

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, May 18, 2011
Council Chambers, 21000 Hacienda Blvd.
MINUTES**

****NOTE**** audio tape inaudible through several parts of the meeting, therefore minutes were created by notes taken at the meeting.

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, Vice Chair Sutherland and Chair Dennis. Commissioner Tarvin was excused.
4. **ADOPT AGENDA**
Motion by Commissioner Sanders, second by Vice Chair Sutherland to adopt the Agenda, Motion Carried.
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
None
6. **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Community Center Update
City Manager Weil advised that the Kern County Board of Supervisors approved the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding; the Council approved the resolution that changed the definition of 'family' from 5 to 6, thus complying with state requirements as set forth to move forward with any state/county funding opportunities. Currently the staff is awaiting the authorization to go out to bid for the repairs for the Community Center, typically the bid is posted for a 45 day period. During the bid process, staff is planning to begin the demolition process so that upon bid award the contractors can move into the facility and begin work rather than being held up with demolition.
7. **PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM FLOOR**
None
8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
CC 1. Minutes of Special Workshop Meeting – 4/20/11
CC 2. Minutes of Special Meeting – 4/20/11

Motion by Commissioner Hemingway, second by Vice Chair Sutherland to approve the minutes of the special workshop meeting of 4/20/11 and

the minutes of the regular meeting of 04/20/11 with some spelling and verbiage corrections as noted by the Secretary- Motion Carried

9. CONTINUED BUSINESS

CB 1. Central Park Playground Equipment – City Manager Weil

Chair Dennis advised that the playground equipment is for Balsitis Park and not for Central Park as noted on the agenda. Commissioners were presented with several options for playground equipment at their earlier meeting. The Commissioners tasked staff to present their selection to Council for approval, it was noted that the installation would be via City staff thus creating an overall savings on the purchase of the equipment and ground cover. Staff advised that the selection would be placed on the agenda for the June 7th, 2011 meeting of the Council.

CB 2. Communications Review – City Manager Weil

None

CB 3. Master Plan Review

Pages 20-23 were discussed and changes made as noted by the Secretary, Jan Sprague. Commissioners requested that staff present the progress on the Master Plan with discussed changes so far on the next Workshop agenda scheduled in June.

10. COMMISSION AGENDA

Commissioner Hemingway

Commissioner Hemingway noted that nothing has been done further on the Heather/Conklin sidewalk project; City Manager Weil advised that staff has been short in the recent weeks and is hoping to have some part time help come in and assist in the very near future.

Also noted there is still no sign at the north foot gate of Central Park; next to Inspiration Walk coming in from Tierra del Sol.

At this time, Shelly also confirmed that the screws that were rising above the concrete to secure the skate park on the Basketball courts had still not been removed, they do need to be sunk into the concrete thus removing a safety hazard.

Commissioner Hemingway asked for an update about Scout Island:

Staff confirmed that Matt Zang will be available to speak with when the construction begins at Scout Island.

City Manager Weil also advised that the City has received word that California City Corrections (CCA) will be donating to the Scout Island project by way of a monetary donation in the amount of \$2500. It was noted that upon receiving this donation that a notice should be placed in the newspaper in appreciation.

Quotes are being solicited for the gate installation at the Island, the gates will be similar in design to the ones located at the entrance of Central Park but will not feature the Twenty Mule Team décor.

Fiscal year 11/12 budget is in the process of being created, several workshops have been scheduled and we will know more about funding opportunities once the budget has been created; also noted was the Hamburger Hill project; City Manager Weil advised that this project is also on the Mayor's priority list to be discussed at a later date.

Budget workshops scheduled for May 31, June 1 & 2, 2011 at City Hall, Council Chambers. Staff's goal is to have the budget completed for approval by the June 7th, 2011 Council Meeting.

Vice Chair Sutherland

Commissioner Sutherland enquired about the Dog Park opening and Dog Dayz event attendance; Shelly Hornback announced that we had a great turn out with over 300 people passing throughout the day. The Parks & Recreation Department is looking forward to making this an annual event.

Chair Dennis

Chair Dennis expressed appreciation to Ann Walters, Rainbow Rescue and Shelly Hornback for their efforts towards making the Dog Dayz event so successful.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice Chair Sutherland, second by Commissioner Hemingway to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jan Sprague, Parks & Recreation Secretary

APPROVED BY THE PARKS & REC COMMISSION ON _____