

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, April 22, 2010

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:02 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; Sal Gonzalez, Vice Chairperson; Tom Brandt; Stephen Penner; Traci Tucker.
 - B. Commissioners Absent: None.
 - C. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.
 - C. Others Present: Thomas Bachicha, St. La Salle School; Beth Cacace and Allie Cacace, Girl Scout Troop #408 and Reedley Scout Friendship House; Jim Leesch, Friends of the Library; Jenny Peters, Reedley Marlins; Ruben Ramirez, Reedley Senior Commission, Inc., Karl Warkentin, Reedley Little League; Forrest Brown and Jerry Linscheid, Reedley YMCA.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, that the minutes of March 18, 2010 be approved. The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION
 - A. None.

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Sarah Reid presented each Commissioner with a packet including a memo from Marge Littleton, Recreation Coordinator, and fliers on our upcoming programs and activities.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Planning for Sports Park - Saturday, May 1, 2010** – Commissioner Brandt indicated he would not be there. Volunteers will be asked to be there at 10:30 a.m. Hotdogs and waters will be given out, in addition to three sheet cakes. The program will last no longer than 30 minutes. Food will be served at 12:00 noon. Youth organizations that will be providing drills and skills – Reedley Youth Football, Reedley Little League, and Reedley Youth Soccer. Other activities - the Tai Chi class will put on a demonstration and there will be face painting for the kids. Cheryl Lingo will be in attendance to cover the event for the Exponent. We will plan for 500 people. Little League is willing to buy any leftovers. It was suggested to keep the concession door closed until the food is ready to serve.

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6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Community Recreation Grants Reviewed** – Each representative was allowed time to talk about their organization's need for the grant. It was determined that St. La Salle's Carnival was in fact, a fundraiser, and under item 3 in the guidelines, does not qualify. There was some discussion about whether the Friends of the Library's use for Wi-Fi internet would not be recreational. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Brandt to recommend funding all but St. La Salle and the Friends of the Library. As there was no second, the motion died. Motion by Commissioner Penner, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to fund Reedley Friendship House, Girl Scouts Troop #408, Reedley YMCA, Reedley Little League, Reedley Senior Commission, Inc., and Reedley Marlins with \$325 and Reedley Friends of the Library with \$150. Motion carried.

7. STAFF REPORTS

- A. **Joel Glick, Community Services Director**
- 1) Still working out some drainage issues at the Sports Park – the contractor will be adding more drains to compensate for the poor percolation.
 - 2) Vandals are removing bolts from the play structure at Sports Park playground, as well as graffiti problems.
 - 3) He commended Commissioner Brandt for trying to get the tree removal at the Sports Park donated, but the Public Works Manager discovered it may complicate the grant process.
 - 4) As the new Airport Manager, Glick has been working with Airtime BMX about relocating off the airport property. They have decided on the Sports Park and like the amphitheater area. This location may not be permanent, but they could be there a while. There may be some set back regulations that may complicate it, but the plans will be brought back to the Commission when that has all been worked out.
 - 5) The 2010-11 budget is very tight. Our department will be giving up quite a bit.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. **Commissioner Brandt**
- 1) Asked if the City could sell off some of their mini parks – the neighborhood ones. Glick indicated that lots of things are being talked about, but nothing has been decided yet.
 - 2) Is maintenance for the small park areas still being contracted out? Glick indicated that the City's parks maintenance staff is taking care of them again.
 - 3) Suggested that the Commission think about naming a city facility after Officer Javier Bejar. Glick indicated that there may already be

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something in the works. He will talk with the Chiefs and report back to the Commission. Glick suggested letting the Police Department take the lead.

- B. **Commissioner Tucker** – Suggested placing several tiles together at the Pioneer Park Pavilion to honor Officer Bejar.

9. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Pamela Melville, Chairperson

Joel Glick, Community Services Director