

Community Services Advisory Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Redding City Hall  
777 Cypress Avenue  
Redding, California  
May 9, 2007, 4:05 p.m.

## MINUTES

### ATTENDANCE

Community Services Advisory Commissioner McCoach opened the meeting with the following commissioners present: Bandell, Parker and Waybright. Absent was Commissioner Peckenpaugh.

Also present were Community Services Director Niemer, Support Services Director Kersten, Recreation Superintendent Carpenter, Parks Superintendent Cannon, Community Projects Manager Hanson, Community Projects Manager Glover, and Executive Assistant Szyna.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

The [minutes from the regular meeting on April 11, 2007](#), the monthly [Recreation Division Activity Report](#), the [Convention Center Activity Report](#), the [Convention Center Calendar](#) and the [Convention Center Capital Projects List](#) were presented.

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

**AYES:** Commissioners Bandell, McCoach, Parker and Waybright

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Peckenpaugh

### SOCCER PARK GRAND OPENING

Director Niemer noted that while the facility has been open for a few months now, the official dedication ceremony will take place on Friday, June 1. The Commissioners are invited to attend

this free, community celebration which will be open to the public from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Open House activities will be taking place during that time, with the ceremony itself beginning at 7:00 p.m. Coca Cola is the beverage vendor on-site and they are involved in soccer worldwide. They will be providing a half-dozen different activities spread throughout the park.

The formal opening ceremony will include representatives from the City and the Shasta Regional Soccer Association, who are managing the park. The keynote speaker is Olympic and World Cup champion Brandi Chastain, who scored the winning goal at the World Cup against China. Ms. Chastain is currently a broadcaster for ESPN and a promoter of youth sports.

Staff is looking forward to good weather and a good turn-out that day.

No action was required on this informational item.

Commissioner Peckenpaugh arrived at 4:07 p.m.

## **FANTASY FOUNTAIN STATUS**

Parks Superintendent Cannon noted that Fantasy Fountain was built 2000. The rubber matting used for the fall zone safety was the best material available at the time and no one knew how it would be affected by the chlorine. The matting began to fall apart and the Park Division has been patching it for the past several years, but it needs to be replaced as the surface is completely unusable at this point.

This is one of the few spray/water parks which has the unique feature of having a fall zone incorporated and the only one with a 14-foot volcano. Other water parks do not have a climbing apparatus within the spray zone.

The new product which has been selected is chlorine tolerant and made of the same material as car bumpers. It comes with a 5-year warranty. The installation of the product is out to bid at this time, with bids due back on May 22. It will take 11 days for the installation to be completed, nine to install and two to cure. The work will not be completed in time for the Memorial Day week-end opening of Kids Kingdom, but will possibly be done by the end of June.

Director Niemer noted that in the meantime, the Recreation Department will set up a water play area in front of Fantasy Fountain with sprinklers and other alternatives to accommodate visitors.

No action was required on this informational item.

## **DOG PARK AMENITIES UPDATE**

Community Projects Manager Glover has been working with the Benton Dog Park Association (BDPA) to prioritize items the Association would like to see as amenities. Commissioner Peckenpaugh sits on the BDPA board. One of the items which has received quite a bit of feedback is setting up a small dog section within the dog park. People have said they do not come to the park any longer because of their concern about their small dog being in amongst the larger dogs. When researching other dog parks, Community Projects Manager Glover noted that a separate small dog area is a common amenity.

While looking at how to install the small dog park, it was discovered that the Treasurer of BDPA has a business relationship with Strange & Sons Fencing. This company has offered to discount materials and install the fencing at no charge. Staff recommends the Commission grant the BDPA up to \$1,000 for the Redding Park Fund to accomplish this work. Staff seeks direction from the Commission to approve the funding.

