

CITY OF YUBA  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES

Public Hearing/Regular Meeting  
August 19, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
1201 Civic Center Boulevard, Yuba City

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Yuba City Parks & Recreation Commission Public Hearing/Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Musfelt at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Brad McIntire, Parks & Recreation Director, and Barbara Gilmore, Administrative Assistant

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Musfelt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. MEETING PROCEDURES

Chairperson Musfelt read the Meeting Procedures.

V. PROPOSAL PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOBACCO AT ALL CITY PARKS AND WITHIN 50 FEET OF ANY PUBLIC ENTRANCE INTO ANY CITY OWNED OR LEASED FACILITY

This proposal and its background were explained to those in attendance.

VI. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Richard Arent, a neighbor of Regency Park, stated he is in favor of this proposal. He informed the Commission that he walks the park regularly picking up litter, and showed the tobacco related litter he had picked up in the last 3 days.

Mary Moffitt, a Yuba City resident, stated she felt that smokers have the right to use a park. She further stated that if litter seems to be the problem, then she feels the littering issue should be enforced and fines should be given out to those littering. She herself is a non-smoker, but feels this proposal infringes on peoples rights. Ms. Moffitt also stated that the 50 feet radius is a bit much and feels the laws today are a bit overdone. She was surprised that the article published in the local paper on August 13<sup>th</sup> had no opposing views. Commissioner Minnix commended Ms. Moffitt for coming forward with her comments.

Others in attendance who spoke in favor of the proposal were Mike Fortylar, a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, Laura Plaia, a mother with two children who have asthma, and Tim

Penberthy, a youth who belongs to the Substance Abuse Steering Coalition. Ms. Plaia stated she doesn't want to infringe on anyone's rights, but would like to see this proposal passed for the health of her children. She further stated sometimes laws are needed to enforce common sense and courtesy for others. Several others in support of the proposal were in the audience but chose not to speak before the Commission.

Narinder Dhaliwal with the California Clean Air Project stated she had done some research regarding the enforcement of a proposal such as this. She informed the Commission that every City she had spoken to said they haven't had a problem with enforcement, which is self-enforced through signage. Ms. Dhaliwal said she was told that with the signage in the parks, smoking ceases over a period of time.

Chairperson Musfelt thanked everyone for their comments. She stated she agrees with Ms. Moffitt and hates to see laws that infringe on peoples rights, however she feels that the litter from tobacco is a problem. She further stated she has mixed feelings on this proposal. Commissioner Anderson stated he understands the rights of people, however smoking in public infringes on the rights of non-smokers. He stated he appreciates this proposal. Commissioner Blake also stated she appreciates this proposal. She agreed with Ms. Plaia that non-smokers have the right to breathe clean air. Ms. Blake stated that from all the research that has been presented to her from the Substance Abuse Steering Coalition, she understands that a lot has been learned in the past years of the detriments of secondhand smoke that was not known in previous years. She stated that it is up to the Coalition and this Commission to determine whether or not we can, and hopefully will, protect the air that our children breathe when they are utilizing the parks in Yuba City. Ms. Blake stated, as we have seen, this is not an innovative, out of the box decision to make parks tobacco free. This is being done in many cities, and she hopes that the City of Yuba City can catch up with this idea.

Commissioner Anderson made the motion to accept the proposal to prohibit the use of tobacco at all City parks and within 50 feet of any public entrance into any City owned or leased facility. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Blake, and passed unanimously. Chairperson Musfelt stated that this proposal will be forwarded on to City Council for their approval.

#### VII. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Musfelt closed the Public Hearing and asked for a 3 minute break.

#### VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 15, 2009, 2009 Public Hearing/Regular Meeting – Copy submitted

Vice-Chairperson Minnix moved to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2009 Public Hearing/Regular Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hurlbut, which passed unanimously.

#### IX. BUSINESS FOR THE COMMISSION

There was no Business for the Commission at this time.

#### X. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Parks & Recreation Report

Mr. McIntire gave a very comprehensive report of the activities and programs that have been taking place in the Recreation Department (a copy of this information is attached).

Commissioner Minnix said with all the activity held at GAP, several people have inquired why the swim meet competition results are not in the local newspaper. He asked if there is anything the Parks & Recreation Department can do to get this publicity out. Mr. McIntire stated that the two high schools get covered under the school sports section; however FRAC is a private organization. He stated he assumes the information is given to the Appeal Democrat for publication, however it probably depends on how much space is available in the sports section on that given day. He stated he has seen it in the paper, however it is a large amount of information to publish.

B. Agenda Items for the Next Commission Meeting

None

XI. TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. McIntire stated that Gary Marler or Tim Duvall would be in attendance at the next meeting to give a report.

Commissioner Anderson stated he had heard trees are going to be put in at the Hwy. 99 and 20 intersections. He asked if the Parks Department would have any responsibility for these trees. Mr. McIntire stated that this is being worked out between CalTrans and the City at this time. He said he would get the information and report on this at the next meeting.

