



Minutes
Parks & Recreation Commission
130 S. Second Street, Civic Center Plaza at the
February 17, 2009
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:
ROLL CALL:

7:02 pm

Present: Commission Members: Costa, Dicochea, Euker, Twitty,
Simon, Willet

Absent: Commission Members: Seals

City Staff Present: Director Piepenbrok, Program Clerk Williams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC ADDRESS - Section 1

There were no public addresses.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Section 2

2.1: Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2009

Motion to approve the minutes as presented from the January 20, 2009 meeting by Commissioner Willet and seconded by Commissioner Dicochea. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 3

There were no public hearings scheduled.

DEFERRED BUSINESS – Section 4

There were no deferred business items.

NEW BUSINESS – Section 5

5.1: Consideration of the Draft Environmental Impact for the Chowchilla 2040 General Plan, etal – Presentation by Planner Tom Skinner (*Action Item*)

Tom Skinner, City Planner gave a PowerPoint presentation seeking input from the Parks and Recreation Commission Members on the Chowchilla 2040 General Plan.

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS – Section 6

6.1: COMMISSION REPORTS: Oral/Written Reports:
There were no Commission Reports.

6.2: AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS: Oral/Written Reports:
Commission Dicochea asked Director Piepenbrok how League affiliations approach the Ad Hoc Committee if they have issues or concerns with coaches or teams. Director Piepenbrok explained an inquiry is made at the Department level first. If deemed necessary to take to the next level, the appropriate people would then be contacted for that committee. A meeting would then be scheduled and held. If the situation is not resolved at that meeting then it would need to go into a joint Council/Commission Ad Hoc Committee meeting with Administration and the issue should presumably resolve at that meeting. If not then it would have to go to the City Council level.

6.3: STAFF REPORTS: Oral/Written Reports:

Director's Report:

Budget Status - Director Piepenbrok said as of five o'clock this evening the state legislature still had not approved the state budget. As for the City of Chowchilla's Budget, city staff has been going through the budget and met a few weeks ago with the City Council Ad Hoc Budget Committee on ideas where reductions could be made in our budget and how these cutbacks will affect our community. The new fees and charges are going before City Council for review which will also be tied to the budget discussion. The last time fees and charges were reviewed by City Council was in 2005/06 fiscal year.

City Council Parks, Recreation & Community Services Ad Hoc Committee – Director Piepenbrok touched on this subject while discussing the budget status.

Department Staffing - Director Piepenbrok stated that there haven't been changes in department staff aside from the conversations he had with Administration and the Ad Hoc Committee on utilizing some of the part time staff. The full time position that was vacated by Cindy Tharp will not be filled at this time. Instead we are looking to utilize some of our part time employees and the Ad Hoc Committee was receptive of this idea. We should know within a week or two as to how these assignments will proceed.

Department Programs – Director Piepenbrok said the programs are going along as normal and we are still offering all the programs. Due to the good affiliate programs they run most of the sports. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services staff is doing their best to keep the programs running as smooth as possible with the resources we have.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Section 7

Feb 18	Planning Commission Meeting
Feb 19	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
Feb 23	City Council Meeting
Mar 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 9	City Council Meeting
Mar 11	Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
Mar 11	Tee Ball Registration Ends

Mar 16 Airport Advisory Committee Meeting
Mar 18 State of the County Luncheon
Mar 18 Planning Commission Meeting
Mar 19 Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
Mar 21 Girls Softball Opening Day
Mar 23 City Council Meeting
Apr 8-12 Chowchilla Western Stampede
Apr 8 Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
Apr 11 Chowchilla Parks & Recreation Annual Easter egg Hunt
Apr 13 City Council Meeting
Apr 15 Planning Commission Meeting
Apr 16 Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
Apr 21 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

CLOSED SESSION – Section 8

No closed session was scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.