

CITY OF PLACERVILLE
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
May 29, 2013
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Recreation & Parks Commission: Jerry Barton, Andrew Mathews, Jackie Neau, Peter Nolan, Richard Zito and Ryan Gray, High School Representative.

Recreation & Parks Staff: Steve Youel and Matt Lishman.

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Zito made the motion to approve the minutes of April 17. Mr. Barton seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

STATUS REPORTS:

Youth Assistance Fund: Mr. Lishman reported that there were 22 requests since our last meeting in the amount of \$597.50. There was \$589.00 deposited from our El Dorado Community Foundation account. The projected fund balance is \$4,310.82.

ACTION ITEMS:

Proposed Park Rules Ordinance: Mr. Youel shared a draft staff report to City Council and a copy of suggested ordinance revisions. Mr. Youel stated that the smoking ordinance stated that there may be designated areas in parks for smoking. If City Council passes the recommended ordinance, the Recreation and Parks Commission with assistance from City staff will be charged with establishing a plan to place appropriate signs throughout City parks and facilities. Mr. Nolan asked about adding a restriction on the use of remote control air planes, cars, boats within City parks. After discussion, the Commission requested that a restriction be added. Staff recommended that the sports section be put back in regarding the use of fields for tryouts or other activities without permission. Staff also recommended the section regarding no golf be put back in. The City code makes reference to the County leash law. Mrs. Neau suggested no touching or petting animals should be added. There was discussion regarding skateboards on the trail. After discussion, it was recommended that when the signs are made, they should state that skateboards are allowed on the trail if they stay within a certain speed limit. It was also suggested scooters be added to the list of restricted uses.

Commission recommended that Mr. Youel move forward with these recommendations and share them to the City Attorney prior to completing a recommendation to City Council.

Mrs. Neau stated that she has been to Benham Park and there are 30 to 40 teenagers with nothing to do.

Request for Free Pool Admission: Mr. Lishman reported that the Dry Diggins Dolphins has requested aqua bucks for their silent auction. Mr. Lishman suggested that five aqua bucks be donated to the cause. Mr. Lishman also shared with the Commission that five aqua bucks were donated earlier in the month to the Camino Science and Natural Resources Charter School. The Charter School put in their request in time but the Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting was canceled in April. Mr. Nolan made a motion to approve the two gifts and Mr. Mathews 2nd the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Potential Dog Park Development: Mr. Youel shared with the Commission that development funds are scarce and typically used to address declining infrastructure within existing parks. Mr. Youel also mentioned that there is very little public land zoned for reactions within the City limits. Mr. Youel referred to the recommendations outlined within the Placerville Area Parks and Recreation Master Plan that recommends that Park Development Fees be increased and that staff should continue to pursue grant funding opportunities. Mr. Barton stated that Caltrans is going to release some property to the City. The property they are looking at donating is the spot across from the BBQ place. He suggested this might be a good place for a bike park/dog park.

Mr. Barton made a motion to direct staff to investigate Caltrans relinquishment of Highway 50 operational improvements project property for potential recreational use. Mr. Zito seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Zito made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gray seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. -