

**Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting on  
September 19, 2017**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept 19, 2017, at Visalia City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Chair Filiponi at 5:32 p.m.

**Present:** Shann Blue, Peter Thomas, Ben Filiponi, Steve Woods, Rick Eastes, Patrick Lozano and Lisa Walsh

**Staff:** Jeannie Greenwood (6:15 p.m.), Laurissa Roggenkamp, Jeff Fultz, Eric Ferreira, Colleen Moreno, Daryl Tillman and Susie Brown

- 2. Review and Approval Minutes** – The regular meeting minutes of August 15, 2017, were motioned for approval by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Vice-Chair Woods and approved 5-0.
- 3. New Employee Introduction** – Colleen Moreno introduced Daryl Tillman, Recreation Coordinator. Salary paid with Measure N. Monday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> was his first day.
- 4. Annual Report for Aquatics** – Recreation Supervisor, Eric Ferreira, provided a Powerpoint presentation and reported on the annual aquatic programs. He provided a handout with comparisons to last year's financials. He read some comments submitted by parents on evaluations of the swim lesson program. Swim lessons are held at one pool over the summer, this past summer Mt. Whitney High School was used. Questions were raised by commissioners about revenue and Eric and Laurissa explained that lessons are not a revenue generator, and usually breaks even. Scholarships are offered for youth group swim lessons, there are specific criteria to be eligible for a scholarship, and the Parks and Recreation Foundation helps provide funding for the scholarships. He read additional comments from participants, many suggestions were asking that more classes be offered. Lessons do fill up and there are waitlists. There was discussion about the possibility of using COS pool. Commissioner Eastes stated that he will make a contact and inquire. It was reported this was the first year we offered Priority Registration for residents.
- 5. Make-a-Difference Day** – Jeff Fultz, Urban Forestry Supervisor provided an oral report and handed out a flyer for Make a Difference Day which will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. He reported on projects scheduled for each site, and stated that volunteers can register on the website.
- 6. Updates on City Council Reports & City Staff Announcements:**  
*Upcoming Programs and Events* – Recreation Manager, Roggenkamp reported on the following:
- Beauty and the Beast Move in the Park event brought in approx.275 people, and many enjoyed the Belle and Prince performers that were there for photos.
  - Senior Center Fall Open House was successful with approximately 200 people in attendance, and this was the first Fall Open House held during the day.
  - Teen Idol winner is Jason Biando! He will sing at Special Events throughout the year.\.
  - Friday starts the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Corporate Games, we have 20 teams registered and a Calendar of Events was handed out.

- Central CA Pickleball Tournament, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, with 98 registrants currently.
- Rookie Flag Rugby Clinic, October 21<sup>st</sup> new sport to the area, we hope that it gains momentum.
- 2018 CPRS Annual Conference, will be held in March. If any Commissioners are interested in attending, deadline is Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Chair Filiponi provided feedback and reported this conference is beneficial to Commissioners, and it's a good time.

***Upcoming Parks & Urban Forestry Projects, Programs & Special Events*** – Mr. Jeff Fultz reported on the following regular and on-going maintenance in parks:

- Modoc Bike Path will start soon;
- Santa Fe Trail will add asphalt; and
- Senior Center grease line repair resulted in needed landscape touch up.

***Director's Report on Administrative Items:*** Director Greenwood reported on:

- City Council approved the lease agreement for Wittman Center with ProYouth. Council directed staff to bring back to Council a list of facility improvements with associated costs.
- City Council approved a lease agreement with CourseCo for the golf course. This is a significant change in the relationship as the operating agreement is now a lease agreement. January 1, will implement change, and the City will get a portion of the revenue.
- October 4<sup>th</sup> will be a site visit from funding agency for Miki City Park.
- October 5<sup>th</sup> we will have site visits from the grant agency to Santa Fe Trail and Mill Creek Trail; either or one site could be funded.
- TCAG has recommended funding the Greenway Trail utilizing \$1.3mil in ATP funds. The section to be developed with these funds is St Johns Parkway to Walnut Ave.
- New Recreation software will go to City Council Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will be Active Network and will be a 12-week transition.
- September 20<sup>th</sup> is the Grand Opening at VECC at 11:00 a.m.
- FYI - a citizen has been advocating for lighting to be added at the skate park. He's been invited to this meeting, and has met with staff.
- October City Council will hear our recommendations of HRP and CDBG funding. Commissioner Eastes asked about Section 108 funding.

#### ***7. Commissioner's Requests & Comments:***

- **Foundation** – Vice Chair Woods reported they are waiting on trailer proof, the Senior Center mural is in the works, \$10k will hopefully be raised with the Fromage Frolic and there are 10 groups vying for \$500, they are looking for funding for exercise equipment, and for a Miki Park bench.
- **Waterways & Trails** – Chair Filiponi was unable to attend, but there are site visits for Santa Fe and Mill Creek in hopes of obtaining grant funds. A draft trail rule sign was reviewed, and the naming of Jennings Ditch may be kept as part of the Mill Creek Trail.
- **North Visalia Advisory** - Commissioner Thomas (out) didn't attend, and nothing to add.
- **Park Ordinance Review** – Vice Chair Woods reported during last meeting solicitation and distribution of goods were reviewed, but looked at overall permit requirements. There is a

meeting tomorrow and the next step suggested findings to be developed.

- **South Side Community Center** - Commissioner Blue reported on meeting and discussion on public outreach, regarding the need for a pool. He commented on a pool will not generate much revenue, if any. October 11<sup>th</sup> is next meeting- public townhall meeting, at Cottonwood Creek School.

There was a brief discussion on the skateboard park and the dangers of other wheel apparatuses on the skate park. Chair Filiponi commented on shared use at most skate parks is happening, and usually without incident.

8. The next meeting, October 17, 2017.

9. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by,

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