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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
Thursday, October 29, 2020

A regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Stephen Penner, Chairperson, in the Redwood Room at the Reedley Community 100 N. East Ave, Reedley, California 93654.

1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
 - A. Commissioners Present: Stephen Penner, Chairperson; Tom Brandt, Vice Chairperson; Angelina Rodriguez; Shirley Ito; Darren Minami (arrived at 4:36)
 - B. Commissioners Absent: Maria Rodriguez
 - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Emily Medina Delgado; Adeline Villarreal
 - D. Staff Present: Sarah Reid, Community Services Director; Kayla Cheney, Administrative Assistant; Madison Mitchell, Recreation Coordinator; Jesus Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator
 - E. Others Present: Mark Luzania, Pete Perez, Darleen Toevus, Liz Defore & John Defore

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
It was moved by Commissioner Ito, seconded by Commissioner Brandt that the minutes of August 27, 2020 be approved. The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Reid handed out to the Commission two flyers for the November-December months. One flyer for the Senior Fall Programs. The second flyer was for the Recreation Programs being offered. Reid stated staff approached the Leisure Guide with a new strategy. Usually a Leisure Guide is created for a 6-month period, however considering Covid-19, future programs are hard to foresee. 2-month flyers will be the approach moving forward.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Reedley River Park Safety**
Reid stated from the last Commission meeting there were 6 major idea that were brought to light in regards to safety on the Kings River. Staff is meeting with Sierra Kings Health District next week to discuss funding to support low income swim lessons. Townsend is also looking into funding sources for swim lessons. The goal is to offer free swim lessons in the summer of 2021. The City of Reedley is working with Kings River Conservancy to design interpretive signage. They have a graphic designer who is willing to create these signs using the ideas we have identified. Staff has met with this group and the design is underway. Once the interpretive signs are created outreach and education materials will be developed around this as well as the City Website. The concern for risk and liability around the lifejacket program is still being investigated. At this point the City is not moving forward with lifejackets

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however, “lifejackets recommended” will be added to the interpretive signage due to this ordinance Chapter 13.60 – Special Rules for the use of waters of the Kings River. 13.60.045 swimming regulated. Where swimming or the use of a swimming aid is not prohibited by Section 13.60.040, it is unlawful to swim or use a swimming aid upon such portions of the Kings River without wearing a coast-guard-approved personal floatation device. (Ord. 0-83-004, 3). Commissioner A. Rodriguez asked by adding the additional verbiage of “lifejackets recommended” are we misleading the public. “Lifejackets required” seems more accurate. Unfortunately, a buoy to identify swimming area seemed like a good suggestion, this will not work in a river with moving water. The shifting of the current will change the depth quickly and make it impossible to ensure a safe swimming area. A throw out buoy is still being considering, this may be something we test out for a season. Commissioner A. Rodriguez would like for there to be a segment in the newsletter/water bills that goes out to the public during the busy summer months informing the public of the danger that the Kings River can be.

**B. Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program
Round 4 Camacho Park Rehabilitation Project**

There was a total of two public meetings, Thursday, October 22 at 6:30pm via zoom and Saturday, October 24 at 10:00am at Camacho Park. There were 8 participants that joined the zoom and 12 participants that attend the meeting in person. Reid stated this is the same grant that the City went after in 2019 but was unsuccessful. The single stall restroom on the softball side has been removed. The designated location had a main sewer line located under it. It is not feasible to move this. Reid shared in one of the Public meeting an individual stated that the marquee would receive more attention if moved to the Town & Country parking lot. Reid discussed this with the grant writer and funds may only support items in the park space. Commissioner Ito stated she loves the marquee, murals and entrance into Camacho Park. Commissioner A. Rodriguez stated she is excited about the project and the opportunity to have another chance at this grant opportunity. Commissioner Penner stated the marquee is important and the walking trail is key. J. Defore shared with the Commission that upgrading this park will lift the community up. It will show this part of town that they have not been forgotten. Reid stated one participant recommended doing movies in the park which would be a great idea! It was moved by Commissioner A. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Brandt. The motion carried to take the application to Council November 10th.

