

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Randal Moos, Karen Kinsell, Janice Watson, Ralph Almirol, Christopher Taranto

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

City Council absent: John Hamon and Nick Gilman

Planning Commissioner present: Al Garcia

PUBLIC COMMENT -None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. It was moved and seconded by Almirol/Taranto to approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2010 meeting - motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Recreation User Groups**

- Annie Robb, Director of Library & Recreation Services, explained we received no replies from letters sent to Recreation User Groups inviting them to attend a monthly Parks & Recreation Advisory meeting.
- Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager, updated the presentation to go to the Recreation User Groups, and passed out a hard copy of the information for the presentation. Charlotte also offered to go to with the advisory member to assist with the presentation and answer questions.
- Before the November meeting, advisory members are to think about what User Groups they want to visit and call Charlotte.

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3. **Parks-4-Pups Update**

- Director Robb gave an update on the Parks-4-Pups intent to enter into a contract with the City to construct a dog park adjacent to the Larry Moore Park. The Option to Lease goes to the City Council for their consideration at their 10/19/10 meeting. Parks-4-Pups plans the park will take approximately one year to construct.

4. **Demonstration Garden Update**

- The pilot project has ended after one year and they would like to continue. Director Robb is working with the Garden Group and the local Food Bank to continue the operation at Centennial Park with a new lease agreement with the City.

5. **Recreation Program/Community Bids Update**

- Director Robb noted the City has received a few proposals from private organizations interested in taking over certain recreation programs and we anticipate a few more proposals to be submitted soon.

CITY COMMUNICATION/REPORTS

- Director Robb clarified the park safety issue for the November agenda. Member Taranto asked about park safety after an accident in Sherwood Park, and wanted to know more about procedures in our public parks relating to: lighting in dark areas, roving patrol, safety, handicap, etc.
- Director Robb mentioned adding a park ranger to our budget for the parks for safety that would have the authority to write citations and patrol our parks. When the recession hit, a lot of things were cut out of budgets and this was one of them. Director Robb will check with the Police Department to see if we can get an officer to attend our November meeting to discuss this issue further.
- Doug Monn, Director of Public Works, advised as far as roving patrol, this would be the Police Department. There is a master plan to retro-fit Sherwood Park, but due to budget constraints this has been put on hold. You can see the difference when a park has been retro fit when you compare the lighting at Barney Schwartz Park compared to Sherwood Park and other City parks.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS - None

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded by Watson/Kinsell to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 pm to the following:

- To the Senior Citizen Black Tie Bingo fundraiser on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at the Paso Robles Golf Club, and then to the next
- Regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. at Centennial Park in the Live Oak Room, 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR 12/14/10 MEETING

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