

Community Services Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
City Hall - Caldwell Park Conference Room
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, California
May 8, 2013

MINUTES

Chair Brennan called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

The following Commissioners were present; Judy Salter, John Wilson and Robert Brennan. Also present were City Councilor Missy McArthur, Police Chief Robert Paoletti, Community Services Director Kimberly Niemer, Deputy City Manager Greg Clark, Management Analyst Matt McCallum, and Executive Assistant Sarah Sheetz.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 10, 2013, and the monthly Parks Maintenance, Recreation Division and Tourism Activity Reports for April 2013, were presented.

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar.
(Made by Commissioner Salter, Seconded by Commissioner Wilson)

AYES: Commissioners Wilson, Brennan and Salter

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carries

PARK SECURITY ISSUES, REDDING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Director Niemer introduced Robert Paoletti, Police Chief, to provide an overview on park security and safety issues.

Chief Paoletti advised that the Redding Police Department (RPD) used to have a neighborhood patrol. He also stated that RPD used to have 119 sworn officers and they now have 98. In addition, RPD has lost 14 Community Service Officers. In 2011, RPD received 83,000 calls for service as compared to 91,000 in 2012. The ability to spend time responding to nuisances in the parks has been severely limited due to the call volume and staffing limitations. Further complicating matters is Assembly Bill 109, which is having an indirect impact on the parks and a direct impact on the jails. Chief Paoletti also stated that problems decreased when police patrols picked up at South City Park following a shooting last summer, however, problems increased at Caldwell Park. He stated that even when RPD has been successful at clearing parks or bleachers for recreation programs, the transient population returns immediately when citizens distributing food, etc. pull up in those locations regardless if children are playing on the ball field nearby.

Chair Brennan inquired if it is possible to distribute food in a different location. Director Niemer advised that she has had conversations with this group in particular in the past and they feel adamant about the location. Director Niemer stated that the feedback is that the security service brought in has been successful. Chair Brennan asked if there have been any further complaints. Director Niemer advised that complaints have not reached her. Commissioner Salter inquired as to how much it was costing. Director Niemer responded that it will cost \$2,300 for the remainder of the softball season, which is approximately 5 weeks. Chair Brennan asked if the service would be provided for the Junior Giants Program this summer. Director Niemer advised that resources are very limited and that we would have to see how it goes.

Chair Wilson inquired if it makes any sense to concentrate this population somewhere and leave them alone in that location. Chief Paoletti stated that idea has been considered.

Councilor McArthur inquired if the improvements at Tiger Field may help with the problem. Director Niemer responded that increased traffic may help improve the situation.

FRIENDS OF THE TRAIL, REDDING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER MISSY MCARTHUR

Director Niemer introduced Council Member Missy McArthur to provide an update on the Friends of the Trail group. Council Member McArthur shared the mission of the Friends of the Trail, which is to observe and report. A website has been established and a facebook page is now up and running. There are approximately 30 members in the core group.

Council Member McArthur advised that the Friends of the Trail will be equipped with phone numbers in order to report conditions on the trail. Commissioner Salter inquired if there was an ability to post the numbers along the trail. Council Member McArthur said there is a discussion

of that. The next meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

Director Niemer suggested that Chair Brennan assign a commissioner to the Friends of the Trail group after the new appointments are made.

PARK DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Director Niemer stated that work continues on the park development impact fee structure. She stated that some revisions have been made to the 5-acre park prototype which have resulted in a decrease in the per acre park cost. We have also been exploring the idea of assessing non-residential development. Management Analyst Matthew McCallum summarized that the maximum justifiable park fee proposed previously at \$7,862 for single-family homes and \$6271 for multi-family homes. This fee has been reduced to \$7,047 for single-family and \$5,643 for multi-family homes due to decreasing the amenities in the typical 5-acre park prototype.

Analyst McCallum presented the concept of the non-residential development impact fee and described the methodology utilized to obtain the fee rates. The methodology first breaks non-residential development into three categories including industrial, retail, and office space. There is then an estimation of the number of employees per thousand based on the number of square feet of development depending upon the development category. The daytime influx of population is then determined based on census data. The ratio of resident to non-resident employees within the City of Redding is also determined from census data. The ratio is then applied to the number of employees in the non-residential development categories to obtain the number of non-resident employees. The park benefit for non-resident employees is assessed, i.e., how much value a non-resident employee gets from park facilities as compared to the value a resident gets from park facilities. This percentage is typically in the 20% range. A park-user resident equivalent can now be obtained for non-resident employees based on development type.

The park development impact fee for residential development is based on dwelling unit occupancy. For single family homes the number is 2.62 residents per dwelling unit and for multi-family dwelling units the number is 2.06. The number of equivalent park-users is then converted to the number of dwelling units non-resident employees would make up and a fee is calculated based on the maximum justifiable fee, and a dollar per square foot fee is obtained for each non-residential category.

Analyst McCallum stated that the methodology has been reviewed by the ad-hoc fee committee consultants and they found the overall proposal to be reasonable and that the factors and the math looked good to them.

Analyst McCallum also advised that the proposal is to offset the current residential impact fee. He stated that the fee would apply to new development, but some consideration should be given to mixed-use buildings, development that undergoes a category conversion (i.e., industrial to office space), etc.

Commissioner Salter stated that the impact fee assumes the same rate of construction of residential and non-residential development. She was curious as to how it would impact fees collected if residential construction out-paced non-residential construction or vice-versa. She stated concern that there would be a net deficit if the offset were applied to residential development impact fees. Analyst McCallum stated that is another element to consider especially when looking at an offset to residential impact fees rather than an additional fee on non-residential development. Director Niemer stated that the discussion in 2004 with the ad hoc committee was that we know that we have many non-residents utilizing the park and trail systems without any contribution. She stated that the methodology based on employees is not necessarily a reflection of actual the actual user draw, but is tested methodology in other communities. Mary Machado interjected that the idea is about fairness. Ms. Machado wondered why residents buying a house should have to pay 100% of the cost of parks when so many other people use them and pay nothing. She stated that the way the fees are set up right now is completely unfair. Chair Brennan agreed with Commissioner Salter that if residential development out-paced non-residential development there would be a net deficit if the offset method were used. Chair Brennan inquired if any estimates had been done on non-residential development based on the last five years of construction. Analyst McCallum advised that he did not have that data.

GNARLY NEON 5K PRESENTATION

Director Niemer provided a presentation of the Gnarly Neon 5k which took place in Redding on April 27, 2013. The event was a huge success, selling out at 2,500 participants, and garnering a donation to the Redding Recreation Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$6,708.

PROJECT UPDATES

The Lake Redding Gazebo project has picked up in the last few weeks. Al Shipman has been recruited as the Project Manager. A start date of June 1, 2013, is anticipated. Renaissance Redding contributed \$5,000 following its Annual Tea event.

The playgrounds in Lake Redding Estates are underway. The new playgrounds at Lake Redding Park and Amethyst Park are scheduled for delivery by the end of May. Installation should be complete in early June.

The Rocks and Ropes Adventure Playground in Caldwell Park is underway and will be installed this summer.

The Traveled Way Restroom project is scheduled to go out to bid.

The façade walls at the Civic Auditorium that have big glass panes in them are in a state of disrepair. We are working with Pace Engineering on replacement. This is a significantly costly project. We have a revenue stream from the Advance Redding Lease.

A unanimous vote of City Council on May 8, 2013, directs staff to enter into negotiations with Turtle Bay Exploration Park regarding the possible sale of a portion of the Turtle Bay leasehold. There is some reference in the staff report for involvement in the discussion by the Community Services Advisory Commission.

The flagpole has arrived at the Redding Library, the plaque has arrived, and the contractor is scheduled.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Wilson inquired about the video at Reginato River Access and applauded the fact that the video footage assisted the Redding Police Department in determining a false report had been filed regarding a robbery at the boat ramp parking lot, stating that this likely saved a lot of time and money for the City.

Chair Brennan inquired if Parks Maintenance is hiring temporary workers this summer. Director Niemer advised that yes we have hired five temporary workers for the season.

Chair Brennan inquired about the condition of the road leading to the Posse Grounds boat ramp. Council Member McArthur advised that she would mention it to Public Works Director Brian Crane.

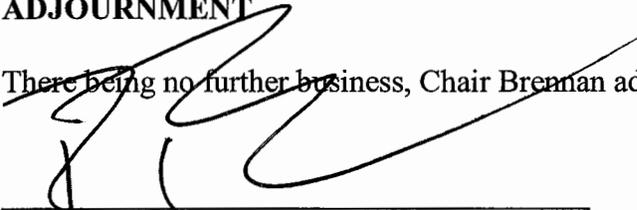
Chair Brennan inquired about the lights on the Sundial Bridge. Director Niemer stated that the existing lights are in good shape, and have been reprogrammed so that fewer come on. We have obtained a proposal on converting to LED lights rather than fluorescent, but would like to visit a similar site where LED lights are already in use.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Niemer had no additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Brennan adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.



Robert Brennan, Chair