

CITY OF PLACERVILLE
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
November 18, 2015
MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

Recreation & Parks Staff: Steve Youel and Matt Lishman.

ABSENT: Andrew Mathews, Commissioner

GUESTS:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Mr. Youel requested to add two items to the agenda under the title of Status Reports as follows: #2. Grants and #3. Mountain Democrat Readers' Choice Award. Mr. Zito made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Barton seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Nolan made the motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2015 and October 21, 2015. Mr. Zito seconded the motion. Mr. Barton abstained. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

STATUS REPORTS:

Youth Assistance Fund: Mr. Lishman reported that there were a total of 18 requests in the amount of \$736.00. We did not receive any donations and the projected fund balance is \$4,604.82.

Grants: Mr. Lishman shared with the Committee that the City applied for three grants through the El Dorado Community Foundation. City staff applied for an additional play features for the Placerville Aquatics Center, Development of the Monument Garden located at the corner of Bedford and Main Street and the installation of new scoreboards at Lions Park. The City's request for new scoreboards was awarded \$15,000.00.

Mountain Democrat Readers' Choice Award: Mr. Lishman reported that Gold Bug Park and Mine won the Mountain Democrats Readers' Choice Award for best local attraction. Mr. Lishman also shared with the Commission that Gold Bug Park and Mine was going to be featured in a NOVA television series called "Making North America".

ACTION ITEMS:

Dog Park: Mr. Youel reported that during the joint City Council/Recreation and Parks Commission meeting held on October 21, 2015, staff was directed to report back to the Council once the Commission had an opportunity to identify a process to keep the effort to develop a dog park moving forward. Staff's recommendation to the Commission was to request that supporters of the development of a Dog Park work with City staff to provide

the Commission with monthly updates on their efforts. The development group should concentrate their efforts to: 1.) Identify a viable development site, 2.) Develop a Conceptual Plan and 3.) Identify a funding mechanism. The group was encouraged to explore a collaborative effort with El Dorado County Parks.

Mr. Barton made a motion to support staff's recommendation. Mr. Zito 2nd the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Barton suggested that it may be time for the City and Commission to take a look at the City's existing Parks and Recreation Master Plan and determine if the community's priorities have changed in regards to future park development.

Aquatics Center: Mr. Youel stated that there seemed to be a general consensus at the last Commission/Council meeting that pool patrons would like to see the City of Placerville Aquatics Center remain open through Labor Day Weekend. Mr. Youel suggests that City staff budget for the extended season and that staff bring a proposed aquatics activity schedule before the Commission in January. Mr. Youel shared that on November 30 at 4:00 p.m. there will be a public meeting in the Board Room at the County to educate the public on funding aquatic facilities on the Western Slope.

Lynn Forsgren stated that consideration should be given to provide more activities and programs for adults and that the length of the season should be extended.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.