

Minutes
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, May 14, 2015

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Pamela Melville, Chairperson, in the Sierra Room at the Reedley Community Center, 100 N. East Avenue, Reedley, CA 93654.

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
 - A. Commissioners Present: Pamela Melville, Chairperson; Kelly deJarnette, Vice Chairperson; Tom Brandt (arrived at 4:34 p.m.); Stephen Penner; Traci Tucker.
 - B. Commissioners Absent: None.
 - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Blake Acebo; Jesus Ayala.
 - D. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.
 - E. Others Present: None.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. It was moved by Commissioner deJarnette, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, that the minutes of February 26, 2015 be approved. The motion carried.
 - B. It was moved by Commissioner deJarnette, seconded by Commissioner Penner, that the minutes of March 26, 2015 be approved. The motion carried.
 - C. It was moved by Commissioner Penner, seconded by Commissioner deJarnette, that the minutes of April 23, 2015 be approved. The motion carried.

3. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.**

4. **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.**

5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Safe Routes to Schools** – John Robertson, City Engineer provided a map showing the areas of town that are in need of sidewalks to make it safer for pedestrians. The Engineering Department is applying for a \$500,000 grant to install sidewalks in a section of East Avenue from August to Lincoln, as well as another small section in that general area. Motion by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner deJarnette to support this project and write a Letter of Support that could be included in the grant application. Motion carried. Denise will write the letter and have Chairperson Melville sign it.
 - B. **Kids to Parks Day Proclamation** – The Kids to Parks Day Proclamation went to City Council on May 12, 2015. The kickoff event will take place on Friday, May 15 at Pioneer Park. The season's first Movie in the Park will feature Star Wars – A New Hope. Obi Wan, Darth Vader, and Princess Leia will be available to take pictures. At 5:30 p.m. employees, commissioners and council members are invited to stop by for an early photo session with the characters. The event will be canceled in case of rain.

6. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Both Blake Acebo and Jesus Ayala reported looking forward to graduation on June 5, 2015 and the next step in their education. Blake will be attending UC San Diego and Jesus, UC Santa Barbara.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. **Joel Glick, Community Services Director**

- 1) Presented the department's budget at a special City Council workshop on May 5, 2015. He thanked the Commissioners that showed up to the meeting to show their support. He felt it went very well.
- 2) Reported that the Mueller Park Beautification Project bid was awarded for \$195,000. City staff will be responsible for about \$50,000 of improvements. Construction should start mid-June and be completed by the end of July.
- 3) Announced that he will bring the Sports Park Master Plan Revision to City Council in July (after the budget process is done).

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. **Commissioner Penner** – Suggested having representatives go to Sacramento to lobby for the Sports Park projects. Felt it would be worth it to keep them thinking about it - "Planting the seeds". If any opportunities for grants comes up they will know what we need it for. Joel will talk with City Manager about including City Council members in a trip to talk with our representatives. Commissioner deJarnette brought up that the representatives need to know that the City has gone through a revision of the original plan.
- B. **Commissioner Tucker** – Informed staff that Paramount is very community oriented and recently made a big donation to the Reedley Middle College High School (at Reedley College). She suggested approaching them about a donation and/or sponsorship.
- C. **Commissioner Melville** – Expressed her thanks for staff at the City Council workshop. She felt it was a very nice budget presentation.

9. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Pamela Melville, Chairperson

Joel Glick, Community Services Director