

**CITY OF REDLANDS
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
May 10, 2016
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 4:00 pm - Attendance

Present: Roy Cencirulo, Chair
Don Gifford
Patrick Hafley
Ryan Johnson
Tina Price
Tyler Sepulveda

Absent: Kimberley Collins

QOL Staff: Sean Mackintosh
Dave Jaffe

2. Public Comments:

Elizabeth from Healthy Redlands discussed the summer walking program. It starts Saturday June 11th at 8 AM, and will be a five mile route. 100 pedometers were donated from Kaiser, and there are requests for 120 waters and snacks for the walk. This program is planned to go from Sylvan Park to the Orange Blossom Trail, and will promote a healthy lifestyle.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was noted that Roy gave the report in April, not May, and that Patrick Hafley was not present for the March meeting. On page two, it is not the Theater Festival but just the summer kick off. Tina motioned to approve the minutes, and Patrick seconds.

4. Correspondence and communications

A. *City Council liaison report* - Mr. Harrison reports that the Alabama to California portion of the Orange Blossom Trail should be done in one month. Stop signs will be added there in the near future. Don asks if it will affect the trail work, and the dispute between the city and contractors about work will not affect the use of the trail. Roy inquired about any updates on the trail by University. The trail will go from Church to the Zanja and then to the freeway. A concept plan is being drawn up to propose to Cal Trans.

B. *Park Ranger Program Report* - Mike Kress reported that new rangers have been hired, and that their primary goal is to be the “eyes and ears” of parks for police. They will be part of security at the Redlands Summer Bowl shows, air shows for the airport, block parties, the bicycle race, and they also educate citizens about the park rules. Roy asked how many rangers there are, and Mike stated there are 4, of which two-thirds are active at the moment. Tina asked if incidents in the park are going up, and Mike reported that they are not; there are still very few incidents. Most are transients, but they are careful

- and clean up after themselves. The major problems are graffiti in the parks. Tina asks which parks have the most graffiti, and Kress stated that Texonia, Sylvan, Community, Crafton, and Brookside Parks have the most problems with graffiti. However, about every park has graffiti in park restrooms and trash cans. Sargent Right oversees the program, however the rangers self-coordinate and do their own training.
- C. *QOL Staff Report* - Shawn McIntosh reported that the installation of shade sails at the parks have been completed. Texonia Park, Heritage Park, and the Redlands Bowl have all been improved by the Helping Hands organizations. Twenty benches and new backboards were added to Texonia, and the floors were newly painted. Heritage Park's fence was repainted, two dog waste stations were added and six concrete trash cans will be added soon. On the 2016 Community Day of Service, volunteers replaced twenty bench backs with composite boards at the Redlands Bowl. Roy asked about the status of a new bathroom at the west end of Sylvan Park, since the current one does not work, and Tim said that the old restroom will be torn down. Tina asked if another meeting about the skate park's design could happen before the presentation to City Council, and Tim stated that a special meeting could happen before the presentation. Treasure Ortiz presented the idea of a naming contest for the skate park. It would last thirty days, people would submit names within a certain criteria, and the commission will vote on the top five names. The winner of the competition can perhaps be the one to reveal the name. Tina and the rest of the commission like the idea of a naming contest.
- D. *QOL staff report on current and future recreation activities* - Dave Jaffe presented on the May 11th senior 5k run/walk. 125 seniors attended, and it was their first time on the trail for 70% of the attendees. Sponsors were able to fully fund the event and provide a free t-shirt and timer for the seniors. The Recreation Center also began their Movies in the Park program at Ed Hales Park. On the night they showed *Goosebumps*, they were able to pass out 75 Goosebump books with the help of the Friends of Smiley Library. At the Recreation Center, there will be a free summer nutritional lunch provided for up to 200 kids a day. On Saturdays, Redlands Bowl performers will do a workshop with children throughout the summer. Since there are so many activities, Tina asked if there is enough staff to man the Recreation Center during the events. Dave said that volunteers and staff help to run the Recreation Center during events. Roy asked if these events have been publicized in other ways than the newspaper, and Dave explained that there have been ads about it on the Recreation website and the summer program guide that will be ready by the beginning of June. A recreation program guide was also passed out to all of the elementary school students earlier this year. Roy also wanted to know if the Recreation Center is working with Healthy Redlands. Dave said that the Community Center is hosting the meetings for Healthy Redlands and supports the promotion of the upcoming walks. Both are working together to improve access to nutritional food for seniors and youth in the City. Pat asks if there is good participation at the center today, and Dave says that they do have good participation numbers. They usually meet or exceed the predicted attendance for recreation programs. Roy asks if the center's submitted budget proposals are being considered, and Tim says that they are.
- E. *Student Liaison Report* - Tyler reported that the Redlands High School prom went very well. The Riverside Municipal Auditorium was decorated very nicely, there was a good turnout, and everyone seemed to have a great time even though the DJ was not very

good. Both Junior Ushers and Daisy Chain also did a remarkable job at the Redlands High School graduation ceremony. People with the top 60 Grade Point Averages are a part of the Daisy Chain and Junior Usher programs. Redlands High School has also had much success with athletics. Boys volleyball beat Katella during the first round of CIF, softball beat Carter, boys tennis beat Aquinas 18-0, and varsity baseball also beat Carter.

5. Old Business

A. Orange Street Alley vendor proposals - Roy said that the vendors can open up and it will result in more traffic. Tim says that the businesses could open up, but it is not necessary. Roy inquired about more murals being added to the alley, but at the moment there are no known plans for more. Ryan explained that most of the businesses were not designed to have a back retail area, which would make opening up into the alley difficult.

6. New Business

A. AT&T proposed cell tower at Community Park - Will Hamilton presented to the commission about the proposed AT&T cell tower at Community Park. The cellular tower will be put up with a light tower. Tina asks if it will be a stealth pole, and Don asks about the income that the tower would bring in. Mr. Hamilton said that he is unsure of the exact amount, but the contract is a five year plan that can include up to four extensions; the income brought in could be upwards of one million dollars. Pat asks where the tower will be, and it will be towards the center of the park. Tina inquired about whether the radiation will harm the youth, and Will said that this has been disproved. There were questions about if a vault would be put over a building to accommodate for the towers equipment, and there will be an add-on to the smaller building so that it blends in. An underground vault has not been considered, but can be negotiated. Roy asks if it will interfere with use of the park, and Will assured the Commissioners that it will not interfere with use of the park. Tim indicated that the revenue will go to the General Fund, of which the Quality of Life department has the majority fund.

B. Recreation budget - Tim stated that staff has prepared forms for submission which are being reviewed and vetted. Tina asks what the forms will be, and they will include the top five recreation improvements. She also asks if it is possible to know how much the proposals cost, and yes they do have estimates. Tim says that the best thing to do would be to ask for an exact amount over a lump sum because that will be easier to receive. Roy asks if there is a discussion on personnel, and Tim reported that there has been discussion on personnel. The two part time staffers have been increased up to four, and the staff hours have also been expanded to 4,000 hours. Roy suggests that the commission could see what City Council approves and can take the remaining items to prioritize.

7. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting

A. Don suggests a discussion on the Skate Park

B. Ryan suggests to possibly look over the remaining recreation projects

8. Adjournment to Next meeting: July 14, 2016, 4:00 pm, Council Chambers