XII. NEXT COMMISSION DATE

Regular Meeting – September 16, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. – Recreation Conference Room, Littlejohn/Madden House, 1300 Franklin Road, Yuba City, CA.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Musfelt adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad McIntire  
Parks & Recreation Director

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Attachment

# Parks and Recreation Commission Highlights

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

## YOUTH SPORTS AND SPECIAL CLASSES

Junior Rec Program: 12 youth with over 2,100 hours of service for summer camp. (ages 14 & 15)  
Fun Daze Summer Craze Camp: 1355 participants for the nine week program (average of 150 youth per week)

Gymnastics Camp: 49

I'm a Star Soccer Camp: 50

British Soccer Camp: 26

Summer Youth Basketball wrapped up with 246 participants

### COMING UP:

Registration for: Youth Flag Football Ages: 8-11

Mighty Mite Flag Football Ages: 4-7

In September: FREE: Punt Pass and Kick Ages: 8-15

## AQUATICS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- Open Swim through August 9<sup>th</sup> has had 44,756 participants attend one of two daily sessions for an average of 273 people per session compared to last year's number of 283 average people per session.
- Beginning Adult Swim Lessons, which are one-on-one participant to instructor, has had 28 participants so far this year.
- By the end of August, staff has taught or is scheduled to teach 1,233 participants so far this season.
- Two Twilight Swims have been held during the season, with 220 participants at the last one.
- In the months of July and August we have had 131 participants in our 5 different Water Aerobics classes.
- For the 0 – 5 year olds and their parents, GAP held several sessions throughout the summer and approximately 60 – 120 participants at each session.
- 100 Songs of Summer held a concert or movie each Thursday night, excluding the week of the Yuba-Sutter Fair, averaging between 100 – 400 participants per event. Local non-profit organizations provided a BBQ at each event to assist in raising funds for their cause.

### Upcoming Programs & Activities

- Public Swim will be open on weekdays from 3:30-6 pm until August 28 and weekend session, including Labor Day, Noon – 2:30pm and 3:30 – 6pm, Weekend Open Swim is open until September 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Grandparents Day is September 13<sup>th</sup> at the GAP with Grandparents getting in free during Open Swim with a paid admission.
- A Junior High Twilight Swim is scheduled for Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8:30pm for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Classes and activities such as Water Aerobics, Masters Swim, Lap Swim, Stroke & Turn, Diving and Water Polo will continue.
- Gauche Park Picnic Day is September 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 4pm. We will be providing entertainment, old fashioned games and hot coals for barbecuing. People are invited to bring out their picnic, meat to barbecue, something to sit on and spend a day relaxing, free of charge. The GAP will also be open for swimming for a reduced fee. This event is co-sponsored with KUBA and the Appeal Democrat.
- **Due to the lack of vendor and sponsor participation, the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cultural Celebration, scheduled for September 12, 2009 is being postponed until the Fall of 2010.** The Cultural Celebration Committee, which is made up of staff and community members, felt it was best to cancel this years event and spend the coming year contacting sponsors and vendors for next years event.

## **ADULT SPORTS AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING**

- ✓ Sign- Ups for Fall Adult Softball:
  - 33 men's teams
  - 33 coed teams
  - 8 senior teams
- ✓ With school starting up, we are in the process of beginning our After School Programs in partnership with Yuba City Unified. School sites participating are:
  - Bridge Street School
  - Gray Avenue
  - AK
  - April Lane
  - Park Avenue
  - Lincrest
- ✓ Youth Commission is planning their first event for September called Park Palooza, which will include music, food and a volleyball tournament with a focus towards teenagers at Sam Brannan Park.
- ✓ The last weekend in August staff is finalizing plans for the largest Special Olympic Softball Tournament in Northern California. It is anticipated that there will be over 40 teams will be coming to the area for this two day tournament.

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Over 155 seniors are participating in the following classes at the Senior Center:

- ❖ Ceramics
  - ❖ Multi Media
  - ❖ T'ai Chi
  - ❖ Fitness
  - ❖ Country Line
- Watercolor
  - Yoga
  - Body Toning
  - Fit Ball

Back-To-School Drive ended up with close to 600 items (backpacks, note pads, crayons, pencils..) donated and all the items will be delivered to the Yuba City Unified School District next week.

Our City Bus Trips are going strong with 8 completed trips this summer:

Two trips to the Music Circus in Sacramento

Lake Tahoe Boat Cruise and lunch

Baylink to San Francisco

King Tut in San Francisco

President Lincoln Tour in Sacramento (only 5 locations in the US). This will be in Sacramento for another month or so.

In September there are 4 participants going to The Music Cities featuring Branson, Memphis and Nashville.

August 7<sup>th</sup> the summer camp students participated in a free car wash for the seniors; during the time allowed the students washed 12 cars. The seniors wanted to pay them but the camp kids reminded them it was FREE! In the afternoon the seniors and students, total of 100 participated, enjoyed an "Old Fashion Ice Cream Social".

Yesterday the Yuba City Rotary Club purchased, cooked and served a hamburger lunch; over 80 seniors participated.

We just hired a highly recommended Yoga instructor and we will be starting a Yoga class in October for the adults and still working seniors.

### **Educational Opportunities:**

Ken Thompson, from Sutter North Physical Therapy, gave an excellent presentation to 59 seniors on how to keep them physically fit.

September 16<sup>th</sup>, the final of 3 workshops "Maximizing Your Memory" will be educating seniors on how to tell the difference between normal memory loss versus dementia and Alzheimer's. The regional director for the Alzheimer's Association for Northern Nevada and California will also be giving tips and strategies on how to improve one's memory.