

**Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes September 17, 2013**

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

The Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at the City Council Chambers, Visalia, California. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Calhoun at 5:31 pm.

Present: Carla Calhoun, Ben Filiponi, and Lesa Mann

Absent: Robert Doi and Shann Blue

Speakers: Michael Kreps, Bill Huott, Scott Woodhouse

Staff: Vincent Elizondo, Jeannie Greenwood, Jim Bean, Jason Glick, Kim Loeb, Laurissa Gallardo, and Brenda Miernik

- 2. Review and Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 20, 2013.** Commissioner Calhoun called for a motion to approve the August 20, 2013, minutes. Commissioner Mann moved to approve the minutes as presented and Commissioner Filiponi seconded the motion.

MOTION

Motion passed 3-0

- 3. Public Comment:** *Mr. Bill Huott commended the City for supporting the Oval Renovation Project.*

- 4. Evaluation of the Concert Held at Plaza Park Raceway on September 17, 2013.** Ms. Greenwood stated that on July 19, 2013, Mr. Woodhouse, owner of the Plaza Park Raceway, LLC, solicited approval from the Parks and Recreation Commission to promote an outdoor concert at Plaza Park Raceway. She said after receiving a brief staff report and hearing from Mr. Woodhouse and Mr. Hwang, the Commission approved the use of the facility for the concert with the condition that the event be restricted to adults 18 and over, due to the sale of alcohol. Commission requested Mr. Woodhouse to return after the event and provide an evaluation discussing both the successes and challenges associated with the event. Ms. Greenwood stated this is an informational item only.

Mr. Woodhouse reported that the concert, overall, was successful. He said the location of the stages was altered somewhat, moving one of them about 40 feet, and it impeded pedestrian traffic somewhat. He said that security was disorganized, and next time he will use a company known to him that would do an excellent job. He said he controlled the alcohol area himself; everyone was banded, and their identifications were checked. He reported that one attendee became intoxicated and an ambulance was called. He said there were many vendors and there was a carnival atmosphere. He noted the rides provided great lighting for the dance area.

Mr. Woodhouse said that at 11:45 pm, the music began tapering down. He said the last call for alcohol was at 11:20, and at midnight all the arena lights came on, and everyone exited safely.

Mr. Woodhouse said parking was successful, but he recommended additional, temporary lights in the future. He said the restrooms presented a challenge and he suggested attendants and utilizing porta-potties. He said there was one sound complaint and it was right at the curfew hour.

Mr. Woodhouse said the Raceway ticket booth was utilized at check-in. Tables were set up to check bags, perform simple searches, and purchase tickets. He said this was very organized and expedient.

Ms. Greenwood asked how many attendees there were and he responded approximately 1,000.

Mr. Elizondo stated that one of the goals at the Rawhide stadium is to diversify events in order to make it a gathering place for the community year-round. He said the Raceway could be utilized the same way, and could be used for multiple purposes. He complimented Mr. Woodhouse for his efforts to venture out and reach younger crowds.

Mr. Woodhouse said he would like to present a more conventional concert because the sound is great in the grandstands, and they were not utilized for this event. He said he would like to hold an annual concert, not franchised through a promoter, and he would like to have more personal input on all aspects.

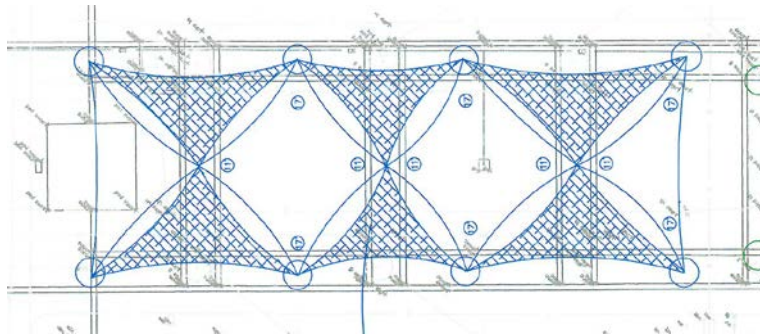
Commissioner Mann asked what percentage of the audience was 21 and older. Mr. Woodhouse replied "less than half." He said there were many younger participants and they were polite and left right on time. He said he was pleased.

Note: Mr. Woodhouse announced there would be no soccer exhibition at the Raceway. He said he directed the promoters to other local venues with the appropriate amenities.

