

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 23, 2011
Council Chambers, 21000 Hacienda Blvd.
MINUTES**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Helen Dennis called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
Present were: Commissioners Hemingway, Sanders, Tarvin, Vice Chair Sutherland and Chair Dennis.
4. **ADOPT AGENDA**
Motion by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Tarvin to adopt the Agenda, Motion Carried.
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
None
6. **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**
City Manager Tom Weil provided information regarding the “Alta Vista” Grand Prix, scheduled for April 15-17; the majority of the event will take place on County property; however some parts of the City will gain exposure from this event.

City Manager Weil also advised that Southern California Edison (SCE) is offering a program to assist with a ‘Cooling Center’. SCE has asked staff to consider expanding the cooling center facility; Mr. Weil mentioned the Strata Center as being a suitable location to facilitate this request. SCE would provide funding for the center including games, activities and snack foods and drinks; a portion of the Centers Electricity bill would also be pro-rated and funded. The Center would be available for a ‘cooling center’ from May through September and would accommodate all community residents including children.

Parks & Recreation Facilities Use Fees

The Parks & Recreation fees were distributed from the California City Master Fee Resolution. Staff advised the Commissioners that Shelly Hornback, Parks & Recreation Supervisor felt that at this time fee increases for the facilities would not be suitable; the Department strongly

feels that making these programs affordable helps all of the Community especially during the economic times we are currently facing. (See attached)

First Annual Dog Dayz and Grand Opening – At the Dog Park

The first annual Dog Dayz and Grand Opening for the Dog Park has been scheduled for May 14, 2011 from 10:00am – 5:00pm (see attached flyer) The commissioners were advised that the flyer was still a work in progress and will be revised to reflect more activities that the department is currently securing.

City Manager Weil advised that an update regarding the Community Center progress will hopefully be available for the next agenda.

7. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM FLOOR

None

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. Minutes of Special Meeting – 1/15/11

Motion by Commissioner Hemingway, second by Vice Chair Sutherland to approve the minutes of the special meeting of 1/15/11 - Motion Carried

CC 2. Minutes of Special Meeting – 2/16/11

Motion by Vice Chair Sutherland, second by Commissioner Hemingway to approve the minutes of the special meeting of 2/16/11 - Motion Carried

CC 3. Minutes of Regular Meeting – 2/16/11

Motion by Commissioner Hemingway to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 02/16/11 as amended, second by Commissioner Sanders - Motion Carried

9. CONTINUED BUSIENSS

CB 1. Central Park Playgound Equipment – City Manager Weil

Shelly Hornback, Parks & Recreation Supervisor distributed some quotes to the Commissioners, for new playground equipment. Consensus of the Commissioners to task staff to consolidate the quotes and provide a breakdown of equipment versus costs and place on the next meeting agenda.

CB 2. Communications Review – City Manager Weil

(see attached) – also discussed in the workshop preceding this meeting. City Manager Weil explained the circumstances of the communication; the Parks & Recreation Department closed registration early for Tiny Tee ball as they had received so many entries that the teams had become full; however, the department is taking names and numbers of interested parties so that they can be considered.

CB 3. Grant Review / Balsitis Park – Prop 84 – City Manager Weil

City Manager Weil advised that the grant application for the next round of funding has been revised to accommodate a lower funding amount. City Manager Weil provided the Commissioners with a satellite map indicating the new proposal to include a soccer field. The progress being made so far will be a positive instrument towards the application process now and in the future. The notification of funding will take place around November 2011.

10. COMMISSION AGENDA

Commissioner Hemingway

Followed up with progress of signage for the north gate at Central Park.

Commissioner Tarvin

Followed up with the D.I.R.T. presentation at the last meeting with regards to the park areas at Borax Bill; one of the members of the D.I.R.T. team had advised that often times people stray though the park areas to access the other side of the park; Commissioner Tarvin enquired if the City had considered securing the park area at the site with a gate that could be secured at closing time like Central Park. Staff advised that at this time there are no plans to fence this portion of the Borax Bill Park.

Commissioner Tarvin requested that the Commission re-visit the priority list and place for discussion on the next agenda as the Master Plan is moving forward with review and editing.

Commissioner Tarvin also requested that the Commission receive regular updates with regards to the planning and grant funding for the Borax Bill Park/Station.

Vice Chair Sutherland

Provided an update about the Kern County Commission on aging; they had recently visited the California City Senior Center and advised that the center was the 'most well ran' center. The Senior Center is ran by the seniors themselves and not the City or an alternative organization like most of the Senior Centers in the area.

Reported that she had visited the High School to request assistance with maintenance of the Inspiration Walk; Jim Clark will be providing some students to perform community service at Inspiration Walk. Vice Chair Sutherland advised that if there are more projects anyone could think of to let her know and she would contact Mr. Clark; they are also going to be serving dinner to the seniors at an upcoming event. The school has been very supportive with community service programs and expressed appreciation for such.

The EDD will be at the Senior Center on Fridays from 10am – 3pm to provide assistance to Veterans both active and retired.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Tarvin to adjourn the meeting at 6:31pm. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jan Sprague, Parks & Recreation Secretary

APPROVED BY THE PARKS & REC COMMISSION ON _____