



Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes, August 18, 2015

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10pm
2. Roll Call: *Barberich, Brown, Burdo, Machado, Reber*
3. Approval of 07/21/15 Minutes: Minutes could not be approved due to lack of commissioners who attended meeting that is subject of the minutes.
4. Open Time for Public Expression: None
5. Discussion Items:
 - A. Recruitment for Memorial Basketball and Skate Park Steering Committee:

Donery reported that Council has approved an update/improvement of the site, including three new hoops with posts and backboards to create a true half court and a skateboard plaza. The project is moving forward with community involvement in the form of an ongoing oversight committee that will be similar to the Red Hill Community Dog Park. Donery handed out several recruitment forms to the commissioners, requesting that they recruit members for the oversight committee in readiness for the Oct/Nov. start.
6. Commission Projects & Goals:
 - A. Recommendation to Town Council on Detention Basin Project Ballot Item - UPDATE:

Donery reported that Council voted in favor of submitting a secondary measure to counter the community's initiative for the November ballot. Burdo shared from his involvement with Council, giving a brief explanation of the process. He offered to meet outside tonight's meeting with the newly appointed Youth Commissioners, as well as anyone else who would like additional information. Burdo reported that the Council felt that it was doing a disservice to allow the initiative to go unchallenged, believing that the community should have the benefit of the CEQA findings before determining where they stand on the issue.
 - B. Country Fair Day - BEVERAGE BOOTH: Donery suggested speaking with Holtzer regarding her past methods of scheduling/organizing the participation of the Commissioners. Machado reported that he needs to contact Doug Kelly to get information regarding the beer and confirmed that beer may be stored at True North before the event. Donery stated that he may want to buy a multiple tap unit. Donery reached out to the Youth Commissioners, Barberich and Brown, asking them to speak with Kendall Gali regarding ways in which the high school students might contribute to/get involved with the event.
7. Staff Update:
 - A. Special Events:

Donery reported that the Picnics on the Plaza organization has been taken back into the Rec Dept., with staff organizing the weekly event along with the procurement of sponsorship. So far, it has been very successful. Country Fair Day is on target, with event staff starting their weekly meetings in a couple of weeks. Buck at True North appears to be someone who really wants to participate and is excited to be providing the food this year. The Goblin's SPOOKtacular is scheduled for the week before Halloween. The Holiday Lighting Ceremony in Imagination Park will take place the first Sat. in Dec. followed by Breakfast w/Santa the next Saturday.
 - B. Skate Plaza Project:

Donery was enthusiastic in his praise of Lisa Graham's efforts to rally support for the project. She has gathered several large donors, including Levi Strauss and Marin Sanitary. There is now enough money in the fund to start work. First on the itinerary is the removal of the old hoops and posts. The company doing this job has donated their labor. Next, the resurfacing of the site will

be completed with the asphalt being donated. It is hoped that all necessary work will be completed in time for a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting in November.

C. Facilities Upgrades:

Donery reported that the ADA ramp is nearly completed, save for a bit of spot painting. The signage is nearly all installed. The final sign to be placed above the gym doors that face Sir Francis Drake Blvd, has not yet been funded. Starting August 23rd, cosmetic improvements to the gymnasium will start, with a completion date of Thursday, September 10th. Save for two modular cabinets for the Mt. Tam Room kitchen, work is complete. Outdoor lift and bathrooms at Robson Harrington House have been funded for this fiscal year.

D. Memorial Park Detention Basin:

Donery stated that after this November's elections, we will have more information.

8. **Commission comments and questions, requests for future agenda items:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

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