

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Tulare Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 a.m. by Chairperson Craig Hancock, at the Community Center.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Craig Hancock Mike Jamaica
 Nick Sherwood Eric Farrenkopf
 Dennis Beck Armando daSilva
 Lori Fishbough

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Hunt Brian Beck
 J. Dean Johns Kathy Melendez

STUDENTS PRESENT: Alexandra Ramirez

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was led by Commissioner Fishbough.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) **Discussion regarding Development Needs Assessment Meeting on March 16 and Council Budget Session on March 17, 2017**

Director Hunt apprised Commission of upcoming meetings as noted above. The Development Needs Assessment meeting will allow the community input in brainstorming to help plan for future business development and economic growth to attract new businesses to increase sales tax base. The budget session meeting will be the first comprehensive look by Council. Hunt reported the budget for Parks and Recreation is status quo with the exception of a 1% increase due to the mandatory minimum wage increase.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was motioned by Commissioner Sherwood and seconded by Commissioner Fishbough that the item on the consent calendar be approved (7-0) noting one correction on Page 2, (3).

- (1) **Approve Commission minutes of February 14, 2017, regular meeting**

VI. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATIONS

None.

VII. ITEMS OF STUDENT'S INTERESTS

Student Alexandra Ramirez gave a brief overview of ASB activities and fundraisers being held on campus including Wish Week and March Madness.

VIII. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (1) **Request from Living Waters Worship Church to continue weekly use of the Senior Center's Cascade Room for religious services for an additional six months to a year**

Director Hunt advised Commission that Living Waters Worship Church has reserved our facility for some time without incident. Their rentals have not conflicted with any rentals. LWWC is requesting use of the facility for an additional year.

Motion was made by Chairman Hancock and seconded by Commissioner Sherwood to approve the request from Living Waters Worship Church for an additional year. Approved as presented (7-0).

- (2) **Report on water consumption by Cal Ripkin League (1000 N. H St.) and Tulare Softball Association (300 S. Laspina St.)**

Director Hunt advised that the funding for both leagues was originally in a different funding account but has since moved to Parks budget along with original funding. After review of water usage reports, Commissioner daSilva was concerned about year-round watering. Chairman Hancock stated that the amount City pays should not be open-ended. Commissioner Sherwood feels this could set a precedent by other private groups wanting this same benefit. Report reveals that Cal Ripkin used the same amount of water in previous years, however, TSA's water usage increased.

It was the consensus of the Commission to report back annually on the status for review prior to budget preparation. Director Hunt stated staff will track water usage by facility.

- (3) **Recreation Division attendance report for the month of February**

Recreation Manager Brian Beck reported on the following: there were 10 men's volleyball teams registered and program ends this week; afterschool basketball

ended with a tournament and advised that marketing for afterschool programs will change for next year; BEST Club enrollment has remained the same over last year; Beck also shared that the spring softball season begins in March and will include 32 men's and coed teams and 42 tournaments for 2017; staff will be inviting Teen Heroes and Teens on Board students to a City Council meeting to recognize their volunteer efforts; the youth track program was successful and will end with a track meet on April 20 at Tulare Western; Beck reviewed cost recovery of recreation programs and dancers program is recovering 100% of expenses, Little Dunkers is recovering 80%, Super Sitter is at 67% and CPR for Kids is recovering 86%. Commission was pleased with cost recovery of recreation programs; Commission was informed that the Max Choboian Road Race will be held on March 26 and recreation staff is ready for spring and summer programming.

(4) Staff report on Park maintenance operations for the month of February 2017 and review of cost recovery reports

Parks Manager Johns reported on the following: parks staff has been repairing and maintaining throughout the parks system including major restroom repairs at the Skatepark, tree trimming projects at Tower Square, Zumwalt Park and the downtown area; staff attended a playground safety course; a few employees were recognized for their years of service; SWAP hours for February were 752.

(5) Discussion of Arbor Day 2017 – March 17 at Cypress Park, 10am

Parks Manager Johns invited commissioners to the upcoming Arbor Day celebration that will be held at Cypress Park. Cypress School students and members of the Valley Oak Garden Club will assist in tree planting.

IX. ITEMS OF COMMISSION INTEREST

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 a.m.