- 5. Proposal to Expand the Shade Structure at Garden Street Plaza.** Mr. Elizondo stated the Commission is aware that the Visalia Parks & Recreation Foundation recently completed a shade project that installed poles and sails at the Garden Street Plaza in the downtown area. The project cost was \$50,000 plus and funds were privately funded. This

project has taken years to complete and was done in cooperation with a number of civic organizations, downtown groups, sponsors, and the City of Visalia.

Mr. Elizondo stated that since that time, local architect Michael Kreps, has led the effort to add additional sails. The idea is to purchase and install six small sails at a cost of \$6,700 to the existing structure. The concept is to place the sails in the areas currently open – but preserved for future growth by the existing trees in the plaza. The new sails appear dark blue in the drawing below.



Mr. Elizondo explained that eventually, as the existing trees grow and mature, the six shades may have to be removed. City staff projects that could be 5-7 years from now based on the growth of the trees. He said that Mr. Kreps is raising the funds necessary to make this improvement and is seeking the approval of the same downtown organizations that approved the existing shade sails. Mr. Kreps plans on asking the City to waive the permit and inspection fees associated with the project. He has also advised the Visalia Parks & Recreation Foundation of his plans, and the Foundation has no objections.

Mr. Elizondo stated the staff recommendation is that the Commission accept the staff report, accept public testimony, and support the project proposal to add additional sails to the shade structure in Garden Street Plaza.

Mr. Kreps stated he is the Co-Chair of the Taste the Arts Festival, presented by the Arts Consortium of Visalia. He said the event will be held October 17 -19, 2013. He said the event will require tables and chairs and the members will be in the Plaza all day. He said the members do not want to rent additional shade elements for the plaza, and after looking at the existing shade structure, he felt extra shading could be added. He said he has approached the Property Owners Association, the Arts Consortium, and Downtown Visalia's, and all have approved the additional sails and promised funding.

Commissioner Calhoun asked if the trees health has been considered. Mr. Kreps said he spoke to both Jim Bean and Brian Kempf. He said the new sails will scallop around the trees, the leaves and branches will be above the shade structures, and there will be no impact to them. He said when the trees mature the sails will be removed.

Commissioner Calhoun asked if colors had been chosen for the sails, and Mr. Kreps replied no, but they would be in line with what was already there.

Mr. Kreps gave the Commissioners a Taste the Arts magazine.

Commissioner Calhoun called for any public comment, and hearing none, called for a motion. Commissioner Filiponi moved to accept the staff recommendation as presented, and Commissioner Mann seconded the motion.

MOTION

Motion passed 3-0

6. **Proposal to Apply for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Grant to Fund the Cleanup of the 522 Riverway site (parkland located at Dinuba Blvd. and Riverway Drive).** Mr. Loeb, Natural Resource Conservation Manager, stated this is an information only item. He said the site is located at 522 Riverway Drive, northwest corner of Riverway and Dinuba, near the Riverway Sports Park. He said the City acquired the property in 2011 because it is a link in the St. John's Riverway Trail system. He said the property has a house on it and from the 1950's to the 1990's was the site of an auto wrecking business. As part of the business auto parts were used as fill to increase the elevation of the property, and unfortunately this caused soil contamination of lead and petroleum.



Mr. Loeb said the City used an EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant to provide a geotechnical survey, ground excavations, and boring and soil sampling. He noted the red areas on the map indicate the greatest concentrations of metal on the property. He said the contamination did not appear below where the car parts are buried.

Mr. Loeb said to get the site ready for trail use it is necessary to plan a site cleanup. He said this includes digging out the auto parts, segregate contaminated soil from uncontaminated soil, transport contaminated soil to a hazardous waste facility, and to backfill using uncontaminated and imported soil.

Mr. Loeb said site restoration, using an Urban Greening Grant, would include the following.

- Transforming the wrecking yard into a riparian forest,
- Link the Riverway Sports Park to St. John’s River Parkway Trail,
- Expanding public green space, and
- Restoring the disturbed land to habitat for native plants and wildlife.

Mr. Elizondo pointed out the parcel below the highlighted red area and said it is not owned by the City because the owners felt the property was worth more money than was offered. In future years the City will purchase the property and he asked Mr. Loeb what the chances are that this property will also be contaminated.

Mr. Loeb replied that the City does not believe this property is contaminated because it is away from the area where the auto dismantling took place.

Mr. Elizondo said the St. John’s River is a natural waterway and years ago most of the property along the river way was farmed; and as a way of flood control, they built up the banks to prevent flooding, using anything they could. Therefore, the levies cannot be certified by FEMA as safe.

