

Minutes
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
Thursday, June 14, 2018

A special meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 4:33 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: Absent – Michael Ito; Lorena Orozco.
 - D. Staff Present: Sarah Reid, Community Services Interim Director; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.
 - E. Others Present: Asami Nelson, Youth Representative (Rep) Applicant.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner Clemons, that the minutes of April 26, 2018 be approved. The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Sarah Reid reported that the splash pad at the old pool site should be completed by the end of August or the beginning of September. Also, the trees that were in the small triangular park will be incorporated into the park.
 - B. Public Works and Community Services Departments are working together to apply for a grant to resurface the Citizens Park walkway. No city match is required. This is the same grant that originally paid for the cushioned surface.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. **New Splash Pad Park Naming** – Sarah Reid reported that City Council expressed their desire to have the new park have the original in it. After some discussion, motion by Commissioner Clemons, seconded by Commissioner Martinez to recommend “Trimble Park” to City Council. Motion carried.
 - B. **Splash Pad Rules and Regulations** – Discussion continued to refine the Splash Pad Rules and Regulations. Reid contacted several surrounding communities to ask for input. Other city departments reviewed and added some language. And, finally, Fresno County Health Department had some requirements. These rules will go into the city’s code book. Signs with the rules will be posted in the park by the splash pad. Commissioners suggested adding phone numbers to report emergencies and mechanical failure. There will be remote programming for the water. Public Works will monitor the chemical levels every day. Motion by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner Zavala to accept the Splash Pad Rules and Regulations and recommend them to City Council for adoption. Motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. **Recognition of Outgoing 2017/18 Youth Representatives** – Both current Youth Reps were unable to attend. Their thank you coffee mug will be given to them at a later date. Commissioner Zavala shared articles that ran in the Reedley Exponent about Lorena Orozco. She was the top Valedictorian at Reedley High School. Michael Ito volunteered at the Washington School After

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School Program. The kids absolutely loved him. He also was a big help at the Airport Clean Up Day, stating that he worked extremely hard. Reid was pleased that each Youth Rep served at several events and brought help with them. The Commission congratulated both Reps on their accomplishments.

- B. **Meet the 2018/19 Youth Representative Applicants** – Asami Nelson was the only applicant able to attend this meeting. She introduced herself and explained that she will be a junior next year at Reedley High School. She was asked by the Commission what her favorite park in Reedley is, and why. She likes Citizens Park, mainly for the workout centers on the walking trail. Although Estrella Vargas was unable to attend the meeting, the Commission liked the idea that she is attending Reedley Middle College High School, since we've never had a Youth Rep serve from that school. From her application, it showed that she is involved in several activities, but looked like she might have more time to be able to attend meetings, since this has been an issue in the past. The Youth Reps are usually very busy students and have conflicts during the Commission meeting times. Motion by Commissioner Clemons, seconded by Commissioner Zavala to offer both of them the positions. Motion carried.
- C. **Park Ordinance Revision** – The Public Parks section of the municipal code, with Reid's suggestions for changes, were given to the Commission. Many of the items just needed to be reworded as responsibilities and specifics have changed through the years. With the addition of the Splash Pad Rules, Reid decided to make other changes at the same time. The only point of discussion was 7-3-4 item L. which currently states that it will be unlawful to "Remain, stay or loiter in any public park, between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day, without written permission of the city council." After considerable discussion, it was decided to leave the current language, with one addition at the end, "... or as otherwise posted." Motion by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner Zavala to recommend these changes. Motion carried.

7. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Not in attendance.

8. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Sarah Reid, Interim Director
- 1) City Council recently approved the 2018-19 Fiscal Year Budget that included the recommendation for an additional Recreation Coordinator and Facilities Coordinator.
 - 2) Proposition 68 passed (Park and Water Bond). All cities will get money and will be eligible for competitive grants.
 - 3) Notified that the Camacho Park grant was not awarded. Staff will continue to look for funding opportunities.
 - 4) The Boat Launch Facility Construction is planned for December, if weather and water level cooperate.
- B. Christina Ontiveros, Senior Citizen Coordinator (not in attendance-report by Sarah Reid)
- 1) May casino trip is full.
 - 2) Senior Luncheon was held on Tuesday – patriotic theme, Surabians provided the entertainment, spaghetti and veggies were provided by Sierra View Homes.
 - 3) Dr. Guzman gave his health presentation in May.
 - 4) August Morro Bay bus trip is full

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- 5) Senior Prom will take place on September 21st. Commissioners were asked to save the date. Tickets will go on sale August 1st.
- 6) Lions Club sponsored a Senior Picnic in Mueller Park last year. Unfortunately, they are unable to provide it again this year. Commissioner Clemons will present the idea to Rotary to sponsor this year's picnic.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Stephen Penner, Chairperson

Sarah Reid, Community Services Interim Director

Next meeting: Special date – Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.