

Community Services Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
City Hall - Caldwell Park Conference Room
777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, California
Wednesday, August 10, 2016

MINUTES

Chair Deaton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Chair John Deaton, Vice-Chair John Wilson, Judy Salter, and Erin Resner. Also present were Mayor Missy McArthur, Council Member Francie Sullivan, City Manager Kurt Starman, Deputy City Manager Greg Clark, Community Services Director Kim Niemer, Parks and Facility Manager Adam Whelen, Management Analyst Michele Davis, Recreation Supervisor Jenny Moore and Executive Assistant Brenna Bowers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes from meetings held on June 8, 2016, and the monthly Parks Maintenance, Recreation, and Tourism Activity for June and July 2016 were presented.

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar.
(Made by Commissioner Resner, Seconded by Commissioner Wilson)

Discussion: Commissioner Resner asked how many participants were in the MLK Preschool Camp program. Director Niemer answered that the program allows for 20 participants.

AYES: Commissioners Deaton, Wilson, Salter and Resner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Brennan

Motion Carries

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE MOU WITH COLT 45S

The Colt 45s maintain Tiger Field and are now requesting to handle the scheduling. Before an amendment to the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made a meeting with other community stakeholders was recommended. The stakeholder meeting would be facilitated by Recreation Supervisor Susan Roi, who currently maintains the field's schedule, and would include the other groups that utilize the field.

Commissioner Wilson asked if the 150 game maximum would limit the current number of games played. Commissioner Salter stated that a set maximum for field play would help ensure the fields stay in shape.

Rick Bosetti, General Manager of the Colt 45s provided the Commission an overview of the current maintenance needs of the field and associated costs. He recommended reducing the number of games played on the field, and restricting play to older players and championships for juniors.

Commissioner Deaton asked how managing the field's schedule would benefit the Colt 45s. Bosetti stated that managing the schedule would help better facilitate maintenance scheduling and improve the field's overall health.

Mr. Bosetti stressed the need for advance notice on game schedules and better organization in order to facilitate the maintenance properly. He further stated that he is not trying to create exclusive use, but wants Tiger Field to be a good reflection on the City of Redding. He would like to teams to aspire to play on Tiger Field and draw additional championship level play from out of the area.

Mr. Bosetti updated the Commission on the addition of Bocce Ball courts to South City Park. With good positive activity in the park they are hoping to encourage use. The Annual Paesano Days Festival will be held on the new courts September 30 – October 1. The Redding Sons of Italy plan to have 48 teams compete vs. the 36 team capacity at the Anderson River Park.

The Good News Rescue Mission has agreed to send three to four people over to watch the parking lot and retrieve foul balls during games and other events.

Commissioner Salter asked if there are other fields available if Tiger Field is restricted. Mr. Bosetti stated that there are Use Agreements for all of the high school fields, but Tiger Field is desired because it is more fan-friendly.

Commissioner Salter asked where the Colt 45s schedule can be found. Mr. Bosetti answered that it is posted on their website, the Redding Recreation website, in the newspaper, and advertised on the radio.

Director Niemer stated that she hopes to address the stakeholders concerns, make everyone comfortable, and get everyone rallied behind a good plan.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF MARY LAKE, ELKE BIBBINS

Director Niemer introduced Elke and Tony Bibbens. The Bibbens started expressing concerns over Mary Lake about a year ago when the drought was taking its toll on Mary Lake. The low water level paired with large amounts of vegetation threatened a fish kill.

They were interested in working together to solve the problem. Mary Lake was included in last year's Parke Diem event which drew in approximately 50 participants. After the event, the Bibbens decided to organize more formally and the Friends of Mary Lake are now recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Using the NextDoor App, the Friends of Mary Lake have reached out to interested neighbors. Their mission is to maintain, improve and beautify Mary Lake Park and surrounding area located in California. The Bibbens shared before and after photos of the lakes condition.

The Friends of Mary Lake are looking at all options to maintain and improve the lake including applying for grant funds. They are currently working at finalizing the Community Board to notify the neighborhood about ice cream socials, BBQs, and block parties.

Director Niemer stated that Elke has recruited a good team and Redding East Rotary is interested in including Mary Lake in their 2016 Parke Diem event.

