

CITY OF REDLANDS PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

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JUSTIN WEEKLEY, COMMISSIONER NOAH NGUYEN, STUDENT COMMISSIONER

The following information comprises the minutes for a regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission which was held at **4:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, January 11, 2024**, in the City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon Street, Suite #2.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Attendance.

- A. Present: ADAM HEBDEN, VICE CHAIRMAN; JOANNE LESSARD, COMMISSIONER; JUSTIN WEEKLEY, COMMISSIONER; SCOTT CARLSON, COMMISSIONER
- B. Absent: DOUG GONZALES, CHAIRMAN; NOAH NGUYEN, STUDENT COMMISSIONER
- C. Absences were excused unanimously

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Wilbur gave comment about the impact of classes and availability of recreation facilities.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. The minutes of the December 14th, 2023, regular meeting will be available for approval at a later meeting.

4. STATUS REPORTS

A. Individual Commissioner park reports

a. The commissioners present gave reports on their assigned parks. Commissioner Lessard gave an update on Oakmont Park, Caroline Park, and Centennial Park. Commissioner Carlson gave a report on Heritage, Prospect, and the Sports Park. Commissioner Cencirulo gave a report on Brookside, Smiley Parks. Commissioner Weekley gave a report on the Skate Park, Laramie Park, and Ed Hales.

B. FCS staff report on Recreation and Park activities

a. Dave Jaffe gave an update on Recreation activities and answered questions about procedures for determining class size and use of the pickleball courts. Don Crow spoke briefly about the Oriental Fruit Fly infestation in City groves.

C. Student Commissioner report

a. The student commissioner was absent from this meeting.

D. RUSD Liaison report

- a. The RUSD liaison was absent from this meeting.*

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action regarding the State Street Study.

- a. Shawn Burch answered questions about his redesign of State Street's tree wells. Motion to use gloss black on metalwork and platforms for tree surrounds by Commissioner Weekley. Second by Commissioner Cencirulo. Recommended unanimously.*

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action regarding the Fire Demonstration Garden at Ford Park and potential plans to reprogram the space.

- a. Erin Sanborn from the University of Redlands read a letter in support of the renewal of the Fire Demonstration Garden. Chris Dearson spoke in support of the garden. Linda Hamilton of ANCA spoke in support of the garden. Danielle Guidici Wallis spoke about getting grants for this project. Motion to recommend forming a partnership between the City, the University of Redlands, and other community organizations to develop a plan to re-do the garden at a site to be determined by Commissioner Cencirulo. Second by Commissioner Weekley. Recommended unanimously.*

B. Discussion and possible action regarding Texonia Park design. Presentation by David Higginson of Higginson Architects on the upcoming design process.

- a. David Higginson presented about the redesign of Texonia Park.*

7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Discussion of pickleball court utilization
- Priority list

8. ADJOURNMENT AT 6:08 PM TO REGULAR MEETING on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 4:30 P.M.