

Minutes
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
Thursday, October 25, 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; Tom Brandt; Jean Clemons; Guadalupe Martinez; Don Zavala.
- B. Commissioners Absent: Excused – Carl Smith, Vice Chairperson; Edgar Baltazar.
- C. Youth Representatives: Present – Asami Nelson; Estrella Vargas.
- D. Staff Present: Sarah Reid, Community Services Director; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.
- E. Others Present: Sandra Santana, Donna Urbano, Kristal Oliver, Jerry Linscheid, Neil Harris, Vickie Mendoza, Sam Cogdell, and Robert Takacs.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner Zavala, that the minutes of August 30, 2018 be approved. The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Recreation Report – Ruben Castaneda, Jr.'s written report – Attached.
- B. New Staff - Sarah Reid introduced the department's newest staff member, Madison Leighty, Recreation Coordinator. Madison comes from the small town of Arbuckle, California. She worked for their Parks and Recreation Department. She attended Reedley College, played on the Reedley College volleyball team and was a resident in the dorms. While at the dorms she volunteered at a couple of Community Services events, which lead to her working for the department in the After School Program at Washington School. She is a recent graduate of the Recreation Department at Fresno State and spent the summer in Lake Tahoe completing her 12-week internship. She says that obtaining this job for the City of Reedley is "a dream come true." She looks forward to planning and creating programs and events.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Recommendation of Community Recreation Grants** – Five applications were received and representatives present for all – Sandra Santana for Girls Who Code Club, Donna Urbano for Reedley Friendship House Support Group, Kristal Oliver and Jerry Linscheid for Reedley YMCA, Neil Harris for RHS Pirate Band Boosters, and Vickie Mendoza for Reedley Kings Canyon Youth Soccer League. A total of \$1,050 is available. Each applicant was asked to tell a little bit about what they need and will use grant money for. The Girls Who Code Club need a WiFi device as there is no internet at the facility that they meet in. The Reedley Friendship House Support Group is requesting the funds to help with utility costs. The Reedley YMCA will use it toward prize money to participants in the Pet & Storybook (children's) Parade.

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The RHS Pirate Band Boosters request the funds to help with the students' cost to enter the Disneyland Park for their performance on November 18th. The Soccer League wants to buy portable benches and shade covers. Motion by Commissioner Zavala, seconded by Commissioner Martinez to recommend awarding grants as follows:
\$350 Reedley YMCA
\$350 Reedley Friendship House Support Group
\$175 Reedley Kings Canyon Youth Soccer
\$175 RHS Band Boosters
Motion carried.

- B. Presentation of Eagle Scout Project by Sam Cogdell for a dog Agility/Obstacle Course** – Sam explained that he would like to add an agility/obstacle course to the existing dog park in Mueller Park. It will require an area 20 x 50 feet in the northeast corner. If the Commission agrees to the concept, it will then go to Reedley Lions Club for their approval. The next step is to be interviewed by the Boy Scouts for his Eagle Scout project. If approved, he will pursue donations. Sam is proposed building the equipment, to keep the costs down. As they will be very heavy, these will not be movable. He is avoiding any equipment that could be easily vandalized or cause a safety issue for non-dog owners. Obstacles include a deck platform, balance beam, concrete pipe or plastic tunnel and a fixed double huddle to jump over. He presented a very detailed plan and timeline. In all likelihood, this project would not start until the spring, if approved by all parties. The Commission liked the concept and agreed that this project should go to the next step. Sarah Reid indicated that she will take it to the City's Development Review Committee. Once there is a conceptual drawing, it will come back to the Commission for the final recommendation to City Council.
- C. Small Dog Park Area** – Sarah received a request from a resident who asked if a small dog park area could be created in the future Community Garden area next to the existing dog park. Since there doesn't seem to be a push to create the Community Garden at this time, she felt that this was a viable plan. In looking over the area, it appears that all that would be needed is a gate connecting the existing dog park to the future Community Garden area. The Commission was in favor of this project. Water is available, as a water faucet is on the east side, close to the currently unused area. A new sign would also need to be created to indicate the large and small dog areas. Sarah had also been asked about lighting in the area – with the shorter days, if there were better lighting, dog owners could use the park after they get off work. This would extend it's use during the winter darkness. Motion by Commissioner Clemons, seconded by Commissioner Martinez to move forward with the plans for a small dog park area in the area designated for a future Community Garden. Sarah will put a budget together and take the idea to the City's Development Review Committee.

6. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- A. Asami Nelson** – 1) Is involved with the Peace Club on campus. They are holding a clothing drive. If commissioners would like to donate, bring them to

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- the Community Center. 2) Volunteered at the Fiesta Walk Run.
B. Estrella Vargas – 1) Volunteered at the Fiesta Walk Run. 2) Putting together care packages for Boost our Moms – Moms for US Army for the holidays.

7. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Sarah Reid, Director
- 1) Invited the Commission to the Senior Volunteer Luncheon on December 11, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the Reedley Community Center. They were asked to RSVP to Denise.
 - 2) Updated the Commission on the Senior Prom – The theme was Western. Bandanas were given to each attendee who wore them on their wrist, hat or around their neck. The food was really good. Reedley YMCA provided plenty of volunteers to help with the event so that the regular senior volunteers could enjoy it. There were mixed reviews about the entertainment.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. Commissioner Martinez – Liked hearing about the dog park idea.
B. Commissioner Clemons – Helped with Toys for Tots last year and indicated that it was a very rewarding experience.
C. Commissioner Penner – Volunteered at the Fiesta Walk Run this year. He also attended the wrap up meeting. At the suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce, next year the starting line will be moved one block closer to the park – we will set up at 10th and G Streets.
D. Commissioner Zavala – Expressed that this was a very interesting and successful meeting. He is very proud that kids are staying so busy these days.

9. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Stephen Penner, Chairperson

Sarah Reid, Community Services Director

Staff Report

Ruben Castaneda Jr

Community Services Recreations Coordinator

- **Girls Volleyball**
 - 90 players registered
 - Games will be at Grant
 - Practices at TI Reed
 - 3-5th division 6 teams
 - 6-8th division 5 teams
 - Games will start in Monday
- **Tiny Tots Football**
 - 3 Teams
 - Practice at Sports Park Mon-Thurs 6-7:30pm
 - Games on Saturdays at Citizens
 - First Game this Saturday 10am
- **Toys for Tot**
 - Free Toy program
 - Registration ongoing till November 16th
 - Register in office
- **Jr Cager Basketball**
 - Registration is on going
 - Oct 8—28 \$47
 - Oct 29—Nov 11 \$54
 - Nov 12 and after \$74
 - (Risk of not Playing)
 - 3rd-8th Grade Div
 - Tiny tots 3-4 yr olds
- **Red Ribbon Carnival**
 - Friday at 6pm
 - Reedley Armory Building
 - Free for children