Mr. Loeb said for purposes of clarification, the levy is not the area you see on the map that is built up. The actual levy is adjacent to it.

Commissioner Calhoun asked if the City is going to keep the elevation of the property as it is. Mr. Loeb said it would be back filled with clean soil and left as it is. He said there is no danger to a trail built on top of it.

Mr. Loeb said the next steps would include community outreach, applying for the Urban Greening Grant, and the EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant. He said letters of support would be welcome.

7. Annual Sports and Aquatics Reports. Mr. Glick, Recreation Supervisor, stated his program responsibilities include youth and adult sports, aquatics, facility and contract management. He said the Recreation Coordinator is Ramsey Ochoa, the Recreation Supervisor is Laurissa Gallardo, and the Recreation Assistant is Monica Diaz.

Mr. Glick stated that youth sports include the following.

- ❖ NFL Flag football – this league is sanctioned by the National Football League. In 2012 there were 357 participants; in 2013 there were 434, and three divisions. The participants wore replica NFL uniforms and games were played at Whitendale Park. Ages were 3-12 years.
- ❖ Volleyball – there were two seasons, fall and spring. 2012 had 449 participants and 2013 had 521, and four divisions. The ages were 7 to 12 years and games were played at Anthony Community Center and Manuel Hernandez Community Center.
- ❖ Basketball – there were 503 participants in 2012 and 558 in 2013, and eight divisions. Ages included 3 to 14 and the games were played at the Anthony Community Center, the El Diamante High School, Mount Whitney High School, and College of the Sequoia Gyms.
- ❖ Baseball – there were 444 participants in 2012 and 370 in 2013, games were played at Riverway Sports Park, and the ages included 3 to 8.

- ❖ Tennis – the lessons are sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association and are played at Plaza Park. They are played on courts using USTA blended lines. In 2012 there were 200 lessons taught and in 2013 there were 241 lessons taught, and the ages include 5 years to adult.
- ❖ Volleyball Camps – there were two seasons, fall and spring. In 2012 there were 449 participants and in 2013 there were 521, and four divisions. The games were played at Anthony Community Center and Manuel Hernandez Community Center. The ages were 7 to 14-years.
- ❖ Skate Park – programming at the park included Saturday free skates and competition. There are security cameras at the park, which have dramatically reduced graffiti.

Mr. Glick said the adult sports include the following.

- ❖ ASA softball – spring (90 teams), summer (118 teams), and fall (87 teams) sessions. Men’s, women’s, and co-ed teams. In 2012 there were 303 registered and in 2013 there were 295 registered.
- ❖ Plaza Park rentals – there were 42 scheduled tournaments and 34 soccer rentals by Visalia Youth Soccer, SJVSL, and Visalia Soccer League.
- ❖ Adult basketball – the games were played at the Anthony Community Center Gym, with two divisions. In 2012 and 2013 there were 64 teams, two divisions. Fall and spring leagues were held.
- ❖ Coed volleyball - the games were played at the Anthony Community Center Gym, with two divisions. In 2012 there were 82 teams and 2013 there were 96 teams, two divisions. Fall and spring leagues were held.
- ❖ Coed & women’s soccer – the games were played at Riverway Sports Park with 3 divisions. Fall, spring, and summer leagues were held. In 2012 there were 90 teams and in 2013 there were 91 teams.

Mr. Glick stated that City facilities go through a lot of wear and tear over the years. Typically Riverway Sports Park is shut down for maintenance during the month of August, at which time aerification, reseeding, and fertilizing tasks are performed. Many of the parks throughout Visalia are maintained in the same way to prepare for upcoming sports play.

Mr. Glick said his contract management responsibilities are shared with Laurissa Gallardo, Recreation Supervisor. The contracts are Baseball, Softball, and Soccer. The organizations include Visalia Youth Baseball, Visalia Little League, Visalia Girls Softball Association, San Joaquin Valley Soccer League, Visalia Youth Soccer, Odyssey South, AYSO, and Visalia Galaxy.

Mr. Glick reported a great year for Riverway Sports Park with \$89,000 in rental fees. There were no rain outs and the year was very successful with fall soccer and summer baseball scheduling. In July the Western Regional took place and the ten and under Cal Ripken team won. They went on to Florida and won the World Series. The significance is that the Visalia team played against the best of all the ten-and-under teams and won.

