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Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2021

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 via Zoom video conferencing. The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Steven Woods at 5:30pm.

Members Present: Steven Woods, Patrick Lozano, Rick Eastes, Lisa Walsh and Shann Blue

City Staff: Jeremy Rogers, Laurissa Roggenkamp, Alvin Dias and Kathleen Machado

1. Public Comment:

- None

2. Review and Approve Minutes from the Special Meeting of 4/27/21

MOTION: Motion to approve minutes as presented, carried 5-0 PL/RE

3. Recommendation on the Submission of the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 – Per Capita Grant Program Application for the Construction of a New Community Dog Park at Riverway Sports Park – Alvin Dias, Parks & Buildings Manager

Recommendation to City Council:

1. The City of Visalia submit the grant application to the State of California Natural Resources Agency Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) for the construction of a new community dog park.
2. The Parks and Recreation Commission accept and recommend Riverway Sports Park as the site for the new community dog park as presented by City staff.

MOTION: Motion to approve both recommendations as presented, carried 5-0 PL/SB

4. Update on City Council Reports & City Staff Announcements:

- **Recreation Programs and Special Events – Laurissa Roggenkamp, Recreation Manager**
 - Recreation Division Summer activities were announced to the public through emails, social media, and the Community Services’ website.
 - Registration begins 5/17/21 for Visalia residents and 6/1/21 for non-residents.
 - Working on getting staff onboard.
 - Senior Meal Program will continue to operate in the Visalia Senior Center parking lot until COVID-19 protocols change making it feasible to move indoors.
- **Parks & Urban Forestry Projects, Programs and Special Events – Alvin Dias, Parks & Facilities Manager**
 - Wood fiber installation in playgrounds continues.
 - Contracts to go out to bid:
 - Damaged block wall repair
 - Updating Urban Forestry RFP for tree trimming
 - Irrigation maintenance in various parks and landscape and lighting districts

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- End of the year projects
- **Administrative Items** – *Jeremy Rogers, Community Services Director*
 - 5/17/21 Council meeting agenda items:
 - Request \$10,000 from the Administrative budget for the fireworks display at Rawhide Baseball July 3rd event. A section of Recreation Park will be made available for the public to watch.
 - First reading of the Oak Tree Ordinance
 - Award announcement for inclusive playground grant will not be announced until September 2021.

5. Commission Requests and Comments:

- **Commissioner Eastes:**
 - Questioned the value in \$10,000 in fireworks, given the already bad air and pollution, and finds doing so environmentally irresponsible.
 - Asked if there was anything to report regarding the roses stolen from the Ralph Moore Rose Garden in Memorial Park. Alternate Commissioner Nancy Hawkins said that the roses are still missing; that there is someone with budwood to start new roses; that she has been communicating with Park Maintenance Supervisor Tim Skobel about securing the rose garden with signage.
- **Visalia Community Enhancement Report** – *Lisa Walsh, Commissioner*
 - Requested a quote for repairs at Perry Family Park to report back to the family for funding.
 - Parks and Facilities Manager Alvin Dias said that rubber resurfacing had been approved through mid-year budget and offered to have further discussion for other potential projects.
 - Potential opportunity to work with the Elks Lodge at Community Service Department special events; they have catering licensing that would save extra time and money having to get temporary licensing for the Foundation.
 - Will post upcoming Recreation Division job openings on the Foundation media page. Will share dates of the South Valley Industrial Collaborative job fair with Laurissa for potential employment candidates.
- **Greenway Trail Naming Subcommittee** – *Patrick Lozano, Commissioner*
 - Nothing to report.

6. Adjourn to the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 6:01pm

MOTION: Motion to adjourn, carried 5-0 SB/PL

Respectfully submitted by,
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