

Minutes
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
Thursday, April 26, 2018

A regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 4:32 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 – 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 Brandt, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that the minutes of February 22, 2018 be approved. The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Sarah Reid informed the Commission about Proposition 68 that will be on the June ballot. The Clean Water and Safe Parks bond, if passed, will provide money to all parks in the state. It will be paid back in 40 years.

5. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. **Splash Pad Rules and Regulations** - Sarah provided the Commission with the first draft of the new Splash Pad Rules and Regulations. It was compiled with information from several cities. There was some discussion about the hours of operation. Sarah indicated that she would consult other cities to see what they recommend. Also, Motion by Commissioner Clemons, seconded by Commissioner Brandt to recommend the rules as presented, with the addition of clarifying one item and to rely on staff to research the hours of operation. Motion carried.
 - B. **Youth Representative Recruitment and Review of Responsibilities** - Sarah met with this year's youth reps, Lorena Orozco and Michael Ito. They were given fliers, guidelines and applications to distribute to classmates. Recruitment will be open the entire month of May. Michael will post on the board at school and talk with high school groups, Lorena will target clubs she participates in, Sarah will contact Immanuel and Reedley Middle College High School.

6. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS
 - A. Michael Ito – Helped with the Airport Cleanup Day. Had fun.
 - B. Lorena Orozco was at Stanford and unable to attend the meeting.

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7. STAFF REPORTS

A. **Sarah Reid, Interim Director**

- 1) Registration for Jr. Giants, the free summer baseball program for 5-13 year olds is underway.
- 2) Adult Softball has 22 teams and will play at Camacho Park
- 3) Spring Youth Baseball had 270 participants
- 4) Adult Basketball was held at Grant Middle School on Tuesday and Thursdays
- 5) Spash pad park naming – Researched the history on Luke Trimble and his connection to the swimming pool. She found an old article in the Reedley Exponent that indicated that Trimble was a coach at Grant School, part time Parks and Recreation Director, and was instrumental in starting swim instruction in Reedley. In the first City Council meeting in May, Sarah will present them with the idea to hold a naming contest for the new Splash Pad park. It was be a “Name the Park” contest, not the pool since the pool no longer exists. It will be a city-wide competition. Luke Trimble will be recognized with a nice plaque in a prominent location in the park, for his contribution to the City of Reedley. Staff felt that by holding the naming contest it will bring attention to the new park, as well as allowing the public to take more ownership of the new park.
- 6) A power point of the changes proposed in the Community Services Department Budget proposal to City Council was shown to the Commission. The biggest change being presented is related to personnel. It will be proposed to change the part time Building Maintenance position to a full time position and add an additional Recreation Coordinator. The Superintendent position will not be filled to help fund the other two new positions.
- 7) Commissioners were invited to help at the Airport Barbecue that will be held on May 12, 2018.
- 8) Sparkle Princess Show will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2018.

B. **Christina Ontiveros, Senior Coordinator**

- 1) Fresno Madera Area Agency on Aging (FMAAA) held their Coordinator and Volunteer training at the Reedley Senior Center. They wanted to highlight what a model site looks like. 43 attended.
- 2) The Senior Volunteer Luncheon was held in Fresno. Three of the Reedley seniors received recognition – Angie Navarro, Guadalupe Martinez, and Liz Angangan. Bus transportation was paid for by Reedley Rotary Club.
- 3) Shelf stable boxes (rice, beans, canned food, pastas, etc.) will be distributed tomorrow.
- 4) The 4th Annual Resource Faire was held on April 6, 2018 on the Senior Patio.
- 5) Easter activities included: Egg coloring, basket decorating, and egg hunt.

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8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. **Commissioner Zavala** – Asked if Joel got a job. Staff reported that he is working at the Visalia Creative Center and seems to like it.
- B. **Commissioner Clemons**
 - 1) Informed the Commission that the YMCA's Pet and Storybook Parade will be held on Saturday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m.
 - 2) Some concerns about Citizens Park
 - a. The rubberized track surface is breaking off. Staff explained that the rubber surface was funded with a grant. Staff work with Public Works to find solutions.
 - b. The park is very dark at night. Could more lighting be added? Staff reported the history on the lighting – the neighborhood demanded low level lighting only.
- C. **Commissioner Brandt** – Asked to have FMAAA explained (Fresno Madera Area Agency on Aging. They provide the partial funding for the lunch program and administration of the program.)
- D. **Commissioner Martinez** – Enjoys volunteering and learning at the Senior Center.
- E. **Commissioner Penner** – Reported that he will be gone the 4th Thursday of June. Due to this information, it was agreed to have a special meeting on June 14th at 4:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Stephen Penner, Chairperson

Sarah Reid, Community Services Interim Director