Mr. Glick stated one of the goals for the coming year include programming the Riverway Sports Park Phase III (center area) and Phase VI (former BMX area). There will be many rental opportunities for both areas including Cal Ripken and AYSO.

Commissioner Mann asked if adult volleyball users are men, women, or co-ed. Mr. Glick replied the adult and youth volleyball is co-ed. Commissioner Mann asked why participation was down in youth baseball. Mr. Glick replied he thought it was because of the popularity of Cal Ripken, and they are now offering lower age-group divisions. He said since Cal Ripken won the World Series it’s very popular, and he noted that Parks & Recreation programs are always considered a grass-roots sports connection for the City and the prices are always less expensive than other programs.

Commissioner Mann requested a progress report on the field damage at Riverway Sports Park. Mr. Glick stated that parks staff repaired the area and there is no lasting damage.

Commissioner Calhoun asked if pickle ball will ever be offered as an organized sport by the department. Mr. Glick stated that pickle ball will be played in the Corporate Games this year and a tournament is scheduled at Plaza Park, Saturday, October 26. Ms. Greenwood stated leagues have been offered but they have not been successful.

Aquatics Report. Mr. Glick stated the aquatics staff is comprised of Laurissa Gallardo, Recreation Supervisor, Ramsey Ochoa, Recreation Coordinator (swim teams), Ben Marquez, hourly Recreation Assistant (Lifeguards, Certification Classes), 21 Swim Coaches, and 33 Lifeguards.

Mr. Glick stated the aquatics season runs from June 10 to August 4, 2013. The programs are held at pools located at Redwood, Golden West, Mount Whitney, and El Diamante High Schools. He said there are three swim teams.

- Buccaneers – 2012 had 164 swimmers and 2013 had 193 swimmers.
- Sea Hawks – 2012 had 136 swimmers and 2013 had 135 swimmers.
- Waves – 2012 had 193 swimmers and 2013 had 125 swimmers.

Assisting the teams are volunteer boards and the Central Valley Swim League. He said that due to declining participation the department decided to lengthen the season by two weeks. He said the swim boards and participants

really liked the change. He said Swim Readiness was offered twice, once prior to the swim season for six weeks at Mount Whitney High School.

Mr. Glick said the aquatics program includes the following.

- Swim Lessons – Morning and evening classes were held at El Diamante High School, two-week group lessons at 30 minutes each, 5 children per group. Private classes were held morning and evening, one- week lessons for 30 minutes, 1 on 1 teaching. In 2012 there were 742 classes, and in 2013 there were 769 lessons. Mr. Glick said that group lessons were not filling up as expected so a decision was made to turn the registrations into private classes. At that point the classes were sold out. Mr. Glick said this has been a growing trend over the last few years.
- Public Swim – Cost - \$1.25 (12 and under), and \$1.50 (13 and older). 2012 average daily attendance was 56 and in 2013 the average daily attendance was 35. Mr. Glick said that next year the department is going to seek sponsorships for Saturdays to help increase the participation numbers. It is possible the pool will be closed on Sundays due to low participation.
- Aquatic Certification Classes – Junior Lifeguard classes in 2012 – 23, in 2013 – 14. Mr. Glick said that the Jr. Lifeguards serve as assistants and they are helpful during group swim lessons. Certification Classes in 2012 – 62, in 2013 – 37. The Red Cross has increased the prices for their certifications and the department increased the prices in order to recover our costs.
- Pool Rentals – pool rentals consist of private parties on weekends. Revenue in 2012 was \$3,000, in 2013 was \$500. The YMCA did not rent the pool this year and we are seeking other rental potentials.
- Diving Classes – in 2012 there were 19 participants and in 2013 there were 26 participants. Classes were held at Golden West Pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Youth Water Polo – in 2012 there were 47 participants, and in 2013 there were 31 participants. Classes were held at Golden West Pool on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- Aquatics Adventure Camp – in 2012 there were 30 participants and in 2013 there were 12 participants. Camp was held at Redwood Pool July 22-26.

Mr. Glick said, overall the participants and revenues increased this year. Revenue recovery is at 60%. He introduced Larissa Gallardo for the 2014 plans.

Ms. Gallardo stated the aquatics program is exciting, and plans are to include sponsorships to offset public swim costs, continuing to promote aquatic awareness at elementary schools, possibly adding a fourth swim team, and continuing to work with the American Red Cross.

Commissioner Calhoun said she was glad that the swim teams were connected to the High School swim teams. She asked Mr. Glick if the same system worked with water polo. Mr. Glick said no, but it was with Visalia Youth Football. He also noted there are two other swim teams in Visalia – VAST (Visalia Area Swim Team/TNT) and Visalia Swim Team, who swims exclusively at COS.

