

Minutes
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
Thursday, May 26, 2022

A regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Stephen Penner, Chairperson, in the Redwood 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,
 - B. Commissioners Absent: Maria Rodriguez; Jenny Peters
 - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Roman Ramos; Emily Medina Delgado
 - D. Staff Present: Sarah Reid, Community Services Director; Kayla Cheney, Administrative Assistant;

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
It was moved by Commissioner Ito, seconded by Commissioner Minami that the minutes of January 27, 2022 be approved. The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
Reid shared with the Commission that the City is applying for a grant. The Engineering Department is taking the lead on this grant. It is an active transportation grant, the City was successful last year on this grant. The City has funding to put together a formal plan. The grant the City wants to go after this time is to develop the trail through the Sports Park. This would run along Traver ditch, and drops off on Dinuba Street. This would fund the sidewalk, and the crosswalk across the street. This grant would hopefully get funding for the crosswalk, and stoplight across the street. Reid shared a cost estimate with the Commission. Engineering has not submitted the application yet, but will soon.

5. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Budget Report Fiscal Year 21-22**
The Community Services Department (CSD) presented their proposal budget to the City Council. Some accomplishments are the water safety literature, and the messages sent out to the public, as well as the free swim lessons being offered. CSD will be implementing a new software called IWorQ to assist work orders, and assets for all of the City buildings. Three grants were submitted, the City is still waiting to hear back on one grant. The City worked with Fresno state last year to survey the community about program gaps and what the City residents would like to see. On a positive note, a lot of what the residents would like to see is currently being done. On a negative note, residents do not know where to find the information on what CSD programs are being offered. With the per capital funding the climber in Trimble Park was finished, the shade structure in Citizens Park was updated, and lastly the rubber surfaces at Citizens Park will be replaced. Department measures which measure CSD progress. Social media presence is the most popular

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way residents are getting information specifically, through Facebook and Instagram. CSD increased by 5% on both social media platforms. Program participation have increased from last year. Park and Facility rentals are not back from where they were pre-covid. New programs were offered over the year. CSD teamed up with Sierra Kings Health Care District for the month of May, for Mental Health Awareness month to offer free events; art workshop, yoga in the park, tai-chi. These were all possible with a grant received from Sierra Kings Health Care District, but free to the public. Holiday movie in Pioneer Park, and princess tea at Reedley Opera House were offered. Clinics were continued, which the public enjoyed. Free swim lessons filled up. Senior Night at the Opera house was offered which sold out in one day. CSD is using the Fresno Country Rural Transit bus to take senior citizens on trips as long as its in Fresno County. It's a feasible way to get Senior around. Sweetheart breakfast was offered on Valentine's Day. Bunco is being offered as well as Magic and Milkshakes.

The biggest change for the upcoming year will be the Expanded Learning Program. The state of California is pushing millions of dollars to the after-school programs, with the intentions to have no waiting lists. The City and CYM received the okay to offer a full-time staff to help manage the Expanded Learning Program.

CSD oversees the Reedley Municipal Airport. Reedley College is transitioning their flight science program to the Reedley Municipal grounds. This will be a win for both the City and Reedley College.

The senior room received an upgrade, and for the upcoming year there will be an upgrade to the California room.

Goals for the upcoming year is to focus on staff training specifically for the Expanded Learning Program and Aquatics. Continue to focus on new programs, as well as jump into the IWorQ system.

6. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

- A. Emily Medina Delgado – Finished with tumbling, and is now working with the Chamber of Commerce. Medina will be directing Jr. board next year. Medina decided on Fresno State, where she is excited to begin her college experience.
- B. Roman Ramos – Jr. Chamber of Commerce came to an end. Ended swim season, where Ramos received the coaches award. Ramos is working as a lifeguard for the City of Reedley.

7. STAFF REPORT

Staff is working on the July-August program for upcoming events. Staff has been busy. Jesus Rodriguez is busy with Jr. Giants, and Expanded Learning. Madison Mitchell is busy with summer aquatics. Jodi Botello is busy planning programs.

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8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner A. Rodriguez thanked staff for getting bathroom signs up at Citizens Park. Commissioner M. Hernandez would reach out to local radio stations to advertise the concern and dangers of the river. Commissioner Minami shared his excitement for numbers being up for programs being offered. Commissioner Ito expressed the enjoyment of playing pickleball in Dinuba. Commissioner Penner shared an update on the parkway and usage from the hours of 6am-6pm. On one specific Wednesday over 500 people passed by, in comparison to a few years ago which was in the 300s. Penner shared this is just a snap shot of how heavily the parkway is used.

9. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Cheney, Administrative Assistant

Stephen Penner, Chairperson

Sarah Reid, Community Services Director