

CITY OF REDLANDS
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
March 12, 2015
MINUTES

Call to Order at 4:03 pm - Attendance

Present: Don Gifford
Tina Price
Cathlyeen Nece
Daniel Tang
Patrick Hafley
Kimberly Collins

Absent: Roy Cencirulo

QOL Staff: Rick Cross
Jocelynn Santa Cruz

2. Public Comments: - No public comments

3. Approval of Minutes – Tina Price motioned to approve the minutes from January 8, 2015. The motion was seconded by P. Hafley; all in favor.

4. Correspondence and communications -

- A. *Council liaison report* - Mayor Pro Tem, John Harrison, reports the completion of the community field and the nearing completion of the orange blossom trail from Grove Street to Wabash. When completed, the orange blossom trail will include both pedestrian and bike trails. The Coastal Conservancy will also enhance trails and work on habitat improvement for a half mile strip on both sides of the Santa Ana River Trail. When asked about the completion of the alley park, the Mayor Pro Tem responded saying it was being expedited. The park is expected to be completed in four months. A one acre plot of land on Lincoln will also turn into a park.
- B. *Park Ranger Program Report*- Harry Stenzhorn presented the park ranger report. The Park rangers volunteered 1,706 hours so far this year, estimated to be worth more than \$35,830. In 2014, the park rangers volunteered 11,500 hours, worth \$241,000. Seven new park rangers graduated from training which included 32 hours of ground work. Having a total of 47 rangers, the number of park rangers is increasing. Generally, one academy is held per year.
- C. *QOL Staff Report* - Rick reported \$150,000 being spent on fences and benches. New park 'events' are being added to parks such as Brookside. There will be new recycling slots added to trash cans that will sit up off the ground and allow for less cleaning maintenance. The recycling trashcan poles are expected to be added within two months. In Texonia Park, a bathroom was vandalized where alum brackets were stolen. All the parking lots have been repaved, and both Brookside

and Crafton parks now include additional lighting. Tina Price provided a handout of the Friends of Prospect Park Projects Committee Report.

- D. *QOL staff report on current and future recreation activities*- Dave Jaffe brought back a youth volunteer program for teens 13-17 years old. The program works with the police department, and the youth will receive recreation bucks that can be redeemed for prizes. Student resource coordinators will primarily try to steer troubled youth into volunteering. Additionally, there will be a showing of guardians of the galaxy Friday night. Both the March 9th weekly newsletter and yoga in the park fliers were covered. New things such as a demo photography class, yoga in the park activity, and St. Patrick's day event are to occur in the future.
- E. *Student Liaison Report*: Daniel Tang reported Redlands High School boys' basketball team's advancement to the second round of CIF. Speech and Debate will attend state for both Redlands and Redlands East Valley High Schools. Academic Decathlon will also participate in the State championship for RHS. REV's boys' soccer and RHS's girls' soccer were both CBL champions. REV became CBL champions for girls' water polo, and REV's girls' basketball team also made CIF playoffs.

5. Action Items

- A. *Discussion and possible recommendation of submitted P&R Commission Goals* -. Commission will present the goals to City Council.
- B. *Discussion and possible recommendation regarding CDBG grant fund opportunities* – Staff will follow up with Janet Miller to see if she can make the next meeting to go over criteria for upcoming grant opportunities under CDBG. Janet Miller might either attend the May or July meeting.
- C. *Discussion and possible recommendation regarding a list of Palmetto sale funds*- Rick gave a breakdown of the use of Palmetto Sale funds by percentage.
- D. *Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the AYSO agreement and update*- Rick reports that the city is in the middle of an agreement with AYSO. Don Gifford said that there were items that were supposed to be done in lieu of payments. RBY, AYSO, and Los Gauchos will provide receipts for accountability of their costs.
- E. *Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the skate park* - The approved site for the skate park has been decided to be at Sylvan Park where the swimming pool used to be. The park is estimated at \$500,000. The design is not yet completed, and perhaps \$200,000 may come from the Palmetto Grove Fund. A \$50,000 donation was designated toward the skate park project; the city will need to match funds of \$150,000. The problem lies in the fact that designs are not yet completed, and funds cannot be raised without a design for the park. Design requires council approval and some political pressure.

6. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Commission Goals for 2015-2016

7. Adjournment to Next meeting: May 14, 2015, 4:00 pm, Council Chambers