

**CITY OF REDLANDS**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**January 14, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

**Call to Order at 4:00 pm - Attendance**

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

Absent: Jocelynn Santa Cruz

QOL Staff: Zach LaBonte  
Dave Jaffe

**2. Public Comments:** None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Tina Sray Price motions to pass the minutes; Patrick Hafley seconds; all in favor

**4. Correspondence and communications**

- A. *City Council liaison report* - Plans for the skate park are going forward: \$20,000 have been raised, the contractor has been chosen, and the name is still in question. The city is also looking for funds to update the Orange Blossom trail.
- B. *Park Ranger Program Report* - There are concerns of vandalism, such as graffiti in the bathrooms, and of broken equipment at the parks. Construction is still progressing in the parks as well.
- C. *QOL Staff Report* - Zach Labonte reports that the shade sails are completed at Ford Park and the dog park. The installation of the sails at Heritage Park, Jeannie Davis Park, and Israel Beal Park are still in progress. These sails have a 10 year warranty and cost \$250,000 in total. No questions were asked.
- D. *QOL staff report on current and future recreation activities* - Dave Jaffe reported on future recreation activities. In association with the Solid Waste Division, a recreation catalog was published. It highlights events and activities at the Community Center, and was distributed throughout the Redlands Unified School District to all of the elementary schools and more than 500 community center senior patrons. The center is looking for chaperones for their events. Over 9,000 copies were distributed to the elementary schools, 9,000 families were reached, and the positive response to the catalog has resulted in many more phone calls to the community center. It was decided to distribute the catalogs through the

elementary schools because it was more effective than distributing through the Daily Facts and it was less expensive. Additionally, hours have increased at the Community Center, senior participation has increased, and more programs have been added. While there are less staff than before, many partnerships with agencies and organizations have helped to support the center. Dave also explained how the Community Center is working with the A.K. Smiley Public Library to update the computers at the center. One of the new programs in the process of being formed is a “Reading with a Cop” program that will let children read with Police Officers, and hopefully increase literacy on the north side of town.

- E. *Student Liaison Report*: Tyler made note of the school dance/gathering, Genesis that will be on February 19th. It involves Redlands, Redlands East Valley, Orangewood, and Citrus Valley high schools to come together for a night of fun. On January 30th and February 6th, Redlands High School, Redlands East Valley, and Citrus Valley High School will be competing in Academic Decathlon competition. Prom is also coming up for these high schools.
- F. *Orange Street Alley*: There are plans to open part of the Cope House into the alley. This will be done in March or April and the restaurant has rented a 7 x 43 foot plot. The restaurant will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. They are renting the plot for \$500 a month and funds for the rental go into the city's general fund. The Cope house is also in the process of getting an alcohol selling license and the park will only be utilized for seating outside. Improvements to the park come from impact fees and the park maintenance staff budget has been increased for downtown.

## 5. Action Items

A. *Discussion and Update on the parks and recreation goals* - The majority of the goals are going well, according to Tina. Some of these suggestions are to have different locations for meetings and Ryan agrees with this. Tim says that all meeting should be at the council chambers but a subcommittee could meet elsewhere; Tim to follow up to see if possible and give feedback before next meeting. Annual tour will probably occur between March and April for all of the parks. Orientation manual for the commissioners has also been recommended Jocelynn has the resources for this, Tim will follow up and Ryan and Kimberly say this is a good idea. Roy and Tina have decided to assign new commissioners to parks to adopt and look after them.

B. *Update and discussion regarding the proposed Sylvan Park skatepark* - The City Council approved the design plan for the park. Most of the funds will be for the permit, environmental impact report and soil testing.

C. *Update on Orange Blossom Trail* - Erik Reeves explained that the ROCC planted plants in November with the help of many volunteers. The staff set up food and water for all of the volunteers. The area worked on went from Grove to Wabash. QOL and MUED were also there that day to help out. There was minimal wash from the recent rain storms and one park ranger goes through the area every day. The City Council liaison says that the western portion is up to date and should not be too complicated to maintain. There is a dispute over the portion by Dearborn

and the city is responsible for more of the south and north parts. Action to create a Friends of Trails Program will be taken by City Council on the 19th of January.

**6. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- A. Roy suggests an update on the Recreation Center's upgrades/ needs
- B. Concept plan for the Orange Blossom Trail
- C. Tim will give an update on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission's goals
- D. The council liaison will attempt to present the Committee on the Zanja Trail
- E. Website revision confirmation from Kimberly
- F. Don recommends to have meetings once a month
  - 1. Tina says that once a month meetings will be a greater workload for staff and recommends that we all the special meetings on occasion.
- G. Update on the progress of Mock Trial and Academic Decathlon teams

**7. Adjournment to Next meeting: May 12, 2016, 4:00 pm, Council Chambers**