

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: July 12, 2005

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Pro Tem Nash called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Robert Gibson, Heidi Hostetter-Wicka, Robert Nash, Kevin Will and Christie Withers

Absent: Robin Fairbairn, Amie Hammond, Barbara Partridge and David Steaffens

Staff present: Doug Monn, Annie Robb, Charlotte Gorton, Freda Berman and Judy O'Neal

City Council reps: Mayor Mecham and Councilman Nemeth

Guests: Ellen Perryess, D.J. Funk, Marti Johnson, Adriana Moroles and Monico Hunter, and
REC, Inc. members: Greg Haas, Jeff & Kris Penick, Mary Barth and Brandon Medeiros.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Will seconded by Gibson, to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2005 meeting - motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Introduction of New Members**
 - Welcomed Christie Withers as one of our new Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee members.
3. **Salinas River Update**
 - Robb opened up the presentation by introductions of the Templeton Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (RCD) group of Ellen Perryess, D.J. Funk, Marti Johnson, Adriana Moroles and Monico Hunter who are working on implementation of a State River Parkways grant.
 - Presentation was made on the project which will include 1-1/2 miles of connecting trails beginning at the southern boundary of the city (Larry Moore Park), interpretive signage and river restoration efforts. After the presentation, the meeting was opened up for questions and answers.

- RCD group distributed examples of:
 1. River Parkway Project.
 2. A map of the Paso Robles Projected River Parkways Grant from the existing Larry Moore Park.
 3. Information sheet on the Upper Salinas – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District showing an example of a pedestrian bridge and outlining components for the Riparian Habitat Enhancement Plan, Public Access Plan and Project Management and Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.
- The RCD group is working in Paso Robles, Atascadero and an area in San Miguel in the Salinas River.
- Paso Robles grant amount of \$360,000 will cover the basic costs. City has committed to maintenance for 20 years after completion of the trail. Opportunities are available for groups or individuals to contribute to the effort to sponsor benches, etc.
- The pathway proposed is accessible for wheel chairs but not for bicycles or motorized vehicles of any type.
- Discussed and agreed to hold a workshop after the August 9 Parks and Recreation Advisory meeting for the public and invite local groups such as the Youth Commission, Historical Society, local businesses and general interest groups.
- Mayor Mecham advised the Federal, State and City governments are interested in this project and the possibilities are endless.
- Urban run off is an issue in this project.
- Additional Proposition 40 Grant monies will be available soon on a competitive basis. \$1.2 million and for two years (April 2005-2007).
- The RCD group is also working with Follow the River group planning a long-range vision for the length of the Salinas River inside the city limits.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS - None

ADJOURNED

- A motion was made by Wicka, seconded by Gibson, to adjourn the meeting at 5 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, 4:00 p.m. at Centennial Park, Live Oak Room, 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles.
- Following the August 9 meeting with be a public workshop on the Templeton Las Tablas Resource Conservation group.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR 8/9/05 MEETING

Respectfully submitted by Judy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant