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**Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2021**

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at City Hall West located at 707 W. Acequia Avenue, in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lisa Walsh at 5:35pm.

Members Present: Steven Woods, Lisa Walsh, Samantha Wagner and Edgardo Monroy

City Staff: Jeremy Rogers, Alvin Dias and Laurissa Roggenkamp

1. Public Comment:

- Bill Huott (Visalia) – Lives near Lincoln Oval Park. Thanked Commissioners for their service. Introduced himself to the Commission.

2. Introductions of Commissioner Edgardo Monroy – *Jeremy Rogers, Community Services Director*

3. Commission Vice-Chair Selection - *Steven Woods, Commission Chair*

- Commissioner Lisa Walsh was nominated to serve as Commission Vice Chair
 - Woods/Monroy, carried 4-0

4. Request from Visalia Breakfast Lions for Exclusive Use of Plaza Park Pickleball and Tennis Courts for a Pickleball Tournament October 23rd and 24th 2021 at a Reduced Rental Rate and for Use of City's Pickleball Nets for the Event - *Jeremy Rogers, Community Services Director*

- Visalia Breakfast Lions representative MJ Eastes presented their request to use the Plaza Park Pickleball and Tennis courts for a tournament at a reduced rate and to use City equipment for the event. Discussion followed.
- Recommendation:
 - \$200.00 deposit
 - Commission motioned to recommend to City Council
 - \$500.00 rental fee for use of the Plaza Park Tennis and Pickleball Courts

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

- **Recreation Programs and Special Events – *Laurissa Roggenkamp, Recreation Manager***
 - ASA (After School Activities) is at 6 school sites with high enrollment and successfully overseen by Recreation Coordinator Arianna Ornelas
 - Flag Football, overseen by Recreation Coordinator Eric Ferreira, registration has concluded, and coaches will be meeting 9/15/21 and games are scheduled to begin 10/2/21 at Whitendale Park
 - Recreation Coordinator Ramsey Ochoa oversees the Adult Sports leagues. Adult Soccer starting 10/19/21 at Riverway Sports Park. Fall Adult Softball starting games soon at the Riverway Sports Park Softball Complex. Will have an update at the next meeting.

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- Recreation Coordinator Holly Ellis oversees the Visalia Senior Center programming. Indoor dining began a few weeks ago. Attendance has been gradually increasing and take-out order numbers are steady at 60-70.
- Visalia Senior Center improvement project update
- Holly Ellis has been working on potential Enrichment programs possibly in November 2021.
- **Parks & Urban Forestry Projects, Programs and Special Events** – *Alvin Dias, Parks & Facilities Manager*
 - Plaza Park Softball Fields improvements.
 - Replaced spectator area roofing and poured concrete
 - Urban Forestry Contract went out to bid. Bid received from West Coast Arborists
 - Much tree pruning throughout the City of Visalia. There will be tree removals and replacements.
 - Riverway Sports Park restrooms being vandalized. Portable toilets being placed out there. Hoping to replace doors with magnetic locking systems.
 - In process of hiring 4 Hourly employees (3 for Parks and 1 for Trails)
 - Well projected slated to start next week
 - In process of recruiting Parks Maintenance Supervisor
- **Administrative Items** – *Jeremy Rogers, Community Services Director*
 - In initial conversation with KJUG radio regarding a concert in October
 - Leslie Caviglia sworn in as City Manager
 - Assistant City Manager interviews currently being conducted
 - Inclusive playground update
 - Attending NRPA Conference next week in Nashville, TN
 - Staffing issues; short staffed unexpectedly due to virus. Business office temporarily closed to walk-in traffic. Appointments can be made.
 - Would like to schedule meetings with each of the commissioners.

6. Commission Requests and Comments:

- **Visalia Community Enhancement Foundation Report** – *Lisa Walsh, Commissioner*
 - Kiwanis will be funding a mural at the Visalia Senior Center at corner of Oak and Locust by mid-year 2022. Artist: Steely Daniels
 - Foundation can help with KJUG concerts
 - Going to meet with Alvin to discuss new Celebration of Life areas

Adjourn to the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm

MOTION: Motion to adjourn, carried 4-0 Wagner/Monroy

Respectfully submitted by,
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