

Community Services Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Redding City Hall
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, California
July 11, 2007, 4:01 p.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

Also present were Community Services Director Niemer, Community Projects Manager Hanson, Community Projects Manager Glover, Convention Center Manager Green, Recreation Supervisor Light and Executive Assistant Szynal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes from the regular meeting on [May 9, 2007](#), the monthly [Recreation Division Activity Report](#) and the [Convention Center Calendar](#) were presented.

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

AYES: Commissioners McCoach, Parker and Peckenpaugh

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Bandell and Waybright

Commissioner Waybright arrived at 4:04

Commissioner Bandell arrived at 4:05

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TRAILS UPDATE

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is a long standing partner with the City on the development of recreation trails and is currently working as a partner on the River-to-Rail Trial. BLM Recreation Planner Bill Kuntz and Field Manager Steve Anderson were invited to provide an overview of their local projects.

They provided an outline of BLM's long-term plans for the north state. Over the past few years. Community Projects Manager Hanson and Bill Kuntz have been working on the Sacramento River Trail and its connection to the Sacramento Rail Trail. From the Sundial Bridge pedestrians will be able to hike to Shasta Dam and return on the other side for a 30+ mile loop.

The brand new Hornbeck Trail was completed this Spring. On the eastside of the Sacramento River, near Quartz Hill Road, this was an all-volunteer effort by the Redding Foundation and The McConnell Foundation.

BLM has been working with congressional staff to give the Sacramento Bend Area a National Recreation Area designation. The dream is to have a connection along the Sacramento River in Redding all the way down to that area in Red Bluff.

No action was required on this informational item.

REDDING AQUATIC CENTER PRESENTATION

Director Niemer noted that with this being the fifth year of operation for the Redding Aquatic Center (RAC), it was time to step up efforts to market the facility and its programs. Staff has been working with Cornucopia Enterprises to create a brand for the RAC and improve the marketing campaign.

Recreation Supervisor Janan Light provided an overview of the RAC's operations this season. Swim Lessons have added a 9:00 a.m. private lesson option and an additional evening Guppies lesson, both of which has been very successful.

The Riverfront Grille utilized a food distributor this year, Sysco Food Services, which provided an opportunity to expand the menu and free up staff time previously spent shopping. In addition to providing walk-up service to pool visitors and strollers on the Sacramento River Trail, the Grille also supports the RAC's party rental area. Party rentals this year are up to 9 per day on the week-ends.

Special Events for the season included Grandparent Tutu Tuesdays, Wacky Wednesdays and a variety of week-end programs i.e., Dive In Movies, Grasshopper Olympics, etc.

No action was required on this informational item.

COMMUNITY CREEK CLEAN-UP

Community Projects Manager Glover related that the first creek clean up effort in 2006, Churn Creek, was a very successful community effort and the creek looks pretty good today. Since then barriers have been placed at access points where dumping occurred. Due to the success of the Churn Creek Clean-Up, this year many of the same residents came together to address watershed issues on other creeks within the City. It is hoped that the creek cleanup may become an annual event. In that spirit, they formed the *Community Creek Clean-Up Action Group of Shasta County*.

This year's event, which corresponds with California's Coastal Cleanup Day, will take place on Saturday, September 15, and focus on Redding's westside tributaries.

Randy Smith, a Planning Commissioner and member of the Redding Rotary Stream Team, is a co-chair of the event, along with Community Projects Manager Glover. Other groups involved include:

- Friends of Canyon Creek
- Parkview Neighborhood Association
- Neighbors of Jenny Creek
- Bureau of Land Management
- Shasta Services Guild
- Shasta Fly Fishers
- Shasta County
- the McConnell Foundation
- City of Redding Solid Waste Utility
- Redding Police Department clean up program

The Community Services Department is helping to facilitate this project by handling the administrative logistics of registration and the complimentary BBQ lunch which will be offered to all participating volunteers. The Department has worked with the IT Department to develop a web page for the Clean-up effort, including online pre-registration.

No action was required on this informational item.

SUBDIVISION UPDATES

Community Projects Manager Glover provided the following updates:

Westridge

At its regular meeting on June 19, 2007, City Council certified the Environmental Impact Report and approved the Westridge II and III subdivisions, general plan amendments, rezoning and one annexation area. The project includes a 13-acre park site and numerous trail extensions. A Park Fee Credit Agreement for the park site and its development was included in the package.

Samaire Glen

Samaira Glen was presented to the Planning Commission on June 12, 2007 and recommended for approval by the City Council. As you may recall, this will be a Planned Development of 30 small, single-family lots for senior citizens adjacent to the Anderson Cottonwood Irrigation District Canal in the Parkview Neighborhood. Access to the canal was not included as a condition.

Branstetter Mills

Sierra Pacific Industries is proposing this mixed unit planned development on a former mill site adjacent to Olney Creek. The project site is bounded by low density residential to the west and mixed use, primarily commercial, to the east. The *Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan* proposes a school park site at Sycamore Elementary School to the south, but no park site in the immediate vicinity of this location. Construction and maintenance costs do not justify the placement of a public park within the project; however staff recommended the establishment of a private neighborhood park. Staff requested an open space and trail easement for the planned Olney Creek Trail.

Bel Air Park

Design work will begin shortly on Bel Air Park. Staff has reviewed the contract between the developer and the architect and returned it with revisions to meet City design contract standards.

No action was required on these informational items.

PROJECTS UPDATES

Community Projects Manager Glover provided updates on the following projects:

Vista Ridge

The park is now complete and we are in the midst of planning an open house celebration on July 25, 2007.

Benton Dog Park

The small dog area has been completed. The users self-police the area to determine what is a small dog. The Benton Dog Park Association held a "Dogs for Dogs" fundraising event a couple of weeks ago and they used the small dog area for the flyball demonstrations.

Boy Scout Projects

Three Eagle Scout Candidates are interested in the following projects:

- Benton Dog Park - construct a couple of benches and plant a few trees.
- The Sculpture Park at City Hall – identify and label specific plants in the garden with their botanical names and add mile markers for walkers.
- Sacramento River Trail – replacing benches which were put in by the Rotary Club in the 1980's – the wood on the seats and back have deteriorated. Also interested in redoing the historical markers along the trail.

Adopt-A-Park/Trail

Staff has been actively spreading the word about this year-old program, by putting up signs in parks and trails. Materials were provided for the energy fair and staff spent time at the recent watershed festival talking to participants.

Community Services Director Niemer provided updates on the following projects:

Lake Boulevard Community Center

The City purchased a 10-acre parcel on Lake Boulevard with the intent of building a community center in the future. Last year, the City contracted with an outside firm to survey the area resident survey by outside firm. The Commissioners will receive notification of the meeting where the Consultant will present the findings.

Rivercrest Park

This project is currently out to bid. The bids will be opened at the end of July.

Soccer Park

The Shasta Regional Soccer Association is currently recruiting for a general manager.

No action was required on these informational items.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Niemer related that:

- The Community Services Department's web page is going through some revisions and is expected to receive a complete update by the end of this calendar year.
- Northridge Gardens Park playground equipment has been installed.

Director Kersten provided an update on the repairs to Fantasy Fountain. The material selected is a proprietary product. There has been some difficulty obtaining bid responses from certified contractors. Recently, a qualified contractor submitted a responsive bid and as soon as all the documentation is received the work will begin. Once the work begins, it takes 11 days, after which the fountain can be re-opened to the public.

It was noted the Commission takes a summer recess during August and the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2007.

No action was required on these informational items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at the hour of 5:55 p.m. Commissioner McCoach declared the meeting adjourned.

LEONA McCOACH, Chair