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6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendation for Coach of the Year –

Recreation Coordinator Rodriguez presented a recommendation for Coach of the Year to the Commission. Rodriguez stated this coach is very involved and goes above and beyond. He teaches life skills that go beyond sports. Rodriguez recommended coach Ramon Romero. Reid stated this coach was nominated back in 2016 and being COVID-19 happened a lot of sporting events did not take place this year, so unfortunately less coaches were needed. A Rodriguez stated this coach gave his time and effort and tried to make a situation normal doing these uncertain times. Motion by Commissioner A. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Ito to select Ramon Romero as Coach of the Year. Motion carried.

B. Recommendation of Community Recreation Grants –

Three applications were received, all applications had a representative which is required for the application to be considered. Luzania for Reedley River City Theatre Company, Perez for Parks and Recreation Foundation and Toevus for RHS Parents for a Sober Graduation. A total of \$1050 is available. Each application was asked to tell a little about what they need and will use the grant money for. Parks and Recreation plans to use the grant money on the trail for a monument in honor of Dale Melville. RHS Parents for a Sober Graduation plans to use the money for t-shirts for the 460 seniors graduating in 2021. Luzania plans to use the money towards a show. Reedley River City Theatre stated shows cost between 4500-8000 to put on. Reid stated that although a requirement of the Community Recreation Grants is a physical application and a representative to attend, Reid asked the Commission if they would consider recommending a \$350 to the Reedley Boys and Girls Club. The club operates out of the Reedley Community Center. The annual fundraiser is virtual so the City can not support through attending. Reid shared the \$350 she will locate out of the CSD budget if the Commission approves. Motion by Commission Brandt, seconded by Commission Ito to recommend awarding grants as follows;

- \$350 Reedley River City Theater Company
- \$350 Parks and Recreation Foundation
- \$350 RHS Parents for a Sober Graduation
- \$350 Reedley Boys and Girls Club

Motion carried.

7. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- A. Emily Medina Delgado – Volunteered at the Fresno Fair Eat passing out maps and menus. Medina helped raise money for candy for the Reedley Senior Citizens Halloween drive thru event that was hosted at the Reedley Community Center.
- B. Adeline Villarreal –Started tennis. Villarreal stated she drove through the Reedley Fiesta parade which was a highlight of her weekend.

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8. STAFF REPORT

- A. Madison Mitchell, Recreation Coordinator-
Mitchell Handed out a Holiday Decorating Contest flyer to the Commission stating this is a partnership with the Reedley Chamber of Commerce. Mitchell stated there will be a total of 6 prizes, 3 for residents and 3 for businesses. This contest is for the residents and businesses in the Reedley City limits. Reid stated we may need the help of the Commission to help judge the yard signs. Commission Minami stated it would be fun to have a social media fan favorite which would get the community involved. A. Rodriguez stated it would be fun to put a yard sign in the yards that applied for the contest. A. Rodriguez was curious if this is something affordable that could be done.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. Commissioner A. Rodriguez
Completed the fiesta walk with her husband. A. Rodriguez shared she enjoys following along with Jodi, Senior Coordinator for her Facebook Live cooking shows. The last cooking show receipt was delicious.
- B. Commissioner Ito
Attended the Marjaree Mason domestic violence event and handed out pins to the Commission. Ito stated she participated in the Fiesta festivities and everything was great!
- C. Commissioner Brandt
Emphasized moving the Christmas tree to the park is a great idea! Commissioner Brandt expressed that he is excited for the Camacho Park Revitalization Project. This project is very necessary.
- D. Commissioner Penner
Expressed he is excited for the Camacho Park Revitalization Project, hopefully our application is selected!

10. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Cheney, Administrative Assistant

Stephen Penner, Chairperson

Sarah Reid, Community Services Director