basketball, Flag Football and the Track & Field programs are run with volunteer coaches
- Summer Camp – This program is offered during the summer months to provide child care. Sutter County Social Services provides \$5,500 in funds for their clients so those with lower incomes can also participate in this program. Scholarships are also available through the department.

Nancy Geweke, Recreation Coordinator introduced herself, stating she assists Ms. Griffith in the programming and implementing of her programs. Following is her report:

- Gymnastics – held at Palmer Hall at the fairground - there are 101 participants signed up for April classes, which is the highest since April 2007. She stated there are 18 classes offered throughout the week.
- Tots at Play – averages 21 – 24 participants per month and held 3 days a week.
- New classes that started within the last year: Basic Art for 6 – 13 years old; Hand Building with Clay for those 18+; Children’s Watercolor for ages 8 - 15; XRKade (virtual fitness that is connected to Northside Fitness) – holding a teen night and Parent’s Nite Out; Kumon Reading for ages 3 – 5 years; Golden State Martial Arts – Bully Buster, Women’s Self Defense and Kids Self Defense classes; Children’s Cookie Decorating offered through The Cookie Tree; Baby Signs for 6 months – 2 years old; Beginning and Pre-natal Pilates – program run through W-Center for Women.
- Continuous classes offered: Kuk Sool Won Martial Arts; Tennis; Cheerleading; Beginning Fly Fishing – offered through a local non-profit organization; Skills classes for Football, Soccer and Basketball held through Yuba City and River Valley High Schools.
- Summer Camp will begin June 9th and run for nine weeks. Last year there were 1,748 participants registered in the program. This program is held at Gray Avenue School and Gauche Aquatic Park. A field trip is offered all but two weeks. Camp is offered from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m, with half days available from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. This program keeps the children busy with various activities throughout the day.

Mr. McIntire updated the Commission on Parks:

- Sam Brannan Park – Construction will begin for a shade structure and sand volleyball court at the end of April.
- Tennis Courts were re-surfaced.
- Water features at Shanghai-Garden Park and Regency Park will be turned on May 1st and will run from 11 a.m. – dusk.
- With the new Fire Department on Ohleyer almost at completion the City is looking at the old fire station and its possible uses. From a recreation standpoint, the Department has been looking at the facility to possibly holding the gymnastics program. At this time the City rents the facility at the fairgrounds, which is approximately \$18,000 per year. More research needs to be done before any proposals can be made.
- Scholarships – The Friends Foundation generates \$20,000 - \$40,000 worth of scholarship money each year. The Foundation’s main goal is to raise money for

youth who are less fortunate to be able to participate in Recreation programs/activities.

- Betsy Crisante, Recreation Coordinator at the Senior Center, has accepted a job in Sacramento, which will leave a vacancy in the department that is not planned to be filled.

B. Agenda Items for the Next Commission Meeting

1. RFP for Parks & Recreation Brochure
2. Lincoln East Plan
3. Items for Information and Discussion – Recreation – Verna Cook-Stoddard, Recreation Supervisor
4. Substance Abuse Steering Coalition Presentation – Tobacco Ordinance in Yuba City Parks – Commissioner Blake gave some history from the last time the SASC made their presentation
5. Update on Adopt-a-Park

X. TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Nothing to report at this time.

XI. NEXT COMMISSION DATE

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson Minnix adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad McIntire
Parks & Recreation Director

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