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**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, June 22, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 4:30 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; Edgar Baltazar; Jean Clemons; Guadalupe Martinez; Don Zavala.
  - B. Commissioners Absent: Excused – Carl Smith, Vice Chairperson; Tom Brandt.
  - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Keiren Arakawa Absent – Amber Carter (out of the country).
  - D. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent; Christina Ontiveros, Senior Citizen Coordinator; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.
  - E. Others Present: Jovita Zavala; and Youth Rep applicants - Maria Feria; Michael Marin; Dayanna Negrete; Lorena Orozco; Jacqueline Torres.
  
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Clemons, seconded by Commissioner Zavala, that the minutes regular meeting of April 11, 2017 and public meeting of April 27, 2017 be approved. The motion carried.
  
3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.
  
4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
  - A. Glick announced that the Lions Community Dog Park Ribbon Cutting will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at noon. He encouraged the Commission to attend. A hotdog lunch will be provided immediately after the ceremony. Commissioner Baltazar volunteered to help with the hotdogs.
  
5. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. **Recognition of 2016-17 Youth Representatives** – Sarah Reid presented Keiren Arakawa with a special mug and thanked him for his service on this Commission and the previous Parks and Recreation Commission. She also acknowledged that he recruited all of next year’s applicants. Keiren was also thanked by Commissioners Penner and Zavala. Keiren thanked the Commission for the opportunity to learn about local government. Amber Carter was unable to attend the meeting. Reid presented her with her special mug prior to the meeting. A video of Amber was played for the Commission. She thanked them for the opportunity to serve and learn.
  - B. **Proclamation for Parks and Recreation Month in July** – Reid will present a proclamation at City Council on Tuesday declaring July as Parks and Recreation Month. Many of the Community Services part time staff will be introduced to the Council. She encouraged the Commission to

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attend.

- C. **Introduction of Youth Representative Applicants and Selection for 2017-18 School Year** – Five of the seven applicants attended the Commission meeting. Michael Ito submitted a video and Angelica Magana was unable to attend at the last minute. The rest of the applicants were given an opportunity to introduce themselves, as well as explain why they are interested in serving. The Commission asked them a few questions. Then the applicants were thanked and excused so that the Commission could deliberate. Each Commissioner voted for 2 applicants that they felt would be the best fit. Motion made by Commissioner Baltazar, seconded by Commissioner Zavala that Michael Ito and Lorena Orozco were selected to serve as Youth Representatives for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried.
- D. **Input for Creation of Mission Statement for Community Services Commission** – Commissioner Clemons volunteered to work with Glick to research and bring back ideas to the August or September Commission meeting.

6. **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

- A. Keiren Arakawa – Thanked staff and the Commission for the opportunity to serve on the Commission. His last volunteer opportunity was helping at the Movie in the Park. Lifeguards helped with games and cool activities for the kids before the movie started.
- B. Amber Carter - Not present

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Joel Glick, Director
  - 1) The Luke Trimble Project continues – approximately 60% of plans are completed. The consultants and staff are looking at the suggested changes from the public meeting.
  - 2) The Cricket Hollow Boat Launch Project – The old snack shack has been removed and dirt areas smoothed out. The project is still waiting on one environmental clearance.
  - 3) A big thank you to Jean Clemons for volunteering with Denny Mason at the Airport Barbecue in May. He reported that they were a huge help in organizing the food service area.
- B. Sarah Reid, Superintendent
  - 1) Summer activities are in full swing (swim lessons and Summer Day Camp. Next public event will be Movie in the Park on July 21<sup>st</sup>.
- C. Christina Ontiveros, Senior Citizen Coordinator
  - 1) Upcoming presentations include: Legal Services, St. Agnes (Wound Care) Dr. Guzman (on Diabetes) and Reedley Fire Department.
  - 2) The Reedley Lions Club recently sponsored and cooked a patio luncheon. The seniors were able to enjoy the new patio cover that

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Lions donated. A picnic barbecue lunch will take place in October in the park, sponsored by Lions Club.

- 3) Nearly 100 seniors attended the June luncheon. Sierra View Homes provided meatloaf and green beans. At December's Senior Luncheon the volunteers will be recognized.
- 4) Tachi Palace is the next casino trip
- 5) The Senior Prom will take place on September 22, 2017. Ticket prices will remain the same. Location will again be at Sierra View Homes. Tickets will go on sale in August.
- 6) Bingo today.
- 7) Glick thanked Commissioner Zavala, who recently resigned, for serving for 5 years delivering meals to homebound seniors.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. Commission Martinez – Enjoys working with the volunteers in the Senior Center every day.
- B. Commissioner Zavala – Feels that there has been a smooth start to this new Commission.
- C. Commissioner Baltazar – Announced that he is the Caruthers Girls Volleyball head coach.
- D. Commissioner Penner
  - 1) Explained the purpose of the Parks and Recreation Foundation (a way to help support parks and recreation activities). The Foundation is passionate about helping to build out the Sports Park. He also explained that if an event could be planned, the Foundation would help financially; they just don't have the manpower to pull off a large event.
  - 2) Will be out of the country until the end of August.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held in either August or September. As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 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