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**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

A public meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Stephen Penner, 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: Stephen Penner, Chairperson; Carl Smith, Vice Chairperson; Tom Brandt; Jean Clemons; Guadalupe Martinez; Don Zavala.
  - B. Commissioners Absent: Excused – Edgar Baltazar.
  - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Amber Carter. Absent – Keiren Arakawa.
  - D. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent; Christina Ontiveros, Senior Citizen Coordinator; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant; Rob Terry, Community Development Director; Linda Thao, Senior Engineering Assistant.
  - E. Others Present: Will Washburn (Peters Engineering), Patrick Boyd (DesignLab 252), Jovita Zavala, Mary Carvillo, Michael Murphy, Marie Murphy, Bernice Huebert, Caroline Huebert, William Foster, Arlette Ito, Pamingo Estala, Mary Fast, Raclid Zuniga, Denny Mason, Marie Mosier, Samuel Hinojosa, and others.
  
2. EMERGENCY BUSINESS
  - A. **Recommendation for Dog Park Regulations** – The Commission was provided copies of the proposed Dog Park Regulations. After careful consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Clemons, seconded by Commissioner Brandt to recommend the proposed Dog Park Regulations to City Council. Motion carried.
  
3. LUKE TRIMBLE REHABILITATION PROJECT UPDATE
  - A. Introductions – Staff and Consultants were introduced.
  - B. Project Background by Engineering Department – Several years ago the City Pool closed. In 2014 or 2015, the Parks and Recreation Commission started discussions about what they would like to see done with the property. Last year, a grant opportunity came up through the Department of Housing and Community Development. Both the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council approved submission of a grant application. The grant was approved and a consultant was hired (Peters Engineering).
  - C. Potential Design by Consultant – Will Washburn of Peters Engineering explained that two similar plans have been designed. The focus of the park will be a splash pad in the middle of each of the plans. A sidewalk will wrap around the park. The main entrance will tie the Korean

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Monument to the new park area. There will be three other entrances. A low 4 foot fence will surround the park to prevent children from running into the street. The shape of the splash pad area is the main difference between the two plans. Patrick Boyd of DesignLab 252 pointed out there will be a 15 foot patio area immediately around the splash pad and then 30 feet of turf area. Beyond that, shrubs and trees will be planted. Picnic tables will be sprinkled in that area. Reed Avenue will have parallel parking; the alley and 8<sup>th</sup> Street will have angled parking. One of the plans is more rectangular; the other is more ameba shaped. One has several age group areas; the other has 2 age group areas. Both create activity and will use re-circulated water. Water conservation is a priority. A very complex filtration tank will be underground. The splash pad will only be used seasonally.

- D. Schedule of Next Steps by Engineering and Community Development – Rob Terry reported that the first phase is going through the process of vacating J Street. Notices will be distributed in the neighborhood regarding the street closure. Once the actual design process begins, the Commission will once again become involved. The grant money must be spent by 2018 so it will be sent to City Council very soon. The project should start shortly thereafter. The actual scheduling has not been set. Staff wants to allow enough time for public input.
- E. Questions and Answers – Samuel Hinojosa asked if there will be curfews for the park and what time that would be. He requested to have more police officers patrolling. He noted that people are sleeping on the property and wants that to end. Denny Mason, business owner close to the proposed development, asked for a crosswalk at I Street to keep kids safe. There could either be a lighted crosswalk or stop signs. Mary Fast, City Council Member who lives 4 blocks away indicated that it is a great opportunity to have a community park in the neighborhood. She acknowledged that neighbors may have an inconvenience with the closure of J Street, but will be worth it. She asked if there will be any covered picnic areas and barbecues. Glick indicated that typically families only stay about an hour at splash parks. Terry explained that the grant has limited money and not a lot of amenities were able to be incorporated initially. Marie Mosier expressed concern for parking. She lives directly across from the property on Reed. They have limited parking in their driveway and rely on street parking for their other vehicle. Sarah Reid explained that even when the City pool was in full swing, parking was not a big issue.
- F. Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Clemons asked for an estimate of the splash pad area. The rectangular one is approximately 15

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by 4 feet; the ameba shaped one is 15 by 25 feet. What will the park be called? Currently it is being called the Luke Trimble Park. Commissioner Brandt asked what kind of material will be used for the walkways. He asked that they steer away from dark colors and use something similar to pool decking. Staff reported that there will be safety or edge lighting and the splash area will be graded to the center to promote the recirculation. Commissioner Zavala is concerned about the homeless living there. He has been to a splash park in San Jose in the old downtown area and the community loves it. Commissioner Penner would like a crosswalk at Reed and Friesen. The Commission, as a whole, leaned toward the ameba-shaped plan.

- G. Staff Comments – Glick invited the audience to attend future meetings about the development of this park. Christina Ontiveros invited everyone to attend the Senior Resource Faire on Friday, April 28, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

4. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

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Stephen Penner, Chairperson

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Joel Glick, Community Services Director