

Minutes
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, June 25, 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.); Dolores Payan (incoming); Stephen Penner; Traci Tucker (outgoing).
 - B. Commissioners Absent: None.
 - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Jesus Ayala Absent – Blake Acebo.
 - D. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant; Sylvia Plata, City Clerk.
 - E. Others Present: Marilyn Vose.

2. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONER, TRACI TUCKER – Joel presented a plaque to Traci Tucker that stated: *In Appreciation For Your Outstanding Contribution And Dedicated Service To The Parks And Recreation Commission 2007-2015.*

3. OATH OF OFFICE – NEW COMMISSIONER, DOLORES PAYAN – Sylvia Plata, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to the newest Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Dolores “Dodo” Payan. The Commission congratulated her on her appointment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
It was moved by Commissioner Penner, seconded by Commissioner Brandt, that the minutes of May 14, 2015 be approved. The motion carried.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.

6. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Joel Glick - Announced that the Sports Park Master Plan Revision will go to City Council on August 11, 2015. He encouraged the Commission to attend the workshop to answer any questions Council may have about the proposed plan. Staff will send out a reminder to the Commission prior to the meeting. The workshop will be informational only. The plan will be finalized and taken back to Council for their approval at a later date.
 - B. Sarah Reid – Junior Giants Opening Ceremonies will take place on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at Camacho Park. The Commission was invited to take part in the Opening Pitch.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Outgoing Youth Representatives Recognition** – Jesus Ayala was recognized by Sarah Reid for being an exceptional Youth Rep during the 2014-15 school year. Sarah presented Jesus with a personalized mug to remember his year of service. Commissioner Melville commended Jesus and stated that it was great to see young people get involved in their community. The entire Commission thanked him and commended him for his service. He will be going away to college, but plans to come back for the Fiesta Walk Run.
Unfortunately, Blake Acebo was unable to attend the meeting, but he will also receive a personalized mug to remember his year of service.
- B. **2015-16 Youth Representative Applicants** – Three applications were received for Youth Reps. The applicants were given a chance to introduce themselves.
Lauren Tavlan was approached by Jesus Ayala about applying. She felt it was a great opportunity. She was involved with the City's tumbling, softball, and volleyball programs.
Selena Garcia was excited about the great opportunity to participate as Youth Rep. She wants to encourage others to participate in our activities. She wants to bring more families together in the parks.
Keiren Arakawa wants to go into government when he graduates from college. He has been involved in the City's Summer Day Camp and played youth soccer.
The Commission thanked each teen for applying and explained that the Commission would discuss who would be selected when they go into closed session. The applicants were invited to stay for the rest of the meeting, if they wanted.
- C. **Update on Mueller Park Beautification Project** – A new shade structure, sand and bark in the playground area, upgrade/replace a few play structure pieces, walking trail, picnic tables, benches, BBQs, restroom interior remodel are under construction in Mueller Park. The LED lighting is on back order, but the electrical work has been done. The electrical panel had to be upgraded. Contractor anticipates being done the end of July. The City will start their part after that.

8. OUTGOING YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- A. Blake Acebo – Not in attendance. He had to attend a mandatory training for an internship.
- B. Jesus Ayala – Thanked the Commission and staff for allowing him to serve this last year. He learned a lot, including how to facepaint (at some of the events)! He said he would be at the Movie in the Park the following night. He invited some friends to go. He is sad to say goodbye to the Commission.

9. STAFF REPORTS

- A. **Joel Glick** – The City received a \$235,000 planning grant for upgrades to Cricket Hollow Park. A contract was entered into with Travis Crawford in Visalia to do the environmental work. That cost will be approximately \$40,000. The next step will be to go out to bid for a planning engineer. Staff anticipates it to take a year to get the plans done. The project must be

completed by March of 2017. Staff will share the preliminary plans at the next meeting.

B. **Sarah Reid**

Summer is in full swing – 60 part time staff were hired. All programs are running smoothly. The pool is running well, especially for the first season. She is very happy with the staff who are doing a great job. Recreation Swim has low attendance, but hopefully it will pick up. Office staff have received calls and emails asking about it. Water Aerobics averages about 30 each month. Lap Swim is very popular.

TL Reed's summer program has 190 students (some from Riverview and Great Western); Washington serves 120. Summer Day Camp currently has on average 28 kids. Adult Softball is going well. The second Movie in the Park will be Big Hero 6. There will be a DJ with games. The first Movie in the Park was a bust due to a downpour of rain that kept people away.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. **Commissioner Brandt** – Asked about remodeling the Pioneer Park restroom. Joel indicated that that project is on the schedule. It will be done with Community Development Block Grant funding. It will be similar to the facility at Citizens Park (prefab) and should be done by 2017.

B. **Commissioner Penner** – Stressed the importance of sending representatives to Sacramento to keep our projects in front of decision makers.

C. **Commissioner Tucker** – Enjoyed riding the Rail Trail past Buttonwillow into the new section.

11. CLOSED SESSION (Discussion of Youth Representative applicants)

12. OPEN SESSION – Motion by Commissioner Penner, seconded by Commissioner Brandt to select Lauren Tavlan and Salena Garcia to serve as the 2015-16 Youth Representatives to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Pamela Melville, Chairperson

Joel Glick, Community Services Director