

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 12, 2008

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Randal Moos, Janice Watson, Rosalie Wolff, Rob Nash and Robert Gibson
City staff present:	Annie Robb, Charlotte Gorton, and Doug Monn
Absent:	Judy O’Neal and Charles Lorenzen
City Council present:	John Hamon and Gary Nemeth
Planning Commission present:	Chuck Treach
Guests:	Bev Davis, William Paris of Main Street and Jackson Nash, a volunteer

It was noted to correct spelling of new member, Randal Moos.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. It was moved and seconded by Wolff/Gibson to approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Introduction of new members**
 - Chairman Nash introduced Janice Watson and Randal Moos and each gave a brief history and information about themselves. He also introduced Rosalie Wolff as newly appointed returning member.
3. **Election of Officers**
 - It was moved and seconded by Wolff/Watson to keep the same slate of officers as last year.
 - Chairman – Robert Nash
 - Vice-Chairman – Robert GibsonMotion carried.

4. **City Park draft recommendations**

- Director Robb gave an update on the process of recommendations for City Park master plan including pre-charrette and charrette processes (including input from the charrette consultants), informal non-quorum meeting with recommendations last month from the Parks and Recreation ad hoc committee, and input from REC Foundation. Director also advised that part of the consultant team was an economist who looked at several elements of the plan with feasibility in mind. Robb also reminded members that not all recommendations may be implemented.
- Chairman Nash explained what REC Foundation is and its role as it relates to the city.
- Member Moos asked members how they felt about adding a security information kiosk.
- It was moved and seconded by Gibson/Wolff to approve the draft list of recommendations adding a security information kiosk. Motion carried.

5. **Pioneer Skate Park operations**

- Chairman Nash gave brief history of park, the issues, subsequent study, council recommendation to staff the park, and allocation made by council to staff park for one year.
- Director reported we have had very poor results while staffing the park and charging an entrance fee. Attendance dropped off and young adult skaters cannot access the park during school days because of the scheduling. It is also highly unlikely that council will fund the staff position. However since we staffed the park, the number of incident reports and service calls has dropped off dramatically
- Member Moos asked about contracting the Skatepark out to local skate shop businesses. Staff gave a report on the efforts to interest three local skate shop and businesses. Two shops in Paso and one in Atascadero called Esteem. Esteem is already contracting with the City of Atascadero.
- Chairman Nash feels like the skating community has developed a sense of entitlement. Nash thinks the committee needs at least one more meeting to discuss this issue before making a recommendation. Director stated this is not an action item for today and we will put on the September agenda.
- Member Wolff asked about asking groups for their input on the subject. Charlotte advised that when the skate park was developed, a large group of skaters were involved and gave tremendous input. We could use our staff to do a simple survey with the kids or invite them to an informal meeting.
- Director will bring back to next meeting.

CITY COMMUNICATION/REPORTS

- Annie discussed the City's water issues. Member Moos asked about chemical/gelling water system and Director Monn advised the city looked into this and cannot go to that at this point. There was also concern voiced about the brown grass at City Park and how that impacts city tourism. Doug has concerns about the heavy usage of this park.
- Director would like to give new members a tour of city facilities. Judy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant, will call to set up a day and time.

- Charlotte talked about recreation summer activities and the California Outdoor Bill of Rights was highlighted in our new Activity Guide. The Department will only publish two Activity Guides per year now instead of three. The new recreation online registration program has been very good so far.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

- Member Moos is interested in the members having name badges and/or business cards. Director said she would take care of this.

ADJOURN

- It was moved and seconded by Gibson/Wolff to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. Motion carried.
- Adjourn to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 4:00 p.m. at Centennial Park-Live Oak Room, 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THEIR 9/9/08 MEETING