Commissioner McCoach inquired as to how the current park would be divided. Community Projects Manager Glover distributed a [map showing the proposed fence line](#) for the small dog area. A discussion ensued amongst the Commissioners and staff as to the definition of a small dog. It was agreed by the Commissioners that the BDPA should provide a proposal for guidelines.

The Redding Parks Fund at the Shasta Regional Community Foundation was set up several years ago to promote and provide funds for improvements to Redding City parks and recreation programs. The Community Services Advisory Commission is the board of the Fund. Improvements to any park fall within the purview of the Park Fund and allowable expenditures.

**Motion:** That the Community Services Advisory Commission, acting as the Board of the Park Fund approve a grant up to \$1,000 to the BDPA for the installation of the small dog area. (Made by Commissioner Parker, Seconded by Commissioner Bandell)

**AYES:** Commissioners Bandell, McCoach, Parker and Waybright

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Peckenpaugh

**ABSENT:** None

## **SUBDIVISION UPDATES**

Community Projects Manager Glover provided copies of memos regarding the [Perso Vigna](#) Estates and the [Wilma Marler](#) Parcel Division. He noted that during staff reviews of subdivision maps they always attempt to identify locations to improve connectivity.

No action was required on these informational items.

## PROJECTS UPDATES

Community Projects Manager Terry Hanson provided an update on the recent dedication of improvements at the Turtle Bay Boat Ramp. Several representatives from the California Department of Fish & Game and the Wildlife Conservation Board in Sacramento spoke at the event. Mr. Hanson took the opportunity, while they were here, to show them the So. Bonnyview boat ramp, which is showing its age. Potential improvements to this launch would include picnic facilities, ADA access, a canoe launch and a fishing access trail. Staff will be submitting a grant shortly to fund the improvements.

Director Niemer provided updates on the following projects:

### Vista Ridge

The park will soon have concrete curbing complete, which will allow the sod to be set within the next few weeks. Staff will finish the project this fiscal year and turn it over to the neighborhood.

### Walk with the Mayor

The Mayor has been hosting a 20-minute walk at noon on Tuesday's around City Hall. Participants receive free pedometers.

### Taste of Redding

The first large event at *The Sculpture Park at City Hall* is set for June 3rd. West Redding Rotary has confirmed that over 20 restaurants and beer & wine vendors will be in attendance, along with music on three different stages. The music is free, however, food & drink tickets must be purchased. Staff has been working with several groups to provide additional sprucing of the Sculpture Park.

### Adopt-a-Park/Trail

Community Projects Manager Glover has been working on expanding this program and currently has 6 adoptions. He will be putting up signs promoting this opportunity at 6 more locations.

### Department Webpage

Staff will be working over the course of the year to update the department webpage listing of parks and amenities.

### Redding Aquatic Center

The Aquatic Center has rolled out a new marketing campaign titled "Make a Splash". You can see the ads in North State Parent magazine.

### Whistling Park

Staff expect to have a cost estimate soon, which will allow us to see if the funds allocated are sufficient.

No action was required on these informational items.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner McCoach spent a day with fellow Rotary members cleaning up Parkview Park. The City assisted with trash removal.

### **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

It was noted the June meeting has been cancelled and the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11.

Director Niemer related that the Community Services Department is getting geared up for the 2nd Annual Stream Clean Up, to coincide with California Coastal Cleanup Day. This year's effort will focus on the City's westside creeks - Middle Creek, Salt Creek, Jenny Creek, Calaboose, Linden Channel, Canyon Hollow, Oregon Gulch and Olney Creek. Many of the groups who participated in the Churn Creek Cleanup are participating in the planning for this year's event.

Director Kersten noted how well the departments in the City work together for the common good. One example is the article which appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle was initiated by a contract the Convention and Visitors Bureau has to promote Redding area facilities. The park spoke for itself and we all work together in this marketing which is money well spent.

No action was required on these informational items.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, at the hour of 5:00 p.m. Commissioner McCoach declared the meeting adjourned.

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LEONA McCOACH, Chair