

MINUTES

Director Kim Niemer called the special meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Also present were Community Services Director Kim Niemer, Community Projects Coordinator Travis Menne, Recreation Coordinator Christina Massey, and Executive Assistant Natalya Akimoff.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Consent Calendar

The minutes from the special meeting held on June 12, 2019, the Parks Maintenance, Recreation, Tourism Activity, Action Plan Status, and Grants and Donations Reports for June 2019 were presented.

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar.
(Made by Commissioner Divine, Seconded by Commissioner Jones)

Discussion:

AYES: Commissioners Divine, Jones, and Yergenson.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioners DeMallie and Lewis.

Motion Carries

Oral Presentation on Programming at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center

Recreation Coordinator Christina Massey presented the history and purpose of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center. The presentation focused on the value the Center has held in the surrounding neighborhood over the last 50 years. Ms. Massey detailed the growth and diversification that has contributed to the Center's reputation of consistent and reliable support. She explained the following programs: S.T.E.A.M., Boys and Girls Club, Cypress After-school program, Tiny Tots, and Camp King. Ms. Massey informed the Commissioners and public that the majority of the funding for these programs comes from the City's General Fund and grants. She explained the importance of donations to cover items that are limited by Grant funds, i.e. food, etc.

Martin Luther King Jr. Center Tour

Recreation Coordinator Christina Massey led the tour, beginning in the computer lab and then to the student maintained garden where the Center's bunny, Martha Luther King, lives. Ms. Massey then led the tour into the kitchen, where several meals and snacks are prepared throughout the day. From the kitchen Ms. Massey led the tour through the multi-purpose room of the Center and into the library. Through the library, Ms. Massey concluded the tour in the office from which the Martin Luther King Jr. Center staff operate. The members from the Lion's Club inquired about ways to help the Center, to which Ms. Massey explained food and various supplies are their greatest need.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Jones commented on the congregation of transients regularly loitering outside of the Shasta Public Library. She recommended extra Redding Police Department patrols, turning the area into a rentable space. She also suggested the City look into installing Tesla charging stations to raise additional funds.

Director Comments

There were no director comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Director Niemer adjourned the meeting at 4:48 pm



Denise Yergenson, Chair