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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
Thursday, July 20, 2021

A regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Stephen Penner, Chairperson, in the Senior Room at the Reedley Community 100 N. East Ave, Reedley, California 93654.

1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
 - A. Commissioners Present: Stephen Penner, Chairperson; Darren Minami, Vice Chairperson; Maria Hernandez, Shirley Ito, Angelina Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, John DeFore
 - B. Commissioners Absent: None
 - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Emily Medina Delgado Absent - Adeline Villarreal
 - D. Staff Present: Sarah Reid, Community Services Director; Kayla Cheney, Administrative Assistant; Madison Mitchell, Recreation Supervisor
 - E. Others Present: Sylvia Gonzalez, Clifford Thiesen, Lee Ky, Ron Nishinaka, Pete Perez, Tim Fujioka, John Warkentin

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
It was moved by Commissioner M. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Ito that the minutes of May 13, 2021 be approved. The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
Reid shared staff is working with River City on the Dress Rehearsal Application. Reid explained that the Community Services Department will work closely with the Community Services Commission to select Reedley based organizations who serve low income and/or disadvantaged groups to attend a dress rehearsal for each upcoming play. If multiple applications are received, they will then be reviewed and selected at the upcoming Commission meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. California State Grant, Reedley Sports Park**
Reid shared with the Commission, the City and the Reedley Parks and Recreation Foundation are partnering together to apply for a Reginal Grant for the Sports Park. A public survey was conducted which received 812 responses, one public meeting was conducted with twenty participants and one zoom meeting with seventeen participants. Reid stated from the survey and public meetings there wasn't one amenity that stood out more than others. There was a high interest for tennis courts, basketball courts and pickleball courts which made up the proposed 2021 site map. The site map displays eight pickleball courts, two basketball courts, two tennis courts, as well as lighting for the designated areas. Commissioner A. Rodriguez was curious why there were so many pickleball courts in the proposal. Reid shared with the Commission, pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the world. If we place eight pickleball courts out at the park not only will this make our application extremely competitive, this will qualify the

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sports park to host regional events, which will ultimately bring revenue to the City. Pete Perez a currently Reedley resident shared with the Commission that there is a strong following for the sport of pickleball from Bakersfield to Fresno. No one is too old or too young to play. Tim Fujioka a current Reedley resident stated there are not enough pickleball courts. Having eight courts in Reedley will draw people in from all around the valley. John Warkentin grew up in Reedley but currently lives in Dinuba. Warkentin shared with the Commission there are currently eight courts in Visalia, but on the weekend if you aren't there by 6:00am, you have to wait to play. Warkentin would love to see pickleball courts in Reedley! Sylvia Gonzalez a currently Reedley resident stated she just began learning the sport last year, and has been hooked. Gonzalez, currently plays in Selma, and while in Selma, her shopping is done there as well. Gonzalez would like to see pickleball courts here so she can stay in her town to play and shop. Lee Ky wants to make sure the tennis courts are in the plan. Currently there are no public tennis courts. Ky is a sports mom, so seeing the basketball and volleyball courts makes her excited. Commissioner Ito stated she likes the 2021 proposed format.

Commissioner A. Rodriguez stated, if we move forward with pickleball courts, they need to be built for tournaments with the correct regulations. Commissioner Penner shared he would love to see the day when all fifty acres of the Sports Park are developed, and this is a great start. The 2021 proposal is a very reasonable compromise from the information collected during the survey, public meeting, and zoom public meeting. Eight pickleball courts, two tennis courts, two basketball courts, a nice large grass area, and outdoor lighting will bring many individuals from near and far to participate in these outdoor activities. It was moved by Commissioner Ito, seconded by Commissioner DeFore. The motion carried to move forward with the proposed 2021 site map.

B. Recognition of Outgoing Youth Representatives

Commissioner Penner shared his appreciation for outgoing youth representative Emily Medina Delgado. Sharing, Medina is a very energetic, outgoing young woman, who has been a big help over the past year. She is never afraid to share her comments, and get involved. Reid shared Medina is always willing to help, and always says yes! Medina was given a City coffee mug and Starbucks gift card to recognize Medinas efforts.

C. Review of Applications and Selection of 2021-22 Youth Representatives

Five applications for the 2021-22 Youth Representatives were received, however there were only three candidate that attended. Commissioners called each applicant up one by one allowing them each to speak about their application. Roman Ramos shared he is going to be a junior, is currently on the high school's water polo team, works for the City as a part-time lifeguard, is in band and wants to continue serving the community. Edward Martinez Rodriguez Jr. is a senior at Reedley High School. Rodriguez who is involved in the Leo's Club, is in band as

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the head drummer and wants to give back to the community of Reedley. Emily Medina Delgado is a Senior who enjoys being involved in the community and giving back. Medina stated getting youth involved to help where there may be any gaps is her goal. It was moved by Commissioner A. Rodriguez, second by Commissioner Ito to move forward with Emily Medina Delgado as the 2021-22 youth representative. It was moved by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner DeFore to move forward with Roman Ramos as the 2021-22 youth representative.

D. Review Youth Representatives Guidelines

The Commission would like for there to be verbiage added into the current guidelines which does not limit someone who is home schooled within 3 miles of the Reedley City limits. Reid stated, staff will work on the verbiage and present the adjustments in the next Commission meeting.

6. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

A. Emily Medina Delgado – Began as a tumbling instructor for the City on August 3rd. Medina has been busy with FAA, volunteering with the Poverello House and Big Hats Days both out of Fresno.

7. STAFF REPORT

Reid shared the state visited Camacho Park for a site visit, this is one step closer than we've ever been in the past to getting the grant. We should hear something in September on whether we receive the grant or not. Reid stated staff has been very busy. Staff hosted their first 21 and older event, which was a paint night. Food and wine were served, staff hopes to continue the paint nights monthly. Our annual senior prom is around the corner which will be held Friday, September 24, doors open at 4:30p.m. The theme is roaring 20's.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner DeFore shared excitement for the sports park grant the City and Reedley Parks and Recreation are applying for. Commissioner Minami stated his appreciation to Reid and staff for putting the time and effort into the public meetings and data collected from the public survey. Commissioner A. Rodriguez stated while attending the July senior lunch she heard others getting excited for the upcoming senior prom, which is great! Commissioner M. Rodriguez stated whiling running at Citizens Park the lights seemed to be out which left the park very dark, Reid stated a work order would be put in. Commissioner Ito expressed her appreciation to staff for the efforts that went into the public meetings and survey for the sports park grant. Lastly, Commissioner Penner stated applying for two grants within the last year is awesome. Gathering 812 responses from the public survey is more than we had anticipated!

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9. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Cheney, Administrative Assistant

Stephen Penner, Chairperson

Sarah Reid, Community Services Director