

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 12, 2005 ~ Centennial Park – Live Oak Room 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Amie Hammond, Robert Gibson, Heidi Hostetter-Wicka, Robert Nash, David Steaffens, Danna Stroud and Kevin Will

Absent: Robin Fairbairn and Mike Ojeda

Staff present: Barbara Partridge, Ann Robb, Charlotte Gorton, Doug Monn, Gary Perruzzi, Freda Berman and Judy O'Neal

City Council reps absent: Mayor Mecham and Councilman Nemeth

Planning Commissioner rep. absent: Eric Mattke

Guest: Norm Benson, WestFest

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Member Nash, seconded by Hammond, to approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2005 meeting - motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. New Projects at BSP

- Freda Berman, Park Supervisor, advised the BSP Volunteer Task Force, coordinated by Gary Perruzzi, would like to contribute to BSP by installing and maintaining two (2) horseshoe pits in the undeveloped land, east of the lake area, at the top of the hill. This group will provide all materials and free labor. They plan to maintain the pits and if necessary, the horseshoe pits can be removed. It would give the public another place to play horseshoes besides the City Park. Freda is in favor of this project and would like comment from the members. She will also be discussing with REC, Inc. for their input at their 4/13 meeting.
- Members discussed city liability, location, installing a short fence around the pits, trees, etc. The consensus of the members is to move forward with installing and maintain two horseshoe pits at BSP.
- The BSP Volunteer Task Force also purchased and is installing the one-mile walking markers at BSP.

3. Update on City Council Goal #2 – City Parks Master Plan

- Doug Monn, Interim-Director of Public Works, advised this item is still in the budget process and he can give further update at next meeting.

- Director Partridge advised the importance of this issue is the usage or over-usage of the City Park and why the Master Plan is so important to the City Park.

4. **Planning Commission Updates**

- Eric Mattke was absent but an update was given by Robert Nash as follows:
- Nash attended the March 22 Planning Commission meeting and only one project had an impact on the Advisory Committee. There are two acres in the Geneseo area of the Salinas river bed to be part of a trail. This may come before the Advisory Committee for their recommendation.
- Monn advised the City's D.R.C. (Development Review Committee) as the first step before a project goes to the Planning Commission. The DRC meets once a week and suggested the Advisory members may want to attend those meetings. Darren Nash, Associate Planner, posts an agenda and can give more information if necessary. Nash will e-mail the Associate Planner requesting he be added to the distribution list of the DRC agenda.

5. **Update on the Indoor Pool Building**

- Monn advised the city is closing down the indoor pool to shore up the roof, which is a safety hazard. This work is being done by city staff and hope to be done by 4/27/05.
- There is other major work that needs to be done to this facility and once this work is approved, the city is looking at closing the indoor pool for approximately three months.
- Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager, stated the aquatic instructors have made a recommendation to use lane one of the outdoor Municipal Pool for patrons who can endure the colder water for their classes.
- Director Partridge advised this is a one of a kind indoor pool and we try to offer alternate facilities but since this is the only pool of its kind in the Paso area, we cannot offer an alternate pool for the patrons. The Advisory Committee will be impacted by this project in the future.

6. **City Park Event Request**

- Gary Perruzzi discussed the Use of Facility application the city has received for the Second Annual WestFest and discussed:
 - There is concern for lack of city staff and police to monitor the impact this event would have if it were at the Mid State Fair and turned the discussion over to Norm Benson.
 - The over-usage of City Park with all the upcoming events planned at that facility.
 - Discussed changing from City Park to possibly Pioneer Park and BSP and alternate dates.
 - Mr. Benson and Committee would like to see this become an annual event held at City Park because of its beauty, shade, prime location for public exposure and surrounding restaurants.
 - Perruzzi advised this event has the support of the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street, but not from the PRVGA.
 - Annie Robb, City Librarian, recommended moving forward to find another facility and a date to satisfy all parties and get approval of this Committee today. Otherwise, Mr. Benson would have to come back next month which could be a problem.
 - After discussion, a motion was made by Gibson, seconded by Stroud, to deny the Use of Facility application for the downtown City Park, but Mr. Benson can work with staff to work out all details to house this 2005 WestFest in the City of Paso Robles – motion passed with 6 YES and 1 NO from Kevin Will.

