

**Minutes**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, November 29, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 5:00 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, Vice Chairperson; Kelly deJarnette; Stephen Penner; Traci Tucker.
  - B. Commissioners Absent: None.
  - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Rica Coria; Alejandra Ramos.
  - D. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.
  - E. Others Present: Justice DeFore, John DeFore, Kyleigh DeFore.
  
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
It was moved by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, that the minutes of September 27, 2012 be approved. The motion carried.
  
3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION
  
4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
  - A. **Joel Glick**
    - 1) The Community Center Mansurd Replacement and Painting project is now complete.
    - 2) The Opera House Skylight replacement will start next week. The current skylights are leaking.
    - 3) Working on a boat dock grant through the Dept. of Waterways. It is due in April, 2013.
    - 4) In Airport news... working on an Airport Layout Plan Update that identifies projects for the next 5-10 years. In addition, a Drainage Study is being done to address flooding issues on the airport property. Both of these projects are being paid 90% by a Federal Aviation Administration grant. Cal Trans pays 5% of the balance. At a recent Airport Conference, FAA approved paying for security fencing along the west side of the airport. And finally, a \$10,000 operational grant will be submitted to Cal Trans. Funds will be disbursed in April/May, 2013.
  
5. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. **Eagle Scout Project** – Justice DeFore presented his Eagle Scout project idea to the Commission. He would like to improve the Snack Shack at Camacho Park. This includes: painting the exterior, mounting a marble

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plaque recognizing his great grandfather, Francisco Camacho (who the park was named after) and children, replace the entrance sign with a more colorful one, and install restroom signs that are easier to see. If money is remaining, he would like to: paint inside the restrooms, replace stall walls, and replace sinks and drinking fountains. He handed out his plan, that includes pictures of the various items. Paint color suggestions will need to be run by the parks division for their approval. Glick will make the contact and if necessary, arrange for a meeting. DeFore explained that they would be responsible for coming back to remove graffiti and repaint as needed. DeFore's goal is to complete this project by opening day of Little League – February, 2013. Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Brandt to move forward with this project. Motion carried.

- B. **Coach of the Year Perpetual Trophy** – Sarah Reid distributed pictures of four examples of perpetual trophies for the Commission to review. These included some with name plaques only, others had each recipient's picture and name. After some discussion, motion made by Commissioner deJarnette, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to recommend example #1, which has a place for pictures and names. Motion carried.

6. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

A. **Rica Coria**

- 1) Volunteered as a tumbling class helper in the last session at the Community Center. Loved working with the kids. She wants to return for the next session.
- 2) Helped with the Fiesta Walk/Run

- B. **Alejandra Ramos** – Helped with the St. La Salle food drive that was held on Thanksgiving.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. **Sarah Reid**

- 1) Reported that both Youth Reps were introduced at City Council. Joel Glick said they did a great job speaking in front of Council.
- 2) Presented the Commission with T-shirts from the race. She announced that we will be returning to ProRace for next year's race director. They have added our race to the local runner's circuit and assigned it a high point value (20) which will make for good advertising to the more competitive runners. The winning school for this year's competition is Jefferson again. Working with KCUSD to increase the participation for next year. Overall participation was down due to a few reasons – no point person at KCUSD reminding staff, new race director (without a following), fewer registrations from Redeemer's Church, etc.
- 3) Toys for Tots distribution will take place on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. She invited the

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Commission and Youth Reps to volunteer for the event. Approximately 550 kids have signed up to receive toys from Santa.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. **Commissioner Penner – None.**

B. **Commisisoner Tucker**

- 1) Great race. Heard a lot of great comments. Some confusion at Reed and the Trail about which way to go. (Staff was aware of this issue and will be addressing it next year).
- 2) Reported men with pitbulls have been hanging out on the Trail between Dinuba and Buttonwillow – very indimidating. Glick informed her that the police are aware of the problem and have been addressing it. She stated that it has been better over the last 3-4 weeks.

C. **Commissioner deJarnette** – Had a great time at the Halloween Carnival. Heard a lot of nice comments from parents about the event while she volunteered at the door. Staff thanked her for her help and enthusiasm by wearing a costume.

D. **Commissioner Brandt** – Asked if anything has been done to improve the care of trees on the Trail. Glick indicated he passed along Brandt's observation to the Parks Division. He explained that this year a new supervisor took over and they have also experienced a reduction in their workforce, but they will address his issues.

9. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

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Pamela Melville, Chairperson

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Joel Glick, Community Services Director

***Next meeting: January 24, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.***