

**CITY OF MERCED
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTER
678 West 18th Street
Merced, California**

MINUTES

Meeting of July 26, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Merced Recreation and Parks Commission meeting was called to order on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Merced Civic Center.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Chairman Tony Dossetti led the Recreation and Parks Commission and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL: Recreation and Parks Commission

Present: Tony Dossetti, Carl Pollard, Marlene Murphy, Bob Kane, Pete Padilla, and Eric Nelson

Excused: Virginia Morford

M/S/C-Pollard/Murphy motioned to excuse Commissioner Morford from the July 26, 2010 meeting

Staff: Norene Borba, Eugene Drummond, Lindsey Johnson-West, and Michelle Reid.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-June 28, 2010

M/S/C- Padilla/Pollard motioned to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2010 meeting as submitted.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Claudia Corchado, Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program (CCROP), presented the objectives of the CCROP program. The program is funded by the California Endowment and is designed to promote community participation and implementation of joint use policies that increase physical activity for children and adults. The community wants to see safe places for children to play and to go after school. The program would like to employ a youth group that would address the commission regarding challenges they face in their community.

- B. Lindsey Johnson-West presented the produce manager from the local Food 4 Less store an appreciation award for generous donation to the Applegate Zoo. The store donates its old produce to the zoo on a daily basis.

(Note: The recipient of the award was not present at the beginning of the meeting. Claudia Corchado was allowed to give her presentation first.)

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Parks and Community Services Event Calendar – August 2010

 - B. Norene Borba –June Written Report

 - C. Jake Meneley- June Written Report

 - D. Eugene Drummond-June Written Report

 - E. Revenue Cost Recovery Report

 - F. Eugene Drummond-Stephen Leonard Programming Memo
- M/S/C – Pollard/Murphy motioned to accept the written communications as submitted.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS

A. Paula Mason, Resident Services Coordinator of the Merced County Housing Authority, asked the commission to consider allowing a commodities distribution at Stephen Leonard Park on the first Monday of the month. The distribution serves the elderly, disabled, and children less than 5 years of age. As many as 119 people are served each month. The Commodities Supplement Food Program is federally funded. The distributor will bring their own trash receptacles to account for the 40 pound boxes of food that are distributed.

M/S/C-Padilla/Pollard motioned to refer the issue back to staff to work out details and present to City Council for approval.

IX. DEPARTMENT UPDATES-Norene Borba

- The Steven Stayner committee will meet with staff regarding the unveiling on August 28, 2010.
- Flanagan Park is going to bid next week.
- There was a site visit in June for the South Merced Community Sports Park (CP-42) by the California Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS).
- The Applegate Park Expansion is waiting for the trees, shrubs and hydro seeding to be completed. The site dedication will probably be held in October.
- The Bernasconi Restroom should be installed by early September.
- There was a site visit from the California Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) to the proposed McNamara Park Renovation Project.
- The Merced Seniors Citizens, Inc group has offered to render in kind services (light maintenance, table and chair set up) to help reduce maintenance costs. They have also offered to hall for rentals on Tuesdays and some Thursdays.
- The Kiddie Corral is a new feature at Applegate Zoo. Children can interact with baby rabbits, guinea pigs, ducklings, chicks, kittens, puppies and a turtle. Admission is \$1.00 per child. The exhibit is supervised by volunteers.

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Commissioner Murphy informed the commission that Zoo Camp had 2 sessions- June 28 to July 2 and July 19 to July 23. The last session starts the first week of August.
- Commissioner Kane informed the commission that he would not be at the August meeting.
- Commissioner Pollard reiterated his belief that Parks and Community Services Department should be viewed as a part of public safety.
- Eugene Drummond, Recreation Supervisor, invited the commissioners to visit the new Kinder Camp program at Stephen Leonard Hall. The program has been a great success.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Recreation and Parks Commission meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m. and will meet again on September 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairman, Recreation and Parks Commission