

Community Services Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
City Hall Caldwell Park Conference Room
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, California
March 11, 2015

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:00.

ATTENDANCE

The following Commissioners were present; Erin Resner, John Deaton, Robert Brennan, Judy Salter and John Wilson. Also present were Community Services Director Kimberly Niemer, Management Analyst Matthew McCallum and Administrative Assistant Nichole Bartels.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2015 as well as the monthly Parks Maintenance, Recreation and Tourism Activity Reports for February, 2015, were presented.

Commissioner Wilson commented on the tremendous amount of vandalism represented in the Parks Maintenance report. Director Niemer acknowledged that the vandalism is very frustrating.

Commissioner Deaton requested a list of open space areas.

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar.

(Made by Commissioner Salter, Seconded by Commissioner Deaton)

AYES: Commissioners Brennan, Deaton, Resner, Salter and Wilson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carries

PRESENTATION ON PUMP TRACKS AND BIKE PARKS PRESENTED BY ANDREW PELLKOFER

A copy of the presentation is attached and incorporated herein by reference.

PRESENTATION ON OREGON GULCH PROPERTY BY DAVID LEDGER

A copy of the presentation is attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Chairperson Resner questioned removing this property from the current list of surplus properties held by the City of Redding. Director Niemer suggested getting this subject agendized for future discussion, providing the opportunity to examine it more closely in the Parks Strategic Master Plan.

Motion: To agendize discussion of the Oregon Gulch property for further discussion at the April, 2015 meeting.

(Made by Commissioner Salter, Seconded by Commissioner Wilson)

AYES: Commissioners Brennan, Deaton, Resner, Salter and Wilson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion Carries

PRESENTATION ON TRIATHLON BY NANCY CARDOSO AND RANDY CARTER

A copy of the presentation is attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Commissioner Salter inquired about the financial aspects of this type of event, specifically, what does AA Sports get paid? Randy Carter responded that the event cost would be around \$200,000, or better. At this time, Director Niemer clarified that even if the City of Redding chooses to host and support this event, it would not be putting up the entire \$200,000. There is a Special Events fund which the Commission could request assistance from, but the vast majority of the funding will need to come from sponsorships.

Motion: Go before council to request a portion of the City's Special Events Fund be allocated to sponsor a triathlon in 2016.

(Made by Commissioner Brennan, Seconded by Commissioner Salter)

AYES: Commissioners Brennan, Deaton, Resner, Salter and Wilson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion Carries

UPDATE ON COLOR VIBE COLOR RUN

Director Niemer reported that because our Color Run for 2015 will be organized by Color Vibe. The charity partner in this event will be the Redding Recreation Charity Fund. We already have over 2,000 people signed up for the event which takes place on May 2, 2015. Commissioner Brennan asked if we have access to a list of emails for the people who are signing up, or could we negotiate to send emails through them. Director Niemer responded that although she does not expect that we will have access to the list, we can talk to them about the possibility of sending emails out through Color Vibe.

Commissioner Deaton asked if the difference in volume of people already signed compared to previous event is due to a difference in the registration fee. Director Niemer explained that there is a difference, but that there is also an Early Bird Special available right now, which may also play into the difference.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER ASSIGNMENTS

Director Niemer distributed a list of assignments to each of the Commissioners. She asked that each of the Commissioners provide Chair Resner with their preferences on these assignments and it would be reviewed at next month's meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES

Director Niemer gave updates on a number of projects:

Work on the Palisades Trail is progressing well. John McCullough was contracted to assist with some slope and erosion control issues. The Director estimated that in two months, the Palisades Trail will be ready for a formal opening.

At the Buckeye Disc Golf Course, goals purchased jointly by the Northern Flights Disk Golf Club and the City were installed by the Club. The area has experienced a fair amount of vandalism and it is expected the increased use of the area will deter the vandals.

The bathroom has been installed at Rivercrest Park and is quite attractive.

The Community Services Office is still without an Executive Assistant and will keep the Commissioners posted on progress.

Construction on the new office for Community Services is moving along and a move in date is projected to be 3 weeks out.

The Henderson Open Space is benefitting from a total of \$722,000 from an E.E.M. grant from the Department of Boating and Waterways. Director Niemer credits this accomplishment to Terry Hanson's credibility, Matthew McCallum's hard work and Steve Woodrum's financial contribution.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Brennan commented that as a Commission, he is not sure how the presentation on the Pump Track fits in, that we should be more reactive than proactive, and that we have a bit of a “shotgun” feel. Director Niemer explained that because we have no capacity currently to fund or develop new projects with condition of the Park Development Fund and no Community Project Managers on staff, she seeks to partner with the groups who come to us with good ideas and the ability to help put those ideas in place.

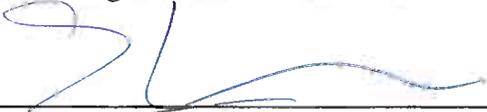
Commissioner Brennan stated that he feels we need to focus on fewer projects that mean a lot to the community. Director Niemer offered that the retirement of the Park Bond and the update of the Park Master Plan will provide an opportunity to plan and prioritize future projects. She noted that volunteer projects will always have a place in our efforts to expand recreational opportunities to a wider array of interests.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

There were no additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chair Resner adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.



Erin Resner, Chair