

Community Services Advisory Commission
Special Meeting
City Hall – Caldwell Park Conference Room
777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, California
Wednesday, September 11, 2019

MINUTES

Commissioner Denise Yergenson called the regular meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Roll Call

The following Commissioners were present: Doug DeMallie, Denise Yergenson, and Tony Lewis. Commissioners Josh Divine and Ericka Jones were absent.

Also present were Community Services Director Kim Niemer, Community Projects Coordinators Travis Menne and Angie Lidster, Executive Assistant Natalya Akimoff and City Council Member Erin Resner.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Consent Calendar

The minutes from the special meeting held on July 10, 2019, the Parks Maintenance, Recreation, Tourism Activity, Action Plan Status, and Grants and Donations Reports for July and August 2019 were presented.

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar.
(Made by Commissioner DeMallie, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis)

Discussion: No Comments.

AYES: Commissioners Jones, Lewis, and DeMallie
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Jones and Divine

Motion Carries

Presentation/Proposal for Special Purpose Park in Downtown Redding

Community Services Director Kim Niemer prefaced the presentation by describing the importance of reserving shared open spaces as Downtown Redding progresses and evolves with new and exciting developments on the horizon. She clarified that this project is very unique and will not follow the more traditional subdivision process. Staff is seeking input as there may not be another

review before the project goes to City Council for Approval.

Rachel Hatch of The McConnell Foundation began her presentation with a Power Point highlighting the location and footprint of the proposed project. Hatch provided a simplified breakdown of the funding sources and parties involved. She explained how the proposed special purpose park in Downtown Redding would incorporate features and textures associated with recreational activities in proximity to Redding, primarily revolving around a theme of boulders and pools. OLIN, an international landscape architecture firm contracted to provide design concepts for the space, took inspiration from Shasta Lake, vernal pools, and Boulder Lake to incorporate Redding's surrounding area in an effort to produce an attractive and welcoming downtown plaza. Hatch described how the special purpose park would provide opportunities for movie screenings, performances, farmer's markets, and more. Hatch noted the renderings are still in the early stages of development and will evolve as refined. Hatch concluded the presentation with remarks regarding the continued growth of Redding, and the need to reserve spaces for open areas.

Consideration of Parkview Riverfront Park Fencing Proposal

Community Services Director Kim Niemer gave a presentation on the proposal for permanent fencing around Parkview Riverfront Park. Niemer reported that the Community Services Department received a grant that requires the planting and survival of 640 native plants in the area, including a pollinator garden. She stated that Parkview Riverfront Park, the area planned for improvements, has been the site of illegal activities such as camping, barbequing, and drug use. Niemer noted the California Conservation Corps are under contract to complete the planting and would be tasked to install the fencing as well. Niemer described the fencing as a black, iron fence installed along the trail between the parking lot and the pedestrian bridge. Niemer pointed out that temporary fencing has proven ineffective as it is easy to dismantle for entry. She clarified the fence would feature required gateways for entry of equipment, workers, and emergency services. The natural vegetation being planted will not hinder the view of the river. Niemer concluded the permanent fencing would show a good faith effort by the City of Redding to fulfill the grant requirements.

Commissioner Comments

Motion: To recommend to the City Council a fence be erected in Parkview Riverfront Park to protect the riparian restoration planting area funded through state grant funds.
(Made by Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner DeMallie)

Discussion: No Comments.

AYES: Commissioners DeMallie, Jones, and Lewis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Divine and Jones

Motion Carries

Consideration of Revised Shastina Ranch Park Agreement

Community Services Director Kim Niemer reviewed the changes to the Shastina Ranch Park Credit Agreement and all future credit agreements required by the City Attorney, Barry E. DeWalt. Niemer explained the Revised Park Credit Agreement will adhere to Public Contract Code, require developers to pay a lump sum amount due for each phase in advance of construction, and will read more clearly. She also noted the Revised Shastina Ranch Park Credit Agreement in particular will also take into account subdivisions being built by the same developer in the nearby areas.

Project Updates

Director Niemer provided the updates on the following projects:

It has been proposed that a neon sign from the old Greyhound bus station be installed at the Benton Dog Park.

Adam Whelen has accepted a position with REU. Joey Forseth-Deshais has been promoted to Parks and Facilities Manager from Park Superintendent. Travis McNeill has been promoted to Park Superintendent. Chris Loucks has been promoted to Arborist Lead Worker.

Brody Angley recently left his position to play professional basketball in Mexico. Jeffrey Hansen has been hired to fill the position. Jeff brings a degree in recreation and strong organizational and entrepreneurial skills.

The Safety Fair will be hosted at City Hall on September 11 at 5:30 PM.

Community Services recently took responsibility for the adopt-a programs including the adopt-a-trail, adopt-a-park, adopt-a-street, and adopt-a-block. The Free Little Library program was also reorganized for efficiency.

The annual Community Creek Clean-up event will be taking place on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Harlan Trailhead of the River Trail. This year the event will focus on replanting an area heavily impacted by the Carr Fire. With the support of grants from the Redding Parks and Trails Foundation and California ReLeaf, the area has been cleared by the CCC's and will be ready for 300-500 volunteers to arrive and plant native grasses, shrubs, and trees.

The local Little Leagues will begin running softball programs.

The Harry Potter-themed event at the MLK Jr. Center will be held on October 26th. There is still a need for volunteers.

Healthy Shasta will be transitioning the October Walktober Challenge into a year-long challenge. The new version will connect to the health app on smart phones.

The landscape architect has been selected for Salt Creek Heights.

The City Projects program donated \$14,600 to use for materials for their community work days.

Commissioner Comments


Commissioner DeMallie inquired into the use of the acorns propagated over the winter.
Travis Menne informed the commissioners he plans to use several hundred.

Director Comments

No Comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Yergenson adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.



Denise Yergenson, Chair