Mr. Elizondo asked if the aforementioned teams swam year-round. Mr. Glick replied they do, noting that the department's swim time is seasonal (5-6 months).

Commissioner Mann asked Mr. Glick why the Waves swim team had a significant drop in participants. He replied they had a transition in Head Coach and their board. Commissioner Mann asked if the new coach was a good fit for the team. Mr. Glick replied the coaches reapply every year and they are evaluated annually. He said tryouts are scheduled for the swim teams, and then there is open registration where they can register for the teams they want to join. The registration process is that if an age bracket fills up the remaining registrants go to the next team. He said this program could be evaluated in the future.

Ms. Greenwood said she and Ms. Gallardo have been discussing the possibility of having four swim teams and aligning them with the High School swim programs. She said this would draw geographical boundaries within the district for the children. She said now children can pick which team they want to be on, some teams are more competitive and some more recreational. She said parent groups also have their own dynamics. She said the department would like to see all the teams be more equal and have the same goals.

Mr. Elizondo stated recreational swim teams will be a topic of discussion in the future. He said Ms. Greenwood is sharing a vision that the current teams do not share. He said Mr. Glick discussed the overview of revenues and expenses but swim teams are 100% self-supported. He said the Central Valley Swim League encompasses 14 teams and the three teams in Visalia are the only ones that are City sponsored. He said it is questionable if the City will maintain these swim teams. The swim teams travel out of town and this represents a large liability for the City.

Commissioner Calhoun said it is great for kids to come into City teams for the learning experience rather than a competitive one. She said the teaching effort the City delivers does have benefit for children in the community.

Commissioner Mann asked what the fees are for the Life Guard Certification classes through the Red Cross. Ms. Gallardo stated they charge \$300, and Mr. Glick stated the City fee is \$150, which is more than previous classes. Commissioner Mann asked if there was a scholarship for this class. Ms. Gallardo replied no, because this is job preparatory training.

8. Make a Difference Day to be Held on Saturday, October 26, 2013. Mr. Bean reviewed the projects scheduled for the event.

- ✓ **St. John's River** – plant 600 trees and 75 shrubs. Brian Kempf will be the Work Coordinator.
- ✓ **Sunset Park** – spread chip and Jeff Fultz will be the Work Coordinator.
- ✓ **Riverway Sports Park** – replace blue fescue (grass) and Jeff Fultz will be the Work Coordinator.
- ✓ **Plaza Park** – plant trees, add 6-10 redwood trees between fields 3 and park, Jeff Fultz will be the Work Coordinator.
- ✓ **Community Campus at NW Third and Court** – paint arbors and benches, Ray Palomino will be the Work Coordinator.
- ✓ **Garden and Harold, Twin Homes HOA** – paint block wall and Ray Palomino will be the Work Coordinator.
- ✓ **St John's River (Cain and Lover's Lane)** – spread chip and Jeff Fultz will be the Work Coordinator.
- ✓ **Rotary Park** – plant front planter and spread chip, Jeff Fultz will be the Work Coordinator.

Mr. Bean said if anyone had questions the day of the event to please call himself at 799-1027 or Jeff at 805-0053.

Commissioner Mann asked if the City contacted High Schools to get volunteers and Mr. Bean said he had a list of schools and clubs that his office contacts.

