

Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2018

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at City Council Chambers, City Hall, 707 W. Acequia. The meeting was called to order by Chair Filiponi at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Ben Filiponi, Steven Woods, Shann Blue Rick Eastes and Lisa Walsh

Staff: Jeannie Greenwood, Jeff Fultz, Eric Ferreira and Kathleen Machado

- 2. Review and Approval Minutes:** The regular meeting minutes of May 15, 2018, were motioned for approval by Commissioner Eastes, seconded by Commissioner Woods, motion carried 4-0.
- 3. Public Comment:** None
- 4. Review and Discussion of Conceptual Design for the South Side Community Center, *Power Point Presentation by Brent Lesovsky of LDA Partners Designers & Architects*** Parks & Recreation Director, Jeannie Greenwood introduced Mr. Brent Lesovsky of LDA Partners & Designers & Architects (LDA Partners) from Stockton, CA. Mr. Lesovsky presented a Power Point presentation of the conceptual design for the South Side Community Center. Handouts of the presentation were provided. He described the location as being on Visalia Parkway. LDA Partners held meetings with the community to get feedback for what they want to see and what is appropriate, as well as dislikes. Commissioner Eastes asked how the community participants were selected. Mr. Lesovsky explained that this was done by public invitation. Alternate, Lisa Walsh asked how many community members participated in the meetings. Mr. Lesovsky said numbers were low and tapered down with each meeting. Director Greenwood added that the last meeting ended up with about 5 or 6. The Commissioners shared their concerns for safety in regard to heavy traffic flow along Visalia Parkway, and made suggestions of possible features. Mr. Lesovsky's presentation concluded with the proposed concept budget at \$15.7 million. Director Greenwood described potential resources for funding (park impact funds, grants, Proposition 68 per capita money). Director Greenwood asked Commissioners to provide comments for Mr. Lesovsky to take back with him to work in to the design and to bring another rendering to the Commission's July meeting.
- 5. Annual Report on Youth Sports, *Power Point Presentation by Eric Ferreira, Recreation Supervisor*** – Recreation Supervisor, Eric Ferreira presented a Power Point presentation of the 2017-2018 Youth Sports Programs. Handouts of the presentation were provided. During his presentation Supervisor Ferreira compared the 2017/2018 Youth Sports camps and leagues enrollment numbers, revenues and expenditures to the prior fiscal year, described the Youth Scholarship Program, explained the process to become a volunteer coach and shared fiscal year comparisons of the number of volunteer coaches. Mr. Ferreira described some of the challenges that Youth Sports face such as inadequate play space and lack of participation from older age groups. Supervisor Ferreira added participant and revenue statistics from 2017 and 2018 Fishing Derbies. Mr. Ferreira concluded his presentation with goals for the fiscal year 2018/2019, such as coach recognition, utilizing the new Recreation software to streamline concussion awareness and to continue to grow sports camps and clinics.
- 6. Review and Approve Parks and Recreation Commission annual Report, Parks & Recreation Director** Jeannie Greenwood described handouts provided in the meeting packets that were copies from an email sent by Director Greenwood following the previous month's meeting. These items included agenda or action items that had been taken before the Commission in 2017, items that the Parks & Recreation Commission participated in and other committees, commissions and sub-committees. Additionally, Commissioner Woods put together a similar list for 2016. Commissioner Eastes' response was attached to Director Greenwood's request for feedback. No one else had responded. Reports presented to the Visalia City Council from other committees were included as examples. Commissioner Filiponi will work on the report

and send it to Director Greenwood, and she will in turn send it to the other Parks & Recreation commissioners for feedback. She will forward it on to Visalia City Council for the mid July meeting.

7. **Discussion on Non-Resident Fees for Parks and Recreation Programs and Facilities**, *discussion lead by Jeannie Greenwood, Parks and Recreation Director* – City Manager, Randy Groom, has asked Director Greenwood to have a discussion with the Parks and Recreation Commission related to Non-Resident Fees. Director Greenwood included in the meeting packet a copy of a policy presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission in 2015. Discussion and questions amongst the commissioners and staff included appropriate instances for Non-Resident fees, customer base, exploring offerings in surrounding communities, fair pricing and the need for further discussion of pros and cons. Director Greenwood will report back to the City Manager to say that there was discussion and that the Commission believes that there would be some validity to Non-Resident fees and are agreeable to look in to it. Potentially a couple of the commissioners could work with staff do to a full review of fees and charges for next fiscal year, and perhaps this could be tied in to that study, and have that group come back with a policy recommendation.

