

CITY OF PLACERVILLE
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
January 18, 2017
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Recreation & Parks Commission: Jerry Barton, Andrew Mathews, Jackie Neau, Peter Nolan, and Richard Zito

Recreation & Parks Staff: Steve Youel, Matt Lishman, and Kim Stewart

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Mr. Barton made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Zito seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Nolan made the motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2016. Mr. Mathews seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION ITEMS:

2017 Placerville Aquatics Center Schedule: Mr. Lishman brought before the Commission a proposed Placerville Aquatics Center Schedule for the summer of 2017 for approval. Mr. Lishman stated the proposed schedule is May 27 through September 4, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Mr. Lishman shared some schedule changes that staff believes will improve attendance and streamline operations. The most significant change is shifting public swim time by opening 30 minutes earlier and closing 30 minutes earlier and to adjust swim lesson times to correlate with some attendance trends staff has been seeing. This will allow for more swimming lessons in the evenings and reduced lessons in the morning, which is consistent with enrollment trends. The other noteworthy change is adjusting Public Swim times on Saturdays, which in the past, the time has been 11am – 3:15 pm. Since the City leases the parking lot from St. Patrick’s Church, the agreement was to avoid Public Swim times that would conflict with St. Patrick’s Saturday afternoon mass. Staff have been working closely with church staff, and staff believe there is a solution that will allow for Public Swim to be offered at a more convenient time for the public, making Saturday and Sunday Public Swim times the same: 12:30-5 pm.

Mr. Lishman stated on the financial side, there are several factors that are working in our favor. First of all, overall attendance numbers are up, and we anticipate that trend continuing. Secondly, the program schedule will allow for us to streamline some of our staffing, making operations a bit more efficient and allowing for some cost savings. Mr. Lishman also shared that we have a signed M.O.U. in place that allows Extended Day to come to the pool three days per week. That will be a significant source of revenue. Therefore, in spite of the fact that wages are increasing again this year, staff is not recommending any changes to the fee structure this year.

Beth Feldman stated that many folks live outside the City limits but plan their day around the City pool. She stated how great our staff is at the pool. Robin Fog thanked staff for our support of the aquatic program and stated it is very nice to see the season extended. Jim Cahill stated that swimmers could now swim at Union Mine if they join the Master's Program. Mr. Cahill stated there is only one pool in the county that is open year round and it is in South Lake Tahoe. Mr. Cahill stated the pool schedule caters to youth and urged staff to consider increased access for senior citizens.

Mr. Barton made a motion to approve staff's recommendation of the Placerville Aquatics Center Schedule for 2017. Mr. Zito seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

STATUS REPORTS:

Gold Bug Park Development Committee Status Report: Mr. Basham presented a slide show to the Commission on everything the Gold Bug Park Development Committee accomplished over the past year.

Youth Assistance Fund: Mr. Lishman reported that there were 2 requests for funding in the amount of \$109. We received \$300 in donations and the projected fund balance is \$2,599.07.

Baltic Lookout Tower Status: Mr. Youel reported that the City is seeking an organization or individual to take ownership of the tower with the intent of resurrecting it within El Dorado County.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Fee Study: Mr. Youel reported there is a tentative date of February 22, 2017 to hold a joint meeting between the Recreation and Parks Commission, Planning Commission, and City Council. There will be public comment and suggestions from respective Commissions and Council. This is not a new master plan but an update to the current. There is a state mandate that the master plan be updated.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm to the February 22, 2017 meeting.