9. Update on City Council Reports & City Staff Announcements.

- **Upcoming Recreation Programs & Special Events.** Ms. Greenwood reported the following.
 - The 10th Annual Teen Idol competition was just held on September 6, and the winner was Ms. Savannah Walters.
 - Ms. Greenwood announced the Senior Center Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 5th, 4 to 7 pm. By changing the time we are hoping to attract some non-facility users.
 - Corporate Games will begin on September 27 through October 11.
 - Saturday, October 19 the Derek Shaw memorial skate competition will take place. This will tie in with the Healthy Visalia Festival at Recreation Park.
 - The Parks & Recreation Foundation applied for an Arts Consortium grant for Concerts in the Park. In partnership with them, we will present a concert on October 5, at Perry Family Park. The featured entertainer, Oklin Bloodworth, will provide children's music. Ms. Greenwood said he provides music at the Chaffee Zoo and schools.
 - The second concert will take place on October 19, at 4 pm. It will be held at Stonebrook Park and will feature the band, Borrowed Time. The neighborhood will be invited to attend.
 - The third concert will take place at the Riverway Sports Park Phase IV grand opening in early November. The band is unknown at this time.
 - The Spooky Sprint will take place on October 26, at Cutler Park, running the St John's Trail. It will be safer and is more popular.
 - The fall/winter brochure is in the mail.
 - Volley ball and Flag Football has begun.
- **Upcoming Parks & Urban Forestry Projects, Programs & Special Events.** Mr. Bean, Parks & Urban Forestry Manager, reported the following.
 - The Shopping Cart Ordinance goes into effect tomorrow.
 - The department has received 13 promising applications for the City Arborist position. Interviews will be held next week to determine the top five. A few weeks later they will be interviewed, and with two-week notices, it will be around December 1 before the candidate will start; and they will be presented at a future meeting to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Mann volunteered to sit on the top five interview board.
 - The Oval Park restroom is being removed tomorrow.
 - Riverway Sports Park Phase III and Phase IV fields are hydro-seeded now and it is now growing. The playground equipment will be installed around the second week of October.
- **Director's Report on Administrative Items.** Mr. Elizondo said he was not at the last meeting but the Oval Park renovations that were discussed will be presented at the October 7 City Council work session meeting. He stated he has asked Chairperson Calhoun to join him for that meeting, as well as a member of the North Visalia Advisory Committee and Commander Phillips. He said they will present the five recommendations with the goal of Council approval, and funding sources.

Mr. Elizondo said the temporary parking lot issue at Riverway Sports Park will return to the agenda in November. The area residents will be invited to speak to the Commission and you will be asked to make a decision. He said the Pillars of Fame will also return to the Agenda in November. He said the difficulty there lies not in the names

chosen for the Pillars, but the names not chosen. He said it is difficult when the people are in the audience and having to explain why they were not chosen.

Mr. Elizondo stated the department is still working on Commission alternates. As soon as we receive three candidates they will be presented to you and a date for interviews.

Mr. Elizondo said the grand openings for Riverway Sports Park Phases III and IV is coming soon. The grass is growing but it takes 6 weeks for the grass to be played on. He said Saturday, November 2 or 9, has been tentatively chosen for the opening.

10. Commissioner's Requests & Comments:

- **North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee.** Ms. Greenwood noted the Rescue Mission has a new employee at the Service Center, Mr. Ryan Stillwater, and he is learning about the services and programs offered by the Mission. Mr. Elizondo said Mr. Stillwater is replacing Nick Anthony as the representative for the Rescue Mission.
- **Parks & Recreation Foundation.** Ms. Greenwood stated Michael Kreps gave a presentation on the shade structure at Garden Street Plaza, and the Fire Department reported on the 4th of July Celebration. They presented some options on locations but the Foundation decided to stay at Mineral King Bowl and stick with smaller size fireworks.
- **Pillars of Fame Sub-Committee:** Mr. Bean said there will be a meeting the first week of October to review 7 or 8 potential inductees. The recommendation will be made to the Parks and Recreation Commission on October 15 and the grand opening of the park is not scheduled until November.
- **Waterways & Trails Committee Report.** Commissioner Filiponi said the meeting was moved due to the holiday and he was unable to attend. He said they were going to discuss the possible bridge to connect Lowe's to the Walmart shopping Center.

Mr. Elizondo said a few weeks ago, a meeting was held, at Kiwanis Park, to discuss the feasibility of a pedestrian bridge connecting the Lowe's and Walmart shopping centers. Brian Kempf and Vaughn Melcher made a presentation of the project, and the surrounding neighbors were invited. As expected, some neighbors dissented.

Mr. Elizondo stated the project was discussed at last evenings Council meeting and about a dozen of the neighbors attended. The citizens were concerned that the bridge would create more crime in the area. The Council approved the bridge 5-0.

- **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Update.** Commissioner Mann said the paint colors have been chosen for the dining room, and Ms. Greenwood stated the painting will be completed tomorrow. Commissioner Mann said an RFP for a new senior meals vendor will go out soon.

Commissioner Mann asked if the Kiwanis clubs were ever asked if they were going to put up a Kiwanis sign in the park. Mr. Elizondo replied no, but they were interested in doing it but it has not been pursued.

11. Adjourn to Regular Meeting, October 15, 2013, at the Council Chambers at 707 W. Acequia Street, 5:30 pm.

Commissioner Filiponi made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Mann seconded the motion.

MOTION

Motion passed 3-0

Brenda Miernik
Senior Administrative Assistant