

Community Services Advisory Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Redding City Hall  
777 Cypress Avenue  
Redding, California  
December 9, 2009, 3:02 p.m.

## MINUTES

### ATTENDANCE

The meeting opened with the following Commissioners present; Susan Hinz, Leona McCoach, Adam McElvain, Judy Salter and Jason Waybright.

Also present were Council Member Mary Stegall, Community Services Director Kimberly Niemer, Support Services Director Gerry Kersten, Recreation Coordinator Christina Massey and Executive Assistant Mari Szynal.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes from the meeting on November 3, 2009, November 11, 2009 and November 17, 2009, 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 McCoach, Seconded by Commissioner Hinz)

**AYES:** Commissioners Hinz, McCoach, McElvain, Salter and Waybright

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

## **CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT A STAGE/GAZEBO AT LAKE REDDING PARK BY THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT 1082**

Director Niemer noted that several months ago representatives from the Marine Corps League Detachment 1082 approached staff with a proposal to construct a permanent stage/gazebo in Lake Redding Park. The Marines would like to create a venue for family events and entertainment. The facility would be reserved in conjunction with the Lake Redding picnic pavilion, which is reserved steadily during the dry months.

Staff has reviewed with the Marine Corps League representatives the City's requirements for construction, namely that materials be of commercial-grade and as vandal resistant as possible. This project will create another popular destination at the Lake Redding/Caldwell Park complex.

During this time of reduced revenues, we will need to rely upon community projects to grow our recreation facilities. This project will serve a use as soon as it is complete.

Richard Quintana of the Marine Corps League pointed out that the planned gazebo is patterned after one in Minnesota that is more than 100 years old. The Shasta Builders Exchange has offered to provide assistance with materials, labor, etc. Mr. Quintana provided details on the structural details of the planned gazebo. In addition to electricity for a band's amplifiers, recessed lighting would be provided in the roof of the gazebo for evening events.

Director Niemer noted that the Commission is being asked to provide conceptual approval of placing this amenity in Lake Redding Park.

Commissioner McCoach inquired whether the gazebo could be reserved separately from the pavilion. Director Niemer replied that the two amenities would be reserved together, as they would lend themselves to being used for purposes such as weddings or other celebrations. Their use is compatible. Another thing to take into account is that many utilities are already on site, which would help keep this project affordable.

Commissioner Salter expressed concern that the gazebo may not harmonize aesthetically with the pavilion, which is a bit more utilitarian in design. She asked if the design of the gazebo might be altered to connect visually with the pavilion. Mr. Quintana responded that the Marine Corps League is very interested in installing a gazebo which is in keeping with the venerable look of the early 1900's. They believe this will add to Redding's historic significance.

Commissioner Salter observed that this is a wonderful gift to the community.

**Motion:** To accept the Marine Corp League offer to construct a permanent gazebo near Lake Redding pavilion. (Made by Commissioner Waybright, Seconded by Commissioner McElvain)

**AYES:** Commissioners Hinz, McCoach, McElvain, Salter and Waybright

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

## **CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT A DISC GOLF COURSE AT BUCKEYE PARK BY THE NORTHERN FLIGHTS DISC GOLF CLUB**

Director Niemer noted that during this time of reduced revenues, we are fortunate to have groups that are stepping forward to help us expand recreational opportunities in our community. Over the years as disc golf has grown in popularity with the establishment of the Enterprise Park course, there is a desire in the disc golf community to develop a longer, more difficult course. Representatives from the Northern Flights Disc Golf Club (Club) approached staff with a desire to construct an 18-basket disc golf course at Buckeye Park.

Director Niemer recalled that this area of Buckeye Park, approximately 19-acres, was recently re-acquired from the Bureau of Land Management after a lengthy lease expired a couple of years ago. A concept plan was developed for the future build out of the park that included some disc golf baskets, but also ball fields and neighborhood park amenities. At this time, there is not adequate funding to construct the master plan facilities. This portion of Buckeye Park is under-utilized today and would be very compatible with a disc golf course design. The disc golf proposal is a good mid-term use of the property and this property would offer the Club the opportunity to design their own course with baskets of varying degrees of difficulty. Participation in disc golf can be relatively inexpensive and it promotes walking. All materials and labor for the course construction will be provided for by the Club. The City will provide technical assistance and consultation.

Commissioner Waybright inquired into whether the trees on the property would be a hindrance to the course. Jan Smutz, representing the Northern Flights Disc Golf Club, replied that having trees on the course is desired as it increases the challenges the player must face. Mr. Smutz noted that the Club expects that with a disc golf course at Buckeye Park there will be new people exposed to the game, as it will draw residents from the northern side of Redding and Shasta County.

Commissioner Salter asked about the timeframe required to clear the manzanita and other brush from the property to complete the course. Mr. Smutz responded that it is expected to take between 18 months and two years. Commissioner Salter urged the Club to contact service clubs for assistance with the project.

