

Minutes
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
Thursday, December 14, 2017

A special 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; Carl Smith, Vice Chairperson; Edgar Baltazar; Tom Brandt; Jean Clemons; Guadalupe Martinez; Don Zavala.
- B. Commissioners Absent: None.
- C. Youth Representatives: Present – Michael Ito; Lorena Orozco
- D. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent; Christina Ontiveros, Senior Citizen Coordinator; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant; John Robertson, City Engineer; Linda Thao, Sr. Engineering Assistant.
- E. Others Present: Will Washburn and Patrick Boyd, Peters Engineering Group; Jerry Alvarez, Reedley Little League; Luis Escareno, Reedley Youth Soccer.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner Zavala, that the minutes of October 19, 2017 be approved. The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Joel Glick provided the Commission with a memo dated December 14, 2017. The subject is the Camacho Park Rehabilitation Grant Opportunity.
- B. Glick provided the Commission with a current Expenditure and Revenue Report for the Community Services Department showing the various divisions that staff are responsible for.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Recommendation for Luke Trimble Splash Park 90% Plan** – The pool building has been removed. On Monday the other building and equipment will be removed. The holes will be backfilled. Peters Engineering explained what type of vegetation and landscaping is planned. An example of the restroom facility what shown. Color options were presented to the Commission. Motion by Commissioner Clemons, seconded by Commissioner Brandt to recommend the following color choices– Roof: Green; picnic tables and bench – dark forest green; doors taupe/brown. The recommendation was to match colors to those used in Pioneer Park. Motion carried. After the presentation by Peters Engineering, the Commission expressed their approval of the 90% plan. Motion by Commissioner Zavala, seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the 90% plan as presented. Motion carried. Glick informed the Commission that this item will be presented at City Council on January 9, 2018. He encouraged the Commission to attend. Denise will send a reminder. Commissioner Clemons asked about what type of surface will be in the splash pad. Peters Engineering will get back to Joel with an answer. John Robertson informed the Commission that this project will go out to bid in February and should be completed by June/July 2018. Their hope is to open the facility in July to the public.
- B. **Recommendation to Apply for Camacho Park Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant** – Joel updated the Commissioners on this opportunity. This is a competitive grant

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that staff feels will score the highest. \$8 million is available statewide. In the City's application the request is for \$723,000 for improvements to Camacho Park. This grant requires a 50% match.

Public comments about the project:

From the Little League Representative – The ADA upgrades are very badly needed. The concession stand is very hot and needs upgrading. The scoreboard are being vandalized.

From Reedley Youth Soccer Representative – 500 players in the recreational league; 2300 in the competitive league. They use the fields because lights are available. They would like the lights upgraded. Restroom upgrade is also needed due to volume of use. It will be good for the community, too.

Commissioner Zavala questioned the security of the park. Glick indicate it would be possible to add more cameras and lighting on the restroom.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Zavala to approve moving forward with this grant application. Motion carried.

6. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- A. Michael Ito – Reported that he is done with football, so he will be able to come to the meetings from now on.
- B. Lorena Orozco – Reported that she helped to get volunteers for the Toys for Tots night.

7. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Joel Glick, Director
 - 1) Announced that with the new online registration availability, the Community Services office will no longer stay open until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.
 - 2) Updated the Commission on the status of the Boats and Waterways Grant.
- B. Sarah Reid, CS Superintendent
 - 1) Volleyball finished up with a total of 10 teams; Tiny Tots football had 4 teams and Junior Cager Basketball has 15 total teams.
 - 2) The Red Ribbon/Halloween Carnival had approximately 300 participants. This was held at the Reedley Armory. A poster and video contest was held with the after school programs.
 - 3) Christmas Kids Camp will start next week. This is the first Christmas Camp in several years.
 - 4) Toys for Tots event will take place on Thursday, December 21st. Volunteers should arrive at 3:30 p.m.
 - 5) The Family Dance will be held on January 26th. This year's theme is Disney. Tickets will be on sale after the first of the year.
 - 6) Online recreation registration starts on January 2nd. Participants will be able to sign up for programs from their home computer or smart phone. Staff will be on hand if people need help registering in the office.
 - 7) A \$900 grant was received to be used for reading incentive for the Jr. Giants program.
- C. Christina Ontiveros, Senior Citizen Coordinator
 - 1) Senior were encouraged to dress up for their Halloween celebration
 - 2) The creation of a fall decoration was the craft in November.
 - 3) 55 people went on the Poinsettia Farm field trip in November.
 - 4) The Senior Volunteer Luncheon was held last week to honor volunteers that make the Senior Programs function, as well as different groups that sponsor

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activities at the Center. Some of these include: Golden Living Center (ice cream socials and will be doing blood pressure testing); Dr. Luis Guzman (he talks every other month giving medical information to seniors); Reedley Senior Commission, Inc. (sponsor many activities/events); Reedley Police Department (S.A.L.T. program that speak to seniors about law enforcement/safety issues); Save Mart (donation of pastries and bread); Blossom Trail Photography (photos at Senior Prom); HICAP (Medicare advocacy and education for seniors); Sierra View Homes (provides 3 luncheons per year; YMCA (assistance with Senior Prom).

5) The next casino trip will take place tomorrow. 47 seniors are signed up to go.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. Commissioner Zavala – Asked to be kept updated on the progress of the Splash Park. Glick agreed to keep them informed.
- B. Commissioner Brandt – Asked about the status of the electric airplanes. Glick will update in January when he knows more. He also expressed appreciation for Glick and staff for all the projects on their plate.

9. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Stephen Penner, Chairperson

Joel Glick, Community Services Director