Commissioner Wilson asked if there were specialized grants for water. Director Niemer stated that there can be, but the real solution for Mary Lake is to excavate and make the lake deeper. Excavating would improve the water quality, but would require an Army Corps permit. Director Niemer stated that Clover Creek Preserve and Gregory Pond would benefit from lake improvements as well.

PRESENTATION OF REDDING AREA ANALYSIS OF GAPS BETWEEN TRAILS AND ON-STREET BIKEWAYS, AMY PENDERGAST - HEALTHY SHASTA

Director Niemer introduced Amy Pendergast from Healthy Shasta to present the Redding Area Analysis of Gaps Between Trails and On-Street Bikeways. The PowerPoint presentation is incorporated herein with reference.

Director Niemer stated that the report has been shared with the Public Works Department. The report is helpful to set the ground work for future grants.

Commissioner Salter asked how to proceed in accomplishing some of the report's recommendations. Director Niemer stated that signage and way finding solutions should be manageable in the near future. The Downtown Plan is progressing and will work to have these ideas incorporated.

Commissioner Resner stated that some of the report should be included in the Parks Master Plan. Director Niemer agreed.

Commissioner Salter stated that she would be interested in all efforts to obtain a park in South Redding.

PRESENTATION ON THE 2016 REDDING REGATTA, RECREATION SUPERVISOR JENNY MOORE

Director Niemer introduced Recreation Supervisor Jenny Moore to present on the 2016 Redding Regatta. The PowerPoint presentation is incorporated herein with reference.

Supervisor Moore also updated the Commission on the Recreation Division's use of the new Pokémon Go App. She outlined basic game play, explaining PokéStops and Gyms. She stated that the staff will be utilizing the app to increase special event attendance by purchasing and using Lures to attract game users.

Commissioner Wilson asked how PokéStops and Gyms were established. Supervisor Moore explained that the game pulled from another geocaching game, and may removing and adding new locations.

Commissioner Salter asked how much a lure cost. Supervisor Moore stated that you purchase the lures with game currency. Game currency can be earned by playing the game, or purchased. To purchase a lure it would be approximately \$1.00.

DISCUSSION ON INCREASING PARK USAGE AND DIVERSITY OF USERS

Director Niemer announced that this topic was a referral to the Commission from the City Council to discuss some of our parks that are less used by the general public. At the August 2nd City Council meeting there was a business owner that was suggesting turning Library Park into a community garden. Council is looking for suggestions for Library Park, the Library, and South City Park.

Director Niemer reported that with the additions of the Bocce Ball courts and the use of Tiger Field she hopes that will help encourage more adult use of the area. Recently, the playground equipment did not pass safety inspection and is scheduled for removal. With interest in Pickleball it may be a good idea to consider a Pickleball courts in South City Park.

Director Niemer introduced Jon Truitt, Executive Director at Viva Downtown (Viva), and Deb Lucero, Executive Director of the Shasta County Arts Council (SCAC) who showed an interest in partnering with the City to program the stage at Library Park. A lot of money was invested in the stage and Director Niemer thought it may be better to utilize the parks current assets. John Truitt and Deb Lucero offered to help brainstorm ideas.

Commissioner Wilson recommended turning Library Park into a parking lot. Mr. Truitt stated that Library Park used to be a parking lot, but because of the parks centralized location it was thought to be a great place to build the Carnegie stage. For a number of years it was used a lot, but with the construction project at the Lorenz it was closed off for almost two years. Truitt stated that it needs a boost and for people to know that it is available.

Truitt and Lucero agreed that between their organizations the space could be utilized. Shakespeare in the Park, poetry nights or slams, and school plays were among the recommendations.

Commissioner Resner asked if there were enough personnel to run the suggested programming. Director Niemer stated that the Recreation Division does a lot of good programming but cultural programming is not their expertise. With additional funding the City could partner with Viva and/or SCAC to run the proposed programming. The stage will also need some improvements and Director Niemer will report back to the Commission after staff performs an inventory and calculates repair costs.

Authorizing food trucks in the area for an extended period was also recommended.

