

Minutes
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, October 27, 2011

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Pamela Melville, Chairperson, in the Sierra Room at the Reedley Community Center, 100 N. East Avenue, Reedley, CA 93654.

1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
 - A. Commissioners Present: Pamela Melville, Chairperson; Tom Brandt; Stephen Penner.
 - B. Commissioners Absent: Excused – Sal Gonzalez, Traci Tucker.
 - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Jared Hirata; Rica Coria.
 - D. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.
 - E. Others Present: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner Penner, that the minutes of June 23, 2011 be approved. The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Joel Glick – Reported that we should hear in a few weeks whether we received the grant to build the 4-Plex at the Sports Park.

5. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. **Approved Budget and Affects on Programs and Staffing** – Glick reported that the 2011-12 City Budget has been approved. The City Manager did a great job of negotiating with the unions. A combination of furlough days and insurance share of cost will create an average of 4% pay reduction to most employees; the Police Department will take a 4% pay cut since they cannot logistically take furlough days without creating overtime. Next year will most likely include bigger cuts. The City Manager has directed department heads to identify core services and present it to her. We may see some reduction in services. Other staffing changes include part time employees reducing their hours to no more than 32 hours per week. With all the reductions to our department, Glick estimates we are back at staffing levels from the 1970's and 80's. Jared Hirata asked how Reedley compares to other recreation departments in surrounding communities. Glick indicated that we

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are doing pretty well compared to Dinuba, Selma, Sanger and Parlier, but statistics show that their crime is up. Our police department attributes our low crime rates to our youth programs and activities (and of course KCUSD, non-profit sports, and churches).

- B. **Update on Upcoming Programs** – Fliers were distributed to the Commission on the Halloween/Red Ribbon Carnival, Jr. Cager Basketball, Toys for Tots, Tiny Tots basketball and the new Community Center brochure.

6. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

A. **Jared Hirata**

- 1) Reported that a small ball clinic will take place at Reedley High School after Jr. Cager basketball program ends. Glick volunteered to pass out information about it during Jr. Cagers.
- 2) Coordinated volunteers and volunteered at the Rabobank Fiesta Fun Run. He had friends that ran and enjoyed the experience. Jared felt there needed to be a strong person at the corner of the 2 and 5 mile division. Some 5 milers shortened their route by taking the wrong path.
- 3) Will be helping with the Halloween/Red Ribbon Carnival and will bring volunteers.

B. **Baylee Mayfield**

- 1) Helped with the Fiesta Walk Run. Brought 2 volunteers. Was a runner for the scoring team. She thought the event overall was great, but observed that some of the kids were a little confused. May need a little more direction.
- 2) Will be helping at the Halloween/Red Ribbon Carnival.
- 3) Reported that the head coach of the girls softball team wants to start a program for little girls. Glick volunteered to have our staff handle the registration.

7. STAFF REPORTS

- A. **Joel Glick** - Reported that recently the majority of his time has been consumed with airport projects and issues – Carmelita mining project and the Slurry Seal and Airport Beacon project.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. **Commissioner Penner** – Helped with the Fiesta Walk Run. He observed one issue of people crossing Dinuba Avenue. The route needs to be changed for next year to avoid this dangerous situation.

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- B. **Commissioner Brandt** – Reported that the parks are looking pretty good even with the reduced budget.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Pamela Melville, Chairperson

Joel Glick, Community Services Director

Next meeting: February 23, 2012, unless something comes up beforehand.