

Minutes
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
Thursday, May 23, 2019

A regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 5:00 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, Vice Chairperson; Jean Clemons; Shirley Ito; Angelina Rodriguez; Maria Rodriguez (arrived at 5:07 p.m.).
 - B. Commissioners Absent: None.
 - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Estrella Vargas; Absent – Asami Nelson.
 - D. Staff Present: Sarah Reid, Community Services Director; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant; Madison Leighty, Recreation Coordinator.
 - E. Others Present: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner Ito, that the minutes of March 28, 2019 be approved. The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Sarah Reid researched the standard for Park Space in a city. The answer she was given is it depends on community input more than a percentage.
 - B. Commissioner Brandt's idea for a master plan for Cricket Hollow was reported at the City's Department Directors' meeting.
 - C. A food truck event is being planned by the Chamber of Commerce and City staff at Cricket Hollow for the Labor Day weekend (August 31st).
 - D. The Commission was provided pictures of the former site of the playground structure at Columbia Park. When funding is available next fiscal year, a basketball court will be constructed. The Commission asked if the metal, that is sticking out of the ground, could be cut lower. They felt these are hazards, even with the barricades and caution tape around them.

5. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS
 - A. Estrella Vargas – Reported that 2 students from her school have expressed interest in applying for the Youth Representative position. Sarah indicated that both Estrella and Asami have assisted in the recruitment process.

6. STAFF REPORTS
 - A. Sarah Reid
 - 1) Transit Changes – Sarah reported that on May 28th City Council will

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decide if the Transit Division will move to another provider. MV is the company that runs most of the surrounding cities' transit programs. They are confident that they can provide this service cheaper and more effectively. Over the last couple of years, ridership in Reedley has drastically decreased. This is due to multiple reasons. The City cannot cover when drivers are out sick, on vacation, etc.; other forms of transportation are now available (taxi, Uber, Lyft, medical shuttles). City staff that will be displaced will have an opportunity to apply for and work for MV.

- 2) Interviews to replace the retiring Administrative Assistant will take place on Friday, May 31st. Over 60 applications were received.
- 3) The Trimble Park Ribbon Cutting event was well attended. The weather cleared up just in time. Sarah thanked those of the Commission that were able to attend.
- 4) Recruitment for the vacancy on the Commission will take place soon.

B. Madison Leighty, Recreation Coordinator

- 1) Adult Softball currently has 10 teams signed up. League starts on June 10th.
- 2) Swim lesson registration started on May 13th. Within one hour all private lessons were full.
- 3) The new Diving class only has one person registered.
- 4) Lifeguards are needed for the summer program. A \$100 incentive will be paid to any lifeguard that completes the summer season. This will help them offset the cost of the lifeguard certificate program.
- 5) Summer Day Camp has been changed for this year. Not only is it now an all day program, it will start later than usual in the season. The first session will start on July 15th. Last year there was a drop in enrollment during the time that the schools held their summer sessions. Summer Day Camp will start after those programs are over this year.
- 6) Excited about a new program – Cops, Jocks and Kids Camp. Fliers were distributed to the Commission.

C. Christina Ontiveros, Senior Coordinator (Sarah Reid gave this report)

- 1) Christina will be taking an 8 week leave of absence, beginning June 15th. She will return in August. Her position will be filled with part time staff, and Madison Leighty. Staff are currently being trained to perform her duties.
- 2) A casino trip is planned for June 21.
- 3) The Senior Luncheon will take place on June 11th. The meal is served around 11:00 a.m. The Commission was invited to attend. RSVP to Denise Phariss.

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7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. Commissioner Ito

- 1) Impressed with the turnout and treats available at the Trimble Park Ribbon Cutting. Heard great comments from those that attended. Good speeches from Patty Valdero and Ken Zech.
- 2) Concerned about kids crossing the street from Friesen Avenue. Could there be a blinking light crosswalk added?

B. Commissioner Angelina Rodriguez

- 1) Impressed with the good comments from the neighbors of Camacho Park at the first public meeting (at Camacho Park).
- 2) Enjoyed participating in the Senior Trip to Monterey and Gilroy. Impressed with Christina Moreno's ability to keep everyone on track and have a good time.

C. Commissioner Clemons – Nice to see so many long-time, Reedley people at the Trimble Park Ribbon Cutting – John and Pat Rogalsky, Larry Wilder, Patty Valdero, Ken Zech, etc. Commented that there is a very nice view of the park from the Korean Monument.

D. Commissioner Maria Rodriguez – Translates the Community Services Department's Facebook posts into Spanish and shares them.

9. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Stephen Penner, Chairperson

Sarah Reid, Community Services Director