7. **Centennial Park Construction Update**
 - Gary Perruzzi, Recreation Services Manager, advised there are plans soon to start construction on the Roller Hockey Rink at Centennial Park.
 - We notified Lewis Middle School of this construction since it will affect teachers and youth who walk to/from school to Centennial Park.
8. **Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Vacancies**
 - Director Partridge advised we have five vacancies on this Committee effective June 30, 2005. If the existing members wish to continue their term, they need to turn in an application. The application deadline is May 3 at 5 p.m.

2004-05 AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Public Art

- Robin Fairbairn is absent so Director Partridge advised the Public Art Policy financial Ordinance was approved and put in place and has a one-year evaluation for approval or denial by the City Council.
- The Advisory Committee needs to set up an Ad Hoc Committee or use all the members of this Committee for selecting or commissioning public art.

Billboard Program

- Monn advised the City's Sign Ordinance has to be amended before addressing this project and he will seek assistance from a City Planner.
- Discussed changing the name of this fundraiser for the City from billboards to sponsor recognition.
- A recommendation was made for this fundraiser to go through REC, Inc. for more flexibility. Stroud will discuss at the REC, Inc. meeting tomorrow, 4/14, and possibly on the May agenda for a presentation.

Needs Assessment

- Hammond discussed working with Cal Poly students to do a recreational survey.

Skate Park Review

- Comments from Robb and Monn were this project is still in the budget and he will know more in May.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Public Works

- Monn advised our water reservoirs should be fixed and ready to go for this summer.

Parks

- Berman discussed working on the BSP soccer fields and city parks are all back in full swing for the upcoming events and summer.

BSP

- Perruzzi briefly discussed softball fields at BSP are booked.

Recreation

- Gorton advised Vicky Jeffcoach, Recreation Coordinator for Oak Park, held four new camps during spring break that were extremely successful. Next event she has planned is the popular Father & Daughter Ball.
- Touch-A-Truck is a free program offered at Centennial Park on Saturday, 4/16.
- Senior Citizens went on a short trip to see the wild flowers and the next trip is the Getty Museum 4/26. The theme for the senior citizen picnic is “Generations” and will be in the City Park on 6/4.
- The bands and restaurants are booked for the summer Concerts in City Park. This event is co-sponsored and done by REC, Inc.
- The teen Battle of Bands event is 5/6 at the Mid State fairgrounds.
- The 2005 Summer Aquatics flyer was done in English and Spanish and is going out to the schools. Our major sign up day is 5/13.

Library

- Robb advertised the Library Foundation annual fundraiser, Havana Nights in the Library on 7/9 and passed out advertising.
- Robb advertised the Public Library also has a Public Art Policy that will go to the City Council soon and we are more neutral in our selection of the monthly art displayed.

EXECUTIVE MANAGERS REPORT

- Director Partridge met with Charles Lorenzen of Public Works about closing down four parking spaces during the summer concert series for loading and unloading senior citizens and disabled for the concerts.
- Jan Stemper Brown is sponsoring a shuttle bus for the senior citizens to get to/from the summer concert series.
- Discussed mile markers in the sidewalk and/or pavement to show the miles you have walked along with walking routes. This project will probably come before this Committee in the future for their recommendation.
- The LRS Department has two items on the April 19 Council Agenda:
 - a. Naming Policy
 - b. Alcohol Permit Fee
- Director said farewell to the members and introduced Annie Robb as Interim-Director for the Library and Recreation Services Department and City Library, who will cover the Library and Recreation matters. She then introduced Doug Monn, Interim-Director of Public Works, who will probably take the lead in this Committee since the major discussion involves parks or Public Works. They will both do a good job.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

ADJOURNED

- A motion was made by Nash, seconded by Hostetter, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2005, 4:00 p.m. at Centennial Park, Live Oak Room, 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR 6/14/05 MEETING

Respectfully submitted by Judy O’Neal, Administrative Assistant
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes of 4/12/05