

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, October 19, 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 Vice Chair Sutherland to adopt the Agenda, Motion Carried to adopt the Agenda with the addition of the CDBG application.
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
OHV Park – Lou Peralta
Lou Peralta presented “The Oasis” to the Commissioners. The proposed Oasis Project would include Off Road Highway Vehicle and Recreational Vehicle activities, a 33 acre reservoir and fishing lake, nature trail and picnic area, off-road tracks, and RV parks offering full hook ups and ‘dry’ camping, radio control track, bumper boats, skateboard ramp park, slick oval track, baseball cages, golf range, paint ball, Steak House, go-karts, trail bikes, club house, food service, rock climbing wall, off-road moto tracks and BMX track. (map available in archive file). The location of the project would be east of Yerba, West of Neuralia, and north of Mendiburu. Quoting from the proposed project map, “All venues feature their own parking either around the track or behind fenced areas, water distribution throughout each venue with their own holding tanks, water reservoir at strategic places with sisterens, on special functions, each venue will operate autonomously, events every day of the week with special events on weekends, graded roads throughout the facility for easy access, strategically placed emergency exits throughout the facility, water, natural gas, electricity, telephone and sewer access off Yerba or through self generating units, electricity self generating and off the grid, portable light towers, handicap access throughout, special “Green Nature Trails” with flowing creeks and picnic areas, RV and camper storage at Maintenance Yard and other locations”.
Commissioner Tarvin voiced that adding recreational activities will be a benefit to the community. Mr. Paralta answered Vice Chair Sutherlands question about RV spaces; the plan is to have 220 premium hookups

around the lake and 150 spaces in the park that would be suitable for snowbird accommodations.
Several funding options were discussed; green sticker fees, sponsorship and grants.

The Commissioners will be 'happy' to pass positive recommendation to the Council to move forward.

Motion by Commissioner Tarvin second by Commissioner Hemingway to submit their recommendation for the Project to Council. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kim Collins offered his assistance to help Mr. Peralta with the project moving forward to obtain State permits etc.

6. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Community Center Update

Public Works Director advised that the bids for the repair of the Community Center came in too high, approx. 200,000.00 over budget. The Architect has since gone back over the plans to reduce some numbers. The bid will be placed out to the public again, date unknown at this time. Unfortunately local contractors cannot bid for the project as the application requires bonding, the bid also has to include prevailing wage. Mr. Bevins advised that the budget has not been 'dug into'; insurance funds have been used to remove asbestos.

Scout Island Update

Public Works Director advised that due to the current Special Tax expiring June 30, 2012, and the new proposed tax being placed on November's Ballot to fund Public Safety, it is unclear at this time where future funding will come from for Park Maintenance. At this time they are trying to get the power finished so that the PAR 3 and street lights can go in. Mr. Bevins advised that there may be an opportunity to receive a 24 x 50 building as a donation, it would cost \$15,000 to transport and install, the building has the ability to create immediate use, however the building cannot exceed 10 years of age (Municipal Code Requirements for 'mobile' buildings). The project is not receiving the donations that we had hoped for. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Southern Sierra Council is a 501(c)3 and can collect donations for the Scout Island concept.

Commissioner Tarvin enquired about Prop 84 dates as originally Townsend had advised that we should be hearing something by the end of September; Bevins advised that as of today he had not heard anything.

7. NEW BUSINESS

CDBG Application

Mr. Bevins presented the CDBG application opportunity for funding. The Commissioners requested that this years application funds be used for a splash park. Mr. Bevins advised that there are several areas of concern when it comes to splash parks, any water that touches the human body is

considered waste water and has to be treated as such by disposing into the sewer system; can add additional costs to splash park project. This year's application is for \$55,000. The Commission would like the Splash Park to be located next to the pool area in Central Park.

8. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM FLOOR

None

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – 9/21/