

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011
Council Chambers, 21000 Hacienda Blvd.
MINUTES**

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**
City Manager Weil advised the Commissioners that Mr. Perez would be arriving at 6:00pm. In the interim City Manager Weil moved to Staff Announcements.

Forming a Community District – Steve Perez, Rosamond Community Services District (RSCD) – Moved until 6pm.

Steve Perez provided information about the Rosamond Community Services District; recently the CSD became responsible for the Parks in Rosamond, an assessment was created and added to the tax rolls for residents in a 'use area' an area surrounding the park. Commissioners discussed that a similar project in California City would be challenging due to the spread of residents; Central Park is used by all of the Community and often times residents from neighboring towns such as North Edwards, Boron and Mojave.

The number one factor in maintaining Parks is funding, often times there are difficulties raising funds; however many businesses are attracted to well maintained park facilities.

Chair Helen Dennis asked City Manager Tom Weil to keep researching the 501(c) 3 and District Formation, Commissioner Tarvin was asked to keep researching and communicating with Mr. Perez; Perez will meet with Tarvin to discuss procedures with the Rosamond Community Services District Board.

The Commissioners appreciated all of the information presented by Mr. Perez.

6. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Center Update

City Manager Weil advised that the Community Center project is moving forward. Unfortunately no local contractors bid due to the bond requirements as set forth by the bid. City Manager Weil advised that the demo will begin as soon as the asbestos report is clarified. Also noted was that the debris created from demo will be recycled and should help meet the states recycle requirement. Bids will continue, pending the bid receipt for the asbestos abatement.

Scout Island Update

City Manager Weil advised that the parking lot and sewer line patches were complete; the project continues to move forward. Southern California Edison will be installing a permanent power panel for the street lights and the PAR 3 building in the next few weeks. The concrete will follow and final utility tie-ins. The foundation for the building is expected to be in place by the first week of October. The entrance gates and side gates have been installed and are awaiting paint. No date is available as of today with regards to a completion date.

Wrought Iron Fencing

Following a task from the Commissioners at the last meeting; City Manager Weil presented the Commissioners with further information regarding the wrought iron decorative fencing around the pavilion at Central Park. Upon further discussion the Commissioners unanimously agreed that no wrought iron fencing would be installed at this time, the railing would limit accessibility and funds that we do not have.

City Manager Weil advised the Commissioners that the new Hotel owner will be meeting with Bob Dacey on Friday to begin an activity schedule.

Southern California Edison and the Gas Company are moving forward with the College, the College is working with the City for storm drain.

Weil also advised that staff has not moved forward with the 'Hill Top' plans; the Community Center has been the priority at this time.

City Manager responded to a questions about no dogs permitted in the park, residents have been asking some Commissioners why the City does not permit dogs, Weil advised that the residents should attend a Parks & Recreation Meeting to discuss. At the current time the Municipal Code does not allow dogs in the Park.

Weil advised of an upcoming Special Tax meeting taking place on Monday, evening at the Senior Center.

7. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM FLOOR

None

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. Minutes of the Workshop Meeting – 8/17/11

CC 2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – 08/17/11

Motion by Vice Chair Sutherland, second by Commissioner Sanders to approve the minutes of the special workshop meeting of 8/17/11, and the minutes of the regular meeting of 08/17/11 - Motion Carried

9. CONTINUED BUSINESS

CB 1. Communications Review

City Manager Weil was in attendance at the last EDC meeting; he stated that Lou Peralta made a presentation to the EDC Board Members regarding his proposal to build an OHV Park on Neuralia north of Mendiburu, the proposal includes land purchase and grant funds for development. Commissioners requested Lou Peralta's presence at one of the Park & Recreation Meetings.

Parks Supervisor Michele Hornback announced that the Playground set for Balsitis Park is in the works; Michele stated that they would do an Ice Cream Social for the grand opening. Commissioner Dennis requested that the neighborhood children are made aware of this event. Also would like an article in the paper to announce the new playground equipment.

10. COMMISSION AGENDA

Commissioner Hemingway

Commissioner Hemingway stated that he witnessed an enjoyable moment at the Dog Park. Michele Hornback mentioned that we need to place a sign on CCB to advertise the Park as many residents have told her that they did not know that we had a park. City Manager Weil agreed and will task staff.

Commissioner Tarvin

Would like to elaborate on 'the plan' dealing with four or five sections discussed about two years ago. He inquired about the BLM land and the acquisition thereof. Tarvin was advised that the BLM land in question is within the City's jurisdiction and that there is an application process to request purchase; however this process has been known to take quite some time.

Commissioner Sanders

Echoed and responded to Tarvin's BLM inquiry; Sanders advised that BLM land can be leased for \$1 a year. The condition being that the land be used for the good of the public.

Commissioner Sanders also followed up on Lou Peralta's presentation for an OHV Park, the design plans included a Glider Park, OHV Park, and Children's Park, the BLM land to the East is of interest; however the map/plan is old now and she has not had a change to revise, she will bring it to the next meeting.

Commissioner Tarvin would like to look into the possibility of 'piggy backing' with Rosamond's Community District and 501 (c) 3. City Manager Weil advised that he would discuss with Wayne.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Hemingway to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jan Sprague, Parks & Recreation Secretary

APPROVED BY THE PARKS & REC COMMISSION ON _____