

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Location: Centennial Park – Live Oak Room 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Curry called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Judy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant, took roll as follows:

Members present: Randy Stinchfield, Danna Stroud, Steve Gregory, Brian Thorndyke, Darwin Curry and Robert Gibson

Absent: Robin Fairbairn, Mike Ojeda and Greig Welch

City staff present: Barbara Partridge, Charlotte Gorton, Gary Perruzzi, Dennis Fansler and Judy O'Neal

City Council absent: Mayor Mecham and Councilman Nemeth

Planning Commissioner absent: Valerie Warnke

Public: Anne Quinn, The Tribune reporter

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Member Gregory, seconded by Stroud, to approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2003 meeting. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Sherwood Park Master Plan – Design Day** – Comments noted and filed
3. **Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Bylaws** - Comments noted and filed
4. **Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Vacancies** - Comments noted and filed
5. **Revision to the Parks & Recreation Element of the General Plan** - Comments noted and filed
6. **Presentation Criteria for Special Use of Recreation Venues**
After discussion and changes, a motion was made by Member Gregory, seconded by Thorndyke, to approve the Presentation Criteria with changes – see attachment “A”. Motion passed.

7. **August 12, 2003 – Dark Month**

A motion was made by Member Gregory, seconded by Stroud, to consider August a dark month. There will be no meeting on Tuesday, August 12. Motion passed.

8. **Funding Public Art – Fairbairn Plan**

- After discussion and changes, a motion was made by Member Gregory, seconded by Stroud, to approve the Public Art Proposal with changes – see attachment “B”. Motion passed.

ADHOC COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION UPDATE - None

PARK & BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Comments noted and filed

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION - None

YOUTH COMM. & SENIOR ADV. COM. COMMUNICATIONS

Comments noted and filed

EXECUTIVE MANAGERS REPORT - Comments noted and filed

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS - Comments noted and filed

ADJOURN

- A motion was made by Member Gregory, seconded by Thorndyke, to adjourn the meeting at 5 p.m.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. at Centennial Park, Live Oak Room, 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles.
- August meeting is a dark month.

Deadline for submitting items for the next Agenda is Tuesday, August 26, 2003

Respectfully submitted by: Judy O’Neal, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved: 09/09/03

INFORMATIONAL NOTES

To: **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**
From: Barbara Partridge, Director
Subject: Notes from July 8, 2003 Meeting
Date: July 9, 2003
Copies: LRS Staff

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Sherwood Park Master Plan – Design Day**
 - Director discussed two public meetings held on June 23 and June 26, 2003.
 - If members would like the final votes from these meetings to let Judy know and we will mail to them. We will also put the results in the September Agenda packet.

3. **Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Bylaws**
 - The City is standardizing Bylaws for all Committees and Commissions.
 - There were minor changes to the Parks & Recreation Bylaws that will be forwarded to the City Manager for review before July 25, 2003.

4. **Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Vacancies**
 - City Council interviews are July 23 to fill five vacancies on this Committee.
 - Incumbents who do not want to go through the interview process can contact Shari Ryan, Deputy City Clerk, or write a letter, expressing your decision to stay on the Committee.

5. **Revision to the Parks & Recreation Element of the General Plan**
 - A Workshop was held in late May with the City Consultant and Community Development Department.
 - Director suggested changing the requirement from five to seven acres per 1,000 population for the requirement of a city park.
 - Discussed Public Art and Funding but not as a city policy. It was suggested a plan be established and added to the Element of the General Plan.
 - Discussed and added nature centers, historical sites, Salinas River Plan and connecting all bike and walking trails throughout the city.

6. **Presentation Criteria for Special Use of Recreation Venues**
 - When finalized, this document will be given to the public to gather pertinent information before it is put on the Advisory Committee agenda.
 - After discussion, changes were made to items #1 and 8 – see attachment “A”.

