



Minutes
Parks & Recreation Commission
130 S. Second Street, Civic Center Plaza at the
October 20, 2009
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commission Members: Twitty, Dicochea, Lease, Willet,
Simon (arrived at 7:13 pm)

Absent: Commission Members: Costa, Euker

City Staff Present: Director Piepenbrok
Program Clerk Williams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Acting City Administrator Varney

CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC ADDRESS – Section 1

None

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS – Section 2

2.1: COMMISSION REPORTS: Oral/Written Reports

None

2.2: AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS: Oral/Written Reports

None

2.3: STAFF REPORTS: Oral/Written Reports

Director Piepenbrok reported on the following items:

- The RC Wisener Bleachers Replacement Project is progressing with an anticipated completion date of late December;
- City Council has instituted furloughs for City employees wherein City offices will be closed two Fridays each month;
- The "Chowchilla's Halloween Treat Street" event is a change from the previous Halloween event that will engage downtown businesses with the community by bringing the activity to

the downtown sidewalks. Thus far the event is garnering a lot of interest from both the businesses and the community residents;

- The Department is working with the community veterans groups on the Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony that will be similar to past years events;
- The Department is accepting registrations for the 2010 Youth Basketball Program and will continue to refine the program development processes;
- The Kiddie Kollege Preschool Program will be ending in mid-December. Presently four children are enrolled in the program. Kiddie Kollege was intended to fill a gap in the need for preschool services until such time other resources developed to provide the services to the community. With the number of programs now in Chowchilla there is no longer a need for Kiddie Kollege.
- Because of the continuing budget issues, City Council affirmed the removal of funding from the budget for the 2010 Summer Aquatics Program. Right now it appears that the Redfins Swim Team will work with the Chowchilla Union High School and the Chowchilla Athletics Foundation to continue their program in some form.
- Preliminary discussions have been held on the re-relocation of the Department office to the front side of the Civic Center and not utilize the office space on Third Street.
- A brief discussion was conducted on a potential future dog park possibly to be located at the airport.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Section 3

All items listed on the Consent Calendar are to be acted upon by a single action of the Parks & Recreation Commission unless otherwise requested by an individual Member for special consideration. Otherwise, the recommendation will be accepted.

3.1: Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2009

Motion to approve the minutes as presented from the August 18, 2009 meeting by Commissioner Willet and seconded by Commissioner Simon. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 4

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS – Section 5

None

NEW BUSINESS – Section 6

6.1: Consideration of Support for the New Location of the City Christmas Tree and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Event (*action item*)

Director Piepenbrok reported that the Department is working with the Lions Club on moving a Redwood from the front of the Fire Department to the corner of Front Street and Robertson Boulevard commonly referenced as the Heritage Park. This effort will bring the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony back to a main street location. City Council will consider the project and the Commission is asked to extend their support of the project.

Motion to approve the new location for the City Christmas Tree by Commissioner Willet and seconded by Commissioner Simon. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Section 7

Oct 21	Planning Commission Meeting
Oct 29	Parks & Recreation “Chowchilla’s Halloween Treat Street”
Oct 30	City Offices Closed – Furlough Friday
Nov 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2:00 a.m.
Nov 9	City Council Meeting
Nov 10	2010 Youth Basketball Program Registration Deadline
Nov 11	City Offices Closed – Veterans Day (Observed) Commemoration Ceremony
Nov 13	City Offices Closed – Furlough Friday
Nov 16	Airport Advisory Commission Meeting
Nov 18	Planning Commission Meeting & Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
Nov 19	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
Nov 23	City Council Meeting
Nov 25	City Offices Closed – Furlough Friday
Nov 26-27	City Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 5	Lions Club 42 nd Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
Dec 9	Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
Dec 11	City Offices Closed – Furlough Friday
Dec 14	City Council Meeting
Dec 16	Planning Commission Meeting
Dec 17	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
Dec 23	City Offices Closed – Furlough Friday
Dec 24-25	City Offices Closed – Christmas Holiday
Dec 28	City Council Meeting
Dec 31	New Year’s Eve
Jan 1	City Offices Closed – New Year’s Day
Jan 7	2010 Youth Basketball Program Games Begin
Jan 8	City Offices Closed – Furlough Friday
Jan 19	Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

CLOSED SESSION – Section 8

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.