Commissioner Hinz requested information on who would performance the maintenance on the course. Director Niemer replied that the typical park maintenance of trash pick-up would be handled by the city, however the course itself will be maintained by the Club. Should the Commission accept the proposal, staff would draft a memorandum of agreement with the Club that would outline the responsibilities and obligations of each party in greater detail.

Commissioner McCoach inquired whether there are disc golf tournaments. Mr. Smutz responded that tournaments are held which bring in teams from out of the area.

Commissioner Salter stated that the tennis courts are in disrepair and noted that with increased use of the park, more people would be utilizing the other amenities. She expressed concern that the tennis courts could present a hazard and asked what could be done to refurbish their surface. Director Kersten responded that the South City Park courts were re-surfaced in the recent past and to the best of his recollection the cost was approximately \$30,00. At this time, however, \$30,000

is a considered a fair amount of money. Commissioner Salter asked if this project could be brought back to the Commission prior to completion of the disc golf course so that this does not fall off the radar. Director Kersten stated that staff would look into this to determine what could be done to perhaps refurbish the playing surface.

**Motion:** To accept the proposal by the Northern Flights Disc Golf Club to construct an 18-basket disk golf course at Buckeye Park. (Made by Commissioner McElvain, Seconded by Commissioner McCoach)

AYES: Commissioners Hinz, McCoach, McElvain, Salter and Waybright

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

## **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE**

Director Niemer recalled that last Spring a decision was made to re-structure operations at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center (MLK Center). A *Blue Ribbon Committee* was convened to develop an action plan to better serve the community. In August, a coordinator for the MLK Center, Christina Massey, was hired. She was introduced to provide an overview of the current operations at the Center.

Christina Massey noted that the Center has come a long way over the past four months. Partnerships have been formed with agencies such as Family Alliance Entertainment, Rotary Club of Redding, Spiritus Solutions LLC, Redding Moms, Add Some Color, and Shasta County Citizens Against Racism (SCCAR). Staff has successfully obtained donations from organization such as Add Some Color, Papa Murphy's, and Spiritus Solutions LLC. Spiritus Solutions LLC upgraded the computer lab which now features 18 modern computer work stations with educational software and appropriate filters.

All programs are designed to relate back to the Blue Ribbon Committee's Action Plan. Participation has been slow to start but is steadily progressing as the programs are adapted to better serve the needs of the community. There are currently 26 children in the after-school program an increase of more than 300%. Weekly programs for teens, tweens, and a children's choir are ongoing. With all of the changes in today's society and challenges they face, one of Center's goals is to be a constant in the lives of children and teens in the community. Through resources, food, companionship, etc.

The MLK Center is again a thriving community gathering place. Many more programs, activities and improvements are planned to improve upon the good work outlined in this report. Much gratitude is owed to the Blue Ribbon Committee members who generously gave of their time (weekly meetings for seven weeks) to craft this action plan that has proven so valuable to staff in implementing well-rounded and well-received programs.

No action was required on this informational item.

## **PROJECTS UPDATES**

Director Niemer provided updates on the following projects:

### Healthy Community Resolution

Staff and Chair Salter presented the Healthy Communities Resolution to the Planning Commission. They endorsed the Resolution, which will now be going to the City Council in January.

### Bike Plan

The bike plan is well on its way to being finalized. Staff will bring this to the Commission in February.

### Sacramento River Parkway

This project is proceeding. One of the major components is the 20 interpretive panels along the trails. This project also assisted with funding for the improved Eagle Cam which is now hard-wired so as to not be interrupted by weather.

### Meadow Creek Park

This intent to abandon a portion of the park will be taken to the next City Council meeting. An Eagle Scout project in this park was recently completed and includes a gravel connector path.

### Riverbend Golf Course

The appraisal has been completed. While the value is very favorable for purchasing at this time, with the current economic climate, it does appear likely that this project will move forward at this time.

### Lake Boulevard

The Redevelopment Agency recently approved a revitalization plan for this neighborhood. The 10-acres along Lake Boulevard are included in this area.

No action was required on these informational items.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Salter strongly recommended that the Commission keep the Healthy Communities resolution in mind when making decisions. At city events and city vending machines, there should be healthy options. It is profoundly important to be clear on what healthy means. The city leads by example on energy and water conservation and we should lead by example regarding nutrition.

Commissioner Salter inquired into the status of the Convention Center RFI. Director Kersten replied they have been distributed and staff is awaiting replies.

Commissioner McElvain expressed support for the community groups which have come forward to provide amenities that benefit all residents. He encouraged staff to seek more partnerships such

as this during these lean times. Commissioner Niemer explained that with staff cutbacks during the last year the department is currently at maximum capacity. The groups which are presented to the Commission are those who have a solid project and can manage it mostly themselves.

**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, at the hour of 4:27 p.m. Chair Salter declared the meeting adjourned.

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Judy Salter, Chair