8. **Update on City Council Reports & City Staff Announcements:**

Upcoming Recreation Programs and Special Events *Jeannie Green, Parks & Recreation Director* –

- Camp Kaboom Summer Day Camp – Weeks 1 and 2 have sold out with 100+ participants per day at the Whitendale Community Center.
- Manuel Hernandez Community Center Drop-In has had an average of 100 participants daily.
- Swimming Lessons – There were 276 participants registered in Session 1 and 280 in Session 2, this includes Group, Private and Adult classes.
- Movies in the Park on June 15th had 100 attendees.
- Dive-In Movies on June 16th had 137 attendees.
- The Visalia Senior Center Breakfast Program takes place on Wednesdays at 8am. The first couple of days had 18 attendees on June 6th and 22 participants on June 13th.
- Summer Adult Softball League has 94 teams registered.
- The Fall/Winter edition of the Live & Play Activities Guide will distribute in July, registration will begin in August and programs will start in September.
- We have reached out to the Organizers of the Tulare County Renaissance Festival to see how the event went and they have been unresponsive.
- Cal Ripken will be hosting a State baseball tournament scheduled for the first week of July.

Upcoming Parks & Urban Forestry Projects, Programs and Special Events *Jeff Fultz, Parks & Urban Forestry Manager* –

- Working on the Riverway Sports Park, in preparation to fence it to rest the turf until the soccer season begins in August. There is irrigation repair work to be done.
- The Landscape Inspector started working Monday, June 11th.
- Park Maintenance Technician position interviews took place on Monday, June 18th. The second round of interviews will likely be scheduled for next week, in hope to get that person started by mid-July.
- The Park Maintenance Position (Measure N) closes Friday, June 22nd. Interviews will likely be the week after July 4th, in hope to get that person started in August.

Director's Report on Administrative Items *Jeannie Greenwood, Parks & Recreation Director*

- Director Greenwood informed the Commission that the City's budget was adopted Monday, June 18th.
 - Park related projects approved for funding include replacing arbors at Plaza Park.
 - Funding approved to replace flooring at the Whitendale Community Center and at the Visalia Senior Center.
 - Funding approved for other minor Capital Outlay projects from Measure N funds.

- Focusing on Fall/Winter booklet.
- Working on Senior Games 2019. Director Greenwood met with the Southern Sierra Cyclist Club two weeks ago. More than 30 people attended this meeting, where she gave a presentation on the 2019 Senior Games events with the hope that they will be on board next year and offer a cycling event. They indicated that they were on board and that they would be having their Board meeting in July to formally ‘stamp’ it so that we can start working together.
- Riverway Sports Park Phase V – Still trying to get final documents to put out to bid. We have hired a construction management team who has been reviewing plans. They have found additional errors and have asked for additional corrections. We are working with HLA to get those finalized so that the project can be put out to bid. Hoping to take it to Council in August to award.
- We have been meeting with AYSO to negotiate a new contract. We have also had conversations with Cal Ripken. Both organizations have offered to help fund upgrading the light controllers to Musco.
- There is a public meeting scheduled for June 20th at Visalia Unified School District in Conference Room 4, 6:30-8:00pm on Bikeways and Trails to gain public input on development of future bicycle/walking paths. Hosted by Engineering.
- The Waterways and Trails Committee continues to struggle with membership. Director Greenwood has had conversation with the City Manager about placing the Waterways and Trails Committee under the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- We are looking for Archery Range funding opportunities. We have been approached by VF Outdoors looking for ways to give back to the communities. We’re hoping to meet with them soon.

Commissioner’s Requests & Comments:

North Visalia Committee – *Commissioner Lozano* commented that he was unable to attend the North Visalia Committee meeting for medical reasons. Parks and Recreation Director Jeannie Greenwood shared that the Wittman Community Center is now open. They are planning on having a grand opening in conjunction with the schools opening in the fall.

Foundation – *Commissioner Woods reported:* The Parks and Recreation Foundation had their annual report to the Council and received a 3-2 vote from Council to renegotiate a new contract. It was suggested to have a meeting with the Foundation, Parks and Recreation and the City Manager to figure out what the outlines are for the Foundation, what the expectations are and what goals there may be.

Waterways & Trails: *Parks and Recreation Director Jeannie Greenwood* reported that there was no quorum to hold the meeting

Motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. by Commissioner Blue, 2nd by Commissioner Woods, motion unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,
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