

# **MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**February 12, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.**

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

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Nash called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Robert Nash, Jerry Ambrose, Rosalie Wolff, Lynette Rowe, and Robert Gibson

City staff present: Annie Robb, Doug Monn, Charlotte Gorton, Judy O’Neal, and Charles Lorenzen

City Council present: Gary Nemeth and John Hamon

Planning Commission present: Chuck Treach

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chris Andrews is the Manager of Marketing and Programs for the construction of the new Paso Robles Swim and Tennis Club. The owners are from the bay area and once they get the building permit, plan to build twelve tennis courts, two pools, and a club house across the street from Barney Schwartz Park. Even though it is a private club with public influence, it is also family oriented and a competitive Tennis and Swim Club. They think it will do three things for the community:

1. It will be a great resource and enhance the City of Paso Robles.
2. It will be the glue for the wine industry, local restaurants, hotels, etc., in this area.
3. The Club will be an ambassador for Paso Robles with plans to bring competitive teams from all over the state that will benefit the community.

They are planning for a tentative groundbreaking on February 29, 2008, if all plans are approved.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. It was moved and seconded by Ambrose/Wolff to approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2007 meeting. Motion carried. January meeting was canceled.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **2. Parks-4-Pups**

- a) Annie Robb, Director of Library & Recreation Services, asked the Advisory Committee to consider the Parks -4-Pups proposal and updated members on the history of this project to date. She also confirmed the city ordinance does not prohibit dogs from walking on leashes on sidewalks, trails, etc., just not within the parameters of a city park.

### **Public Comment was opened:**

Paula O'Farrell, spokesperson for Parks-4-Pups, reviewed Parks-4-Pups proposal and passed out an alternate proposed ordinance for the advisory members to review and gave an update of this project from 2003 to date. Parks-4-Pups main goal is to build a dog park in the City of Paso Robles.

Eleven people spoke supporting Parks-4-Pups effort to continue the current dog arrangement at Centennial Park, to change the city ordinance allowing dogs in city parks, and to support the concept of a dog park in Paso Robles.

It was moved and seconded by Gibson/Ambrose to recommend to City Council that we continue with the current Parks-4-Pups arrangement at Centennial Park with two changes:( 1) Clean up the trail will change to one time a week instead of two, and (2) Parks-4-Pup members who clean the park no longer have to sign in at the Centennial Park office. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded by Wolff/Ambrose, to table the discussion to change the city ordinance to the next Parks & Recreation Advisory meeting on March 11, 2008. Motion carried.

### **3. Town Centre/Uptown Specific Plans**

Annie reminded members about the Town Centre workshop at the Park Ballroom, February 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Rob Nash will represent the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee at a stakeholder's interview with Moule & Polyzoides on February 18 at City Hall. Annie invited one other Advisory member to attend and Member Wolff volunteered.

## **CITY COMMUNICATION/REPORTS**

Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager, passed around a newspaper clipping from February 9, 2008 advertising a Prescription for Trails. Parks and Recreation Administrators in the north county have all worked on this project to promote walking trails for health. Doctors are actually prescribing clients to walk for their health and giving them this brochure which outlines various walking trails in the north county. We are going to REC Foundation to ask for funding of a fold out map, list of parks, and trails.

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## **UNSCHEDULED MATTERS**

Chairman Nash and other City staff met with Lee Strakbein regarding his desire to construct a Disc Golf Course in Paso Robles. There will be a proposal brought to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee in the near future for their recommendation to City Council.

## **ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded by Wolff/Gibson to adjourn meeting at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjourn to the following:

1. Town Centre workshop on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 7:30 p.m. , at the Park Ballroom, upstairs McLintock's Dining House, 1232 Park Street, Paso Robles, and then to the
2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 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 3/11/08 MEETING.**

Respectfully submitted by Judy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant