

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 P.M.

### ATTENDANCE

The following Commissioners were present: Robert Brennan, John Deaton, Erin Resner, and John Wilson. Also present were Community Services Director Kimberly Niemer, Management Analyst Matthew McCallum, Parks Superintendent Paul Anderson, and Intern Kathryn McCallum.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 14, 2014, and the monthly Parks Maintenance, Recreation Division, and Tourism Activity Reports for May, June, and July 2014, were presented.

Commissioner Wilson inquired about Farm Camp. Commissioner Deaton, who had the opportunity to attend the camp, gave a positive report and highly recommended that the program be continued. Director Niemer added that the program had multiple corporate sponsors, which kept the cost of the camp down, as well as an extensive waiting list. Director Niemer also stated that the program might grow slightly in the next few years, but growth would depend on the facility capacity and the number of volunteers and staff available for the program.

**Motion:** To approve the Consent Calendar.

(Made by Commissioner Wilson, Seconded by Commissioner Deaton)

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Salter

### Motion Carries

## **WEST REDDING LITTLE LEAGUE**

Jessaca Lugo, President of the West Redding Little League, addressed the Commission on the lack of baseball field space for youth baseball. President Lugo stated that the West Redding Little League program has grown significantly to the point that there is not adequate ball field space for the program in addition to the other programs and leagues in the city of Redding. President Lugo added that the program had to send their older participants to Big League Dreams for practices and games, at cost and inconvenience to the parents, due to the lack of fields. She stated that one option to address this issue would be to rehabilitate baseball fields in Caldwell Park and adding more fields over in that area. President Lugo also mentioned that adding fields in Cascade Park was also considered, but Caldwell Park's central location, cohesiveness, and capacity made it the optimal option. President Lugo stated that the lack of fields was a district-wide issue, and that these fields could be used throughout the district.

Commissioner Wilson inquired through the chair of the amount of money in the Parks fund for the quadrant this project would affect. Management Analyst McCallum responded that it was about \$300,000, but the money was already committed to debt payments. Commissioner Wilson inquired as to how the Parks division could fund this project. Director Niemer responded that the Park Fund financial report would be presented at the next commission meeting, and that a more solid indication of what Community Services could offer financially would be delivered then. Director Niemer stated that this project would most likely be undertaken as a partnership or community project, rather than be fully funded by the City of Redding. Director Niemer stated that this project would take more review before implementation.

## **CELEBRATE 10**

Kim Niemer, Director of Community Services, addressed the Commission on the completion of the Celebrate 10 event. Director Niemer stated that the many events were well-received by the community, and were attended and sponsored by multiple members and businesses in the community. Director Niemer stated that a community survey was conducted at the BANDALOO events on public opinion of Celebrate 10 and the results of the survey when compiled would be shared with the Commission. Commissioner Brennan inquired as to the cost of the BANDALOO event. Director Niemer stated the group fee was about \$68,000, with an additional \$20,000 for sound and lighting, as well as Turtle Bay staff time. Commissioner Brennan inquired as to whether or not other community groups would continue the events, such as Sundial Splash, into the future. Director Niemer replied that response was positive and that, apart from BANDALOO, many groups and community individuals were interested in continuing the events annually, but that Community Services would not lead the efforts in continuing them.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

Paul Anderson, Parks Superintendent, updated the Commission on the recent measures the Parks division has implemented in accordance with state mandates on the water shortages.

Superintendent Anderson stated that he has held meetings with his staff and has issued copies of the City's directive to all members of the staff.

Superintendent Anderson stated that the Parks Division relies on members of the community informing them of broken irrigation in order to rectify those issues, as members of the Parks Division could not be present at every site at every moment.

Kathryn Silvia, citizen, inquired about whether or not the Parks Division had an emergency hotline for informing the division about irrigation issues. Superintendent Anderson responded that the Parks Division phone number would put members of the community in contact with him to address these issues, and that the City of Redding has an answering service that would contact him on weekends as well.

Director Niemer updated the Commission on the residential Landscape Maintenance District contract. The contract is out to bid, and has at least three interested contractors. The contract has also been updated by Superintendent Anderson to provide more clarity to both staff and homeowners.

Director Niemer stated that she has received a letter from the Glenn Colusa Irrigation District, who has partnered with several agencies to restore the Painter's Riffle adjacent to Turtle Bay East. The restoration will re-establish a channel to support spawning and will start around November.

Director Niemer informed the Commission on recent news concerning the Grand Jury report on the Park Impact Fee. City staff has prepared a response to the report, and will be on the agenda at the next Council meeting.

Director Niemer stated that a new Administrative Assistant, Misty Rhoads, has been hired.

Director Niemer stated that registration for Community Creek Clean-Up on October 4, 2014, was open and posters were printed. She invited Commissioner Resner to the preliminary site visit meeting on August 20th.

Director Niemer stated that Bel Air Estates has been sold to a developer out of Sacramento.

Director Niemer stated that Highland Park won an award from American Public Work Association for the 2014 Project of the Year in the \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 category from the Sacramento Chapter.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Wilson inquired about the Recreation Management Software. Management Analyst McCallum replied that the program would go public in November, and that a demonstration of the software would be on the agenda for the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Brennan inquired as to whether a large swim meet had occurred recently at the Redding Aquatic Center. Director Niemer replied that it was the Trophy Meet, which included swim clubs from as far south as Sacramento at the event.

Commissioner Brennan inquired about the hiring of part-time maintenance staff. Superintendent Anderson and Director Niemer replied that the Parks Division hires part-time maintenance staff, and seasonal full-time staff.

### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Niemer had no further comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Vice Chair Resner adjourned the meeting at 5:40 PM.



Erin Resner, Vice Chair