

Community Services Advisory Commission
Special Meeting
Redding City Hall
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, California
June 12, 2008, 4:03 p.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Community Services Advisory Commissioner McCoach opened the meeting with the following commissioners present; Peckenpaugh and Waybright.

Also present were Community Services Director Niemer, Community Projects Manager Hanson, Community Projects Manager Glover and Executive Assistant Szynal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes from the regular meeting on May 14, 2008, the monthly Recreation Division Activity Report, the Convention Center Activity Report, the Convention Center Calendar, the Convention Center Capital Projects List were presented.

Motion: To approve Consent Calendar. (Made by Commissioner Waybright, Seconded by Commissioner Peckenpaugh)

AYES: Commissioners McCoach, Peckenpaugh and Waybright
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

CONSIDERATION OF USE OF TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS

In 1999, the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) allocated Transportation Enhancement Program funds to local jurisdictions to be used exclusively for non-motorized capital and rehabilitation projects. On January 4, 2000, the City Council approved eight projects, including sidewalks, trails and bicycle lanes. The list was subsequently approved by the RTPA. Five of the original eight projects have been completed. The priority for use of the remaining balance has changed. In several instances, previously identified projects were funded using other funding sources.

At their June 3, 2008 meeting, the City Council considered a list of projects for funding utilizing the remaining Transportation Enhancement funds. The Council directed staff to first obtain a recommendation from the Community Services Advisory Commission concerning the Old 99 Trail and the River Trail Rehabilitation projects.

Community Projects Manager Hanson noted that the city incurred \$56,000 in expenses for Old 99 Phase 2, which could not be covered under Proposition 12 funding due to a delay in property ownership transfer. Staff is now requesting that the expenses be covered by the unused allocation of TE funds originally intended for the Buenaventura Trail.

Staff also recommends the use of \$204,576 for rehabilitation of 2.5 to 3 miles of existing Sacramento River Trail asphalt.

Commissioner Waybright inquired into the potential cost savings of performing the asphalt work in conjunction with other projects. Community Projects Manager Hanson noted that there is approximately 5 miles of asphalt that will be replaced.

Commissioner Waybright also asked about possible treatments to the invasive plants to prevent the deterioration of the River Trail. Community Projects Manager Hanson advised that lack of available staff time to provide the treatment is a factor.

Commissioner Peckenpaugh observed that unless the treatment of these plants is addressed, the Park Fund will continue to take the hit to repair the asphalt.

Commissioner McCoach indicated that she would like to know if there are funds budgeted in the Parks division budget to provide the treatment. Community Projects Manager Hanson replied that there is a budget line item for this, however it is not enough to address the issue.

Commissioner McCoach inquired into whether the city has a capital expenditure maintenance fund. Community Projects Manager Hanson noted that this does exist, however it is not large enough to address this issue.

Commissioner Waybright inquired into whether a portion of the recommended \$204,576 could be used for treatment of the plants. Community Projects Manager Hanson noted that is not an allowable use of the funds, however, a portion of the Park Maintenance Fund will be used as a match for the asphalt treatment.

Commissioner Peckenpaugh asked about the chemicals utilized from an environmental concern. It was noted that a special product is used.

Motion: To recommend to City Council that the Transportation Enhancement funds be used on the Old 99 and Sacramento River trails. (Made by Commissioner Waybright, Seconded by Commissioner Peckenpaugh)

AYES: Commissioners McCoach, Peckenpaugh and Waybright

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATION OF 40 DEVELOPMENTAL ASSET VIDEO

Director Niemer recalled that at the May 14, 2008 meeting, the Community Services Advisory Commission, acting as the Board of the Redding Parks Fund approved a grant for \$2,000 to the Health Improvement Partnership for expenses relating to the production of a video promoting implementation of the 40 Developmental Assets.

This video is complete and is in the process of being distributed to area coaches and Recreation staff. The Commission proceeded to watch the 6 minute video showing vignettes utilizing local coaches in real-life situations.

Commissioner Waybright noted his support of using this video for coaches, especially first-time coaches, as it will help them to develop their philosophy toward coaching.

No action was required on this informational item.

PROJECTS UPDATES

Community Projects Manager Glover provided updates on the following projects:

Rivercrest Park

Construction began on May 12 and the play equipment was recently delivered.

Benches

6 benches/tables were recently installed along various trails. These were donated as part of our Community Gift Program.

Eagle Scout Candidates

There are currently four Eagle Scout candidates working on various projects around town.

No action was required on these informational items.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Peckenpaugh inquired into whether there was any movement to replenish the Park Fund. Director Niemer mentioned that the City Council would be considering the possibility of utilizing some of the savings from the Stillwater bid.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Niemer noted that Commissioner Parker has tendered her resignation from the Commission.

No action was required on this informational item.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at the hour of 5:14 p.m. Commissioner McCoach declared the meeting adjourned.

Commissioner McCoach