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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
Thursday, January 27, 2022

A regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Stephen Penner, Chairperson in the Redwood Room at the Reedley Community Center, 100 N. East Ave, Reedley, California 93654.

1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
 - A. Commissioners Present: Stephen Penner, Chairperson; Darren Minami, Vice Chairperson; Shirley Ito; Angelina Rodriguez (arrived at 4:47pm); Maria Rodriguez.
 - B. Commissioners Absent: John DeFore; Maria Hernandez.
 - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Roman Ramos Absent – Emily Medina Delgado(excused)
 - D. Staff Present: Sarah Reid, Community Services Director; Elizabeth Amaya, Office Assistant; Madison Mitchell, Recreation Supervisor.
 - E. Others Present: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
It was moved by Commissioner S. Ito, seconded by Commissioner Minami that the minutes of September 23, 2021, and November 16, 2021, be approved with one minor change fixing the spelling of Darleen Toews name in the November minutes. The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS –
Reid informed Commissioners that a few of their terms were expiring soon and encouraged them that if they would like to reapply to serve on the commission to fill out the application and turn it into Community Services staff or the City clerk.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. **Recommendation of Community Recreation Grants** – Commissioner Penner excused himself from this item as he is the chair for the Parks and Recreation Foundation, who applied for a Community Recreation Grant. This item was discussed at the November 16, 2021 meeting with no consensus met. Reid mentions to Commissioners that the Commission is not held to distributing grants to just 6 recipients, the Commission is able to split the funds any way they see fit. There were 7 applications turned in on time with 1 late application that Commission is not recommending to receive a grant because it was late. Commissioner A. Rodriguez voiced concerns about Reedley High Band Boosters donating money to other programs. Commissioner Minami mentioned that he is reviewing applications and thinking about which programs have a tougher time at fundraising funds. Commissioner Minami mentions that Band Boosters does multiple fundraisers compared to smaller programs to get funds through fundraisers. Commissioner Minami believes that if the Commission recommends that 6 groups get funds that they would look at

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the ones that would need more assistance with funds. Commissioner Ito liked the idea of all 7 applications receive \$300 instead of 6 applications receiving \$350 grants, so that all groups would receive some funds. It was recommended by Commissioner Ito to split the 6 - \$350 grant funds into 7 - \$300 and seconded by Commissioner M. Rodriguez, 3 ayes and 1 no. Motion Carried.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Clean California Local Grant Program** – A new grant through CalTrans is available because of a surplus related to COVID funding. Applications are due February 1st. The goal of this project is to beautify public spaces and agencies may apply for up to \$5 million dollars. This grant has a matrix to calculate what a financial match would be, and the City qualifies for a \$0 match. The grant required public input and 43 responses came in from the public survey. The project is for Cricket Hollow and Reedley Beach. Both spaces are busy during the peak season from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. Ideas for these spaces have been discussed for years to make them more user friendly and clean up the area. Cricket Hollow would see improvements in the parking lot, a restroom demo and relocation, additional lane for park entrance removing eucalyptus trees, and rehabilitating the Police Department K-9 area. Reedley Beach would see improvements for the parking lot, rehabilitation of the existing restroom, and removing eucalyptus trees. The City is requesting \$3.7 million to cover the costs of these improvements. Commissioner M. Rodriguez asked if there was a thought of including picnic tables into the grant application.
- B. **Sierra Kings Health Care District Mini Grant** – Madison Mitchell discussed with commissioners that the City will be reapplying for the Sierra Kings Health Care District Mini Grant. This grant will be used to offer free swimming lessons to qualifying families in Reedley. In the Summer of 2021, the grant served 128 youth participants but is able to accommodate 140 students. Water safety is crucial point with the Kings River flowing through the City. This year's grant will focus on staff time, facility use, and recognition of students. Grant is due February 16. It was recommended by Commissioner M. Rodriguez that the City reapply for the Sierra Kings Health Care District Mini Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ito. Motion carried.
- C. **Recreation Trails Program** – Based on the Master Plan for the Reedley Sports Park, the phase that is discussed is Traver Creek Corridor. Within the phase, there was a \$2 million creek restoration. After City staff looked into the location, there was not much the City could restore since part of the restoration was not City property. It was determined that staff could continue the fence all through the Sports Park to Dinuba Ave, and to add similar asphalt for a designated walking trail. This is a competitive grant that will take care of the fencing, asphalt, and lighting. Staff can apply for

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the grant for up to \$2 million dollars. Staff is using survey results from a previous survey to use as public input for this grant application. Application is due March 1st. It was recommended by Commissioner A. Rodriguez and seconded by Commissioner M. Rodriguez to move forward with the application process. Motion Carried.

7. **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

- A. Emily Medina Delgado – Emily is continuing her Tumbling Classes with the City and will be moving class to Monday & Wednesdays.
- B. Roman Ramos – Roman was contacted by the College of Future Medical Leaders to participate in a program where students will be able to watch a live surgery be performed and ask questions. Roman mentioned that at his church he was recognized to be a alter server; has participated with church since 5th grade. Swim season is approaching and they will be having a new coach. During the holiday season, Roman participated in the St. Anthony's Food Center distribution and had a good turnout.

8. **STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Sarah Reid, Community Services Director – Reid mentioned that the City received an Active Transportation Planning Grant that will include planning the parkway to the north end of town. Staff is getting ready for all the spring sports; Youth Baseball and Adult Basketball. Jodi is keeping the seniors busy. Staff sees that the seniors love participating in events/programs that involve food. Staff anticipates the lunch program to return July 1st. Seniors that are participating in the Home Delivered Meal Program will continue to receive those meals. With the FMAAA lunch program, there are many regulations because of COVID, and staff is waiting to move forward until restrictions loosen. Reid also mentioned that staff is starting to look at next fiscal year's budget and will soon bring that to commission. The Community Center Kitchen is undergoing a remodel which will open up the kitchen for cooking classes in the future. Reid mentions that Amaya now holds a full-time position with Administrative Services for the City; Alexis has taken the position of office assistant. Reid mentioned that she will be out of the office from February 8th-15th, Madison Mitchell will be in charge if anything comes up in her absence.
- B. Madison Mitchell, Recreation Supervisor – Mitchell reports that there will be a paint night for all ages and a parent's night out in the month of February. Some classes that are open and happening: Tumbling, Beginning Ballet, and Beginning Jazz/Ballet. Family dance was canceled due to low tickets sales and staff will be reevaluating to see if staff will continue to put together the Family Dance in the future. Mitchell mentioned that families stated it is because of COVID, they refrained from purchasing tickets to the dance. Babysitting Classes will take place in February and April for 11 – 16-year-old participants. Fee is \$45 for 3 – 2-hour classes.

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9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. Commissioner M. Rodriguez – Participated and enjoyed in events during the holiday season like the Christmas Tree, participated in a 5K run. Wants to continue to participate in community events and encourage her family to participate as well.
- B. Commissioner A. Rodriguez – Noticed that she has not been participating in many community events due to COVID. Mentioned that she noticed that the shade sails at Citizens Park were not quite finished, but were eventually put up. Mentions she has been walking.
- C. Commissioner Ito – Ito commend Jodi for doing everything for the seniors and the program. She admires that Jodi is providing opportunities for seniors to gather together and interact with each other. Mentioned that the senior Pizza & Bingo event was a full house for the month of February. Ito instructed Water Aerobics for the month of January and has positive comments towards the lifeguard. Mentions to Commission that Hobby Time is coming back to the Senior Center
- D. Commissioner Minami – Minami had Reedley High School updates. Currently serving as the Athletic Director and as the Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. Construction for the Softball fields for JV and Varsity field should be completed sometime in March. Parking lot in for the baseball field and aquatics complex will be done soon. AG will be getting new fencing as well. Baseball season will be starting soon as well. New soccer field is being used and appreciated. VROP Culinary Arts class got a remodel of their kitchen.
- E. Commissioner Penner – Penner mentioned that he was out of town in Oregon for a month and is happy to be back.

10. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41p.m.

Elizabeth Amaya, Office Assistant

Stephen Penner, Chairperson

Sarah Reid, Community Services Director