

Minutes
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
Thursday, February 22, 2018

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; Carl Smith, Vice Chairperson; Tom Brandt (arrived at 4:35 p.m.); Jean Clemons; Don Zavala.
 - B. Commissioners Absent: Excused – Edgar Baltazar; Guadalupe Martinez.
 - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Michael Ito Absent – Lorena Orozco.
 - D. Staff Present: Sarah Reid, Community Services Interim Director; Christina Ontiveros, Senior Citizen Coordinator; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.
 - E. Others Present: None.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
It was moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Zavala, that the minutes of December 14, 2018 be approved. The motion carried.
3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.
4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. **Camacho Park Rehabilitation Project** – Sarah Reid reported that the City applied for a \$723,000 competitive grant to upgrade several features in Camacho Park. The City will be responsible for paying for half of the project. This is the same grant that was received for the Mueller Park Beautification Project. She reported that there was discussion about applying for development of the Sports Park, but it was felt that the Camacho Park Project would score higher on the grant application. Upgrades designated are a new restroom/concession stand, ADA Ramp, backstop, and remote lighting system to light the fields. The City should be notified in June if the grant was awarded.
6. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS
 - A. Michael Ito – Volunteered at the Family Dance.
7. STAFF REPORTS
 - A. Ruben Castaneda, Jr., Recreation Coordinator, submitted an update on Recreation activities.
 - 1) Christmas Day Camp had 20-30 kids each day of the 3 week camp. This is the first time in many years that the City has offered this day camp.
 - 2) Jr. Cager Basketball season has 3 weeks left. All games are held at Grant Middle School. 15 teams.

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- 3) Youth Baseball registration ended last week. This is the first sport that is utilizing the new Dash Online system. 250 players have signed up. Practices will begin in March.
 - 4) Adult Basketball registration is still open. Only 3 teams have signed up so far, but this is typically a last minute registration sport.
 - 5) Easter Day Camp will begin on March 26th. This program will run 6 days (includes Monday after Easter).
 - 6) Easter Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, March 24th in Mueller Park from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Volunteers are needed. Sarah Reid encouraged the Commission to participate.
- B. Sarah Reid, Interim Director
- 1) Splash Pad:
 - a) Rules and regulations will be discussed at the next Commission meeting. This will include hours of operation, season, rules, etc. Since construction should be completed in early summer, staff anticipates the facility to open in July or August. They would like the rules and regulations finalized so that signs can be ordered and in place for the opening. Since most cities in the area have splash pads, Sarah is reaching out to them for their information. Sarah will find out when road will be closed. Commissioner Brandt asked if there will be a basketball court in this park. Sarah indicated there will not. He stressed his desire for more basketball courts in the City.
 - b) The old pool facility was named after Luke Trimble. A new name is now being considered, but staff is looking into the history of how and why the pool was named after Luke Trimble. Sarah will contact the historical society to find out the complete history. It was pointed out that Luke Trimble was a swim coach, but there may be more to the story.
 - 2) The Department's budget was turned in to the Administrative Services Department. More information will be available to the Commission in April after the Administration has reviewed it and there is a sense of what will be submitted to City Council.
- C. Christina Ontiveros, Senior Citizen Coordinator
- 1) The Senior Center's New Year's Eve celebration was held at noon on the Friday before the new year. The seniors had a great time toasting with sparkling cider and other activities.
 - 2) CTAP will be at the Resource Fair on April 6th with their free phones for the various disabilities (vision, hearing, etc.).
 - 3) Dr. Guzman and S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) presentations continue during the Congregate Meals in the Senior Center.
 - 4) St. La Salle School's Children's Choir entertained the seniors on January 29th.
 - 5) The Valentine's Day Luncheon was held on February 13th in the

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California Room. This event is sponsored by the City of Reedley, Reedley Senior Commission, Inc., and Sierra View Homes. Ron and Carol Surabian provided the musical entertainment.

- 6) Reedley Lion's Club will be purchasing a transit bench to be placed close to the Senior Center for those seniors with limited mobility to wait to be picked up after Senior Center events.
- 7) Reedley Rotary Club recently donated the total cost of the charter bus for senior volunteers to attend a Volunteer Luncheon in Clovis. Christina is very thankful for these local service clubs for their support of senior activities.
- 8) The activity that the Seniors are looking forward to is the Easter Egg Coloring Contest.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. Commissioner Clemons – Asked the date of the Airport Barbecue – Sarah indicated that it will be on Saturday, May 12th. Clemons encouraged other Commissioners to help with this event.
- B. Commissioner Penner
 - 1) Asked if the dog park is being used. Sarah explained that many people have been using it, including some City staff and volunteers.
 - 2) Stressed his commitment to further developing the Sports Park. He would like to get the next phase going. Wondered if the public and private can work together to fund it. He said that the Sports Park contributes to the health and safety of the community. Would like to pursue grants for development.
 - 3) Expressed his sadness that Joel Glick is no longer with the City of Reedley. He expressed his appreciation Joel's contribution to Reedley and that it feels different without him here.
 - 4) Volunteered to be involved with the department's future staffing needs.

9. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m. ***Next meeting will be scheduled for April 26, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Stephen Penner, Chairperson

Sarah Reid, Community Services Interim Director