8. **Funding Public Art – Fairbairn Plan**
 - Director discussed and read the Public Art Proposal included in the agenda packets asking members to vote today.
 - After discussion, changes were made – see attachment “B”:
 - Item #3 by adding: *\$100,000 to be phased in.*

- Item #4 of the alternative, phased approach as follows: Determine a maximum amount to be paid by any one private *or commercial* project, and
- The Examples were changed by: *Suggested rates for consideration:*

PARK & BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Gary Perruzzi discussed:

- Fourth of July celebration was very successful with an added attraction from the Paso Robles Fire Dept. Chemron told Gary they would like to sponsor the 2004 fireworks again at BSP.
- Director will do a staff report to the City Manager on how much this special event costs the city to all departments.
- Director congratulated Gary on doing a fabulous job.
- Discussed traffic, with the help of Cal Trans, detour signs and volunteers directing traffic.
- We estimate a spectator crowd of approximately 8,000, which was very adequate for BSP and manageable for staff. This does not include all the spectators parked on the streets, at the Municipal Airport, Vons parking lot, numerous hill sides and streets, etc.
- Press releases went out to all local media but was not covered by KSBY. We had good coverage from Paso Robles Magazine.
- July 26 is the 1st Annual Kids Fishing Derby at BSP. We are expecting 100 kids to participate. Wal-Mart is the main sponsor with tremendous help from Melanie Dixon, recreation staff. Gary will invite Amy of KSBY to do a spot on the news.
- We had a very successful Girls Softball Tournament with 32 teams competing at BSP for 10,12 and 14 year olds. From this tournament, two West Coast teams went on to the national finals from four western cities. They plan to return next year.

Dennis Fansler, Superintendent discussed:

- Municipal and Centennial pools are very busy because of the hot weather.
- Recreational programs and city special events keep the parks staff very busy during this time of year, along with their regular duties.

YOUTH COMM., SENIOR ADV. COM. & AQUATIC COMMUNICATIONS

Charlotte Gorton discussed:

Youth Commission

- 2002-2003 Youth Commission accomplishments are in your packet for your information.
- We have nine vacancies on this Committee to fill with 18 applicants. City Council interviews will be held on July 9.
- The Youth Commission will reconvene their meetings on September 4, 2003.

Senior Citizens

- June 19 was the Senior Citizen's Juneteenth Annual event done by Edna DeBardelaben with great media coverage and senior participation.
- Paso Robles Gazette is offering a new magazine focusing on the Paso Robles Senior Citizens called Senior Living in Paso Robles.

- The position of Recreation Coordinator – Senior Citizens is still vacant. We have gone through two interviews and will be doing a third interview/assessment for three finalists this week.

Aquatics

- We have three assistant pool managers and one pool manager this year and all is working very well.
- August 9 is Hot August Night for a family barbecue party at Centennial Pool with help from the Public Work's maintenance and pool staff.
- The hot weather has brought out large amount of swimmers for our pools – keeping our staff very busy. We are still taking swim lesson sign-ups and providing pool parties.

Miscellaneous

- The next Twilight Concert is on Friday, July 11 in the City Park. The local wineries are involved by donating wine with the help from REC, Inc.

EXECUTIVE MANAGERS REPORT

Director discussed:

- Staff is working at top speed with programming for this summer; all of which is of good quality.
- The San Luis Obispo train trip is very popular, but we have some areas to work on.
- The sign-ups for the Belagio trip in August are very low.
- Director is very happy with the inter-departmental cooperation the recreation staff receives to put on all the special events and summer programs. We could not do it without their help with set-ups, etc.
- We have Princess Camp at Centennial Park Tuesday through Thursday. We have 35 very happy princesses signed up and a waiting list with 35 wanting to participate. Next week will be the Super Hero Camp for the boys. This is a new summer event and so far very successful.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

- Member Stroud, enforced by all Advisory members, said the recreation staff should be commended for a job well done in all they do and offer in the community. She is very proud of our accomplishments and our staff is greatly appreciated
- Member Thorndyke had flyers and informational handouts on the El Paso Trail Association. He will give literature to Steve Gregory and Ditas Esperanza of Community Development, for the Salinas River Development.