

Minutes
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, April 24, 2014

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Tom Brandt, Vice 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: Tom Brandt, Vice Chairperson; Kelly deJarnette; Stephen Penner; Traci Tucker.
 - B. Commissioners Absent: Excused - Pamela Melville, Chairperson.
 - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Jennifer Ito Absent – Alexa Becerra.
 - D. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.
 - E. Others Present: Beth Cacace, Reedley Friendship House; Jerry Linscheid, Reedley YMCA.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
It was moved by Commissioner Penner, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, that the minutes of April 24, 2014 be approved. The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Joel Glick
 - 1) Received a letter that our application for the Mueller Park Beautification Project passed the first phase. Staff should be notified by August, 2014 if chosen.
 - 2) The Kids to Park proclamation will go to City Council on April 22, 2014.
 - 3) The next Movie in the Park will feature Turbo with a box car derby competition before the movie starts.
 - 4) The after school programs will expand this summer. TL Reed will have 140 students and Washington will have 50-100.
 - 5) The Easter Egg Carnival was well attended. A lot of volunteers were on hand to help.
 - 6) Upcoming events/activities include: Summer Day Camp, Swim Lessons, Ballet, Tumbling, Jr. Leader, Youth Reps for Parks and Recreation Commission, Jr. Giants Baseball, and Summer After School Programs at TL Reed and Washington Schools.

5. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. **Community Recreation Grants** – Three \$350 grants are available. An advertisement was submitted to the Reedley Exponent and mailed to some of the previous recipients. Two completed applications were received by the deadline – Reedley Friendship House and Reedley YMCA. Both entities were represented at the meeting to explain their anticipated use for the grant and to answer any questions the Commission might have. After the

Commission reviewed and discussed their options, a motion was made by Commissioner deJarnette, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to spend the entire available funds and award \$400 to Reedley YMCA and \$650 to Reedley Friendship House. They felt there was a great need for the Friendship House. The Commission voted 3-1 to approve. Motion carried.

- B. **June Meeting Date** – Commissioner deJarnette may not be available on Thursdays through July; Commissioner Tucker may not be available on the 4th Thursday of June. After some discussion, it was decided to still plan on meeting on June 26, 2014.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Pool Facility Future Use** – A satellite map picture was handed to the Commission. They discussed a variety of ideas on what they envision for the old pool property. Commissioner deJarnette reported that the Korean Delegation is not interested in buying pool property. She indicated that there has been talk about putting up condos or creating a park. She feels that once something starts happening with the property, people will get on board with donations, etc. Commissioner Brandt felt that local services clubs may get involved once they see things happening. Staff and the Commission felt there needs to be buy in from the neighborhood. A public meeting would give the community an opportunity to have a say in how it is developed – specifically inviting the surrounding neighbors to ask for their input on what they would like to see developed on the property (what are their needs?). The Commission agreed that they would like to have a walking trail for parents to use while their kids play; a family atmosphere; close the street to allow for a larger park; tear down the existing structure (retro never works); get neighborhood involved; green space with picnic areas; play structure; and basketball court. They also suggest a high fence on the Reed Avenue side to prevent the basketballs from going into the street. Glick explained that the Commission's recommendations will be taken to the staff planning meeting, then to Community Development and finally to City Council.

7. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- A. **Jennifer Ito**
- 1) Recruitment – Took Youth Rep applications to school. Will promote in clubs she's involved in.
 - 2) Easter Carnival – Helped with face painting. It was chaos at the end with all the parents and kids crowding in. The community club from the college helped by providing several face painters for this event.

8. STAFF REPORTS

- A. **Joel Glick**
- 1) The Community Services budget for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year will be discussed at Council on May 13th. On either June 10th or 17th it will go to Council for approval. The Community Services budget is over \$2 million.
 - 2) Upcoming projects for 2014:

- a. KCUSD joint funding for Community Center upgrades, including 2 new air conditioners.
 - b. Security Fence Project construction at airport.
 - c. Boat dock at Cricket Hollow (in Governor's budget for \$225,000 for environmental and plan work) Hope to construct the following year.
 - d. Mueller Park Beautification Grant – Projected cost \$200,000; \$98,000 grant, if awarded.
- 3) Upcoming Projects for 2015:
 - a. Sports Park 4 Plex or Ball Fields/Soccer Fields
 - 4) Upcoming Projects for 2016:
 - a. Splash pad at Mueller Park
 - b. Security Fence Construction Phase II (Airport)

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. **Commissioner Penner**

- 1) Likes the new path on Buttonwillow Avenue from the Rail Trail to the roundabout.
- 2) Reported on the Parks and Recreation Foundation – They are intent on seeing development at the Sports Park.

B. **Commissioner deJarnette**

- 1) Thanked Glick for the great tour of Visalia parks. It was an eye opener. Liked the signage, doggie bags, and how the new parks look green, but have drought tolerant plants.

C. **Commissioner Tucker**

- 1) Asked why the bike lane goes away on Dinuba Avenue as you come back into town heading west (near the DMV)? It may be because it is an older section of road.
- 2) Helped at Airport Cleanup Day (removed trash and weeds along Frankwood Avenue.

D. **Commissioner Brandt**

- 1) Attended an Easter Sunday service in Pioneer Park. Noticed that the trees may need to be trimmed away from the overhead wires. The tables and barbecues are nice.

10. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Pamela Melville, Chairperson

Joel Glick, Community Services Director