

Community Services Advisory Commission
Special Meeting
Redding Convention Center
700 Auditorium Drive, Redding, CA
January 25, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

The meeting opened with the following Commissioners present: Jason Waybright, Leona McCoach, Adam McElvain, John Wilson and Susan Hinz.

Also present were Support Services Director Gerard Kersten, Community Services Director Niemer, Convention Center Manager Chris Gonzalez, Convention Center Facility Supervisor John Johnson, Management Analyst Michele Davis, and Executive Assistant Erica Thomas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR PROPOSITION 84 GRANT PROGRAM

Kim Niemer, Director of Community Services, presented two grant proposals for consideration under the Proposition 84 grant program. The two projects are gymnasium facilities, one at Caldwell Park and the other at an undeveloped site on Lake Boulevard near Tamarack Drive. The grant program allows up to \$5 million in unmatched funds for the construction of such facilities. Gymnasiums are in short supply throughout the community. A new recreation facility at the Lake Boulevard site is a priority within the 2004 *Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan* and the Lake Boulevard Revitalization Plan adopted by the Redding Redevelopment Agency. The Caldwell Park facility would replace the existing change house at the Redding Aquatic Center, which is 60+ years old and in need of replacement. Both projects would require significant operating subsidies. The hope is that these subsidies can be accommodated in the 3-4 years needed to bring the facilities on line. The City Council will have at least two opportunities to withdraw, if city finances do not allow for completion. The grant process will be extremely competitive. Many agencies are looking for grant funds. Notification is planned for Fall 2010.

Motion: To recommend City Council direct staff to submit two applications for the Proposition 84 Grant (Made by Commissioner McCoach, Seconded by Commission McElvain)

Ayes: Commissioners Hinz, McElvain, McCoach, Waybright and Wilson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

CONVENTION/VISITORS BUREAU WEBSITE UPDATE AND PRESENTATION

Angela Byrd, Tourism Development Representative, presented PowerPoint packet (attached) regarding Web 2.0 and the status of website launch.

CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION OF RFI'S FROM SMG AND GLOBAL SPECTRUM

Each Commissioner has had a chance to review the RFI packets from SMG and Global Spectrum. Support Services Director Kersten reviewed entire RFI process again and detailed the difference between RFI's, Proposals, BIDs. Commissioner Hinz suggested that Support Services Director Kersten compose an additional letter, which would include the current Redding Convention Center rate structure, and forward it to SMG and Global Spectrum requesting financial information.

Motion: Compose letter to two responding companies requesting additional information (Made by Commissioner McCoach, Seconded by Commission Wilson).

Ayes: Commissioners Waybright, McElvain and Hinz.

Notes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NEXT STEPS

Support Services Director Kersten and Commissioner Hinz to meet and compose letter to SMG and Global Spectrum with a requested return date of approximately twenty (20) days out.

Next CSAC Special meeting: Date to be determined at a later time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at the hour of 5:18pm Chair Hinz declared the meeting adjourned.

Susan Hinz, Chair