Commissioners were encouraged to bring back their ideas for the next meeting. Commissioner Deaton and Commissioner Salter volunteered to work with Truitt and Lucero.

UPDATE ON THE 2016 COMMUNITY CREEK CLEAN-UP EVENT

Director Niemer gave an overview of the 2016 Community Creek Clean-Up location map and announced the continued partnership with the Shasta Association of REALTORS. Shasta Association of REALTORS will supply volunteers to assist at the registration tables, sponsor the refreshment station and pay for the production costs for a video about the event. KRRCR has offered to run the video as a Public Service Announcement, and staff will be sharing it on social media.

UPDATE ON SLIDE THE CITY EVENT

Director Niemer was excited to officially announce that Slide the City will be coming to Redding September 17, 2016. She plans to make the announcement to the media tomorrow. The water could not be recirculated, but plans have been made use the water for irrigation of the parks. Director Niemer stated that she is hoping to have open registration live as soon as tomorrow. Tickets purchased using the promo code KIDSKINGDOM will help benefit the Kids Kingdom 2 renovation project.

Judy Maxwell from Maxwell Insurance and Financial has been really supportive through the process. Maxwell represents Mutual of Omaha products and has committed to having the Wild Kingdom animals and trainers at the Slide the City event. Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom will also be at Turtle Bay.

Magnolia Park, the play area behind the Shasta County Office of Education building, will be used as a festival location. Director Niemer plans to have a climbing wall (operated by Army recruiters), kids play area, food and entertainment. All proceeds from the festival will go towards the Kids Kingdom 2 renovations. Director Niemer is hoping to raise \$18k to \$20k.

UPDATE ON THE KIDS KINGDOM 2 PROJECT

Director Niemer announced that they are about \$120k into the campaign. The local Pickleball group has donated approximately \$700, a real estate office donated \$1,500, a sorority group donated \$500 and \$300 in checks was given after a presentation at the Enterprise Lyons Club. The fundraising goal is \$310k. Large donors will be recognized on the Recreation website.

PROJECT UPDATES

Director Niemer updated the Commission on the following items:

Management Analyst Matt McCallum is moving back to Canada at the end of September. With Management Analyst Michele Davis coming on board, Matt's position will be re-assigned as a Project Coordinator.

Three grant programs are going on right now and Terry Hanson and Michele Davis have been attending those workshops.

Oregon Gulch - National Park staff has recommended our project and it will be presented to its board. David Ledger is continuing to lead group walks through the area. Our next steps will be signage and wayfinding, and there are three other parcels we would like to acquire.

Redding East Rotary has agreed to be our partner for our annual Parke Diem event. This event is neighborhood based. Mary Lake and Clover Creek playgrounds will be project locations and Kids Kingdom's demolition is being considered.

Summer programming is coming to an end. Among others, new programs Zombie Camp and Intermediate Sailing were introduced.

The Volunteer Appreciation Event is scheduled for October 8, 2016, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm on the Diestelhorst Bridge. Through the generosity of the McConnell Foundation appetizers will be served. Appreciation gifts, games, entertainment, and beverages are also planned.

Parks and Bethel City Projects had their kickoff meeting. Five new days have been added to the schedule.

The SMART Center is applying to extend their Drought Grant and we are hoping to have the SMART crew for another year.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Salter requested a "No Smoking" sign be posted at the picnic table area in Turtle Bay East. Manager Whelen stated he would have one installed.

Commissioner Salter requested to call in from Wyoming for the next meeting in September. Commissioner Wilson stated he would not be able to attend the September meeting as currently

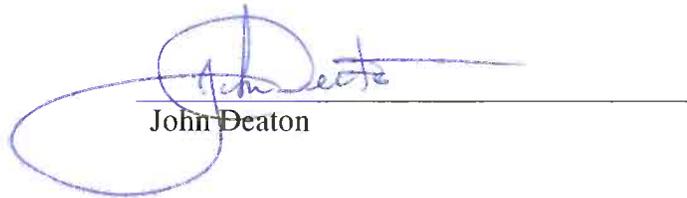
scheduled. Director Niemer stated that a new date for the September meeting can be arranged depending on schedules.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Niemer had no further comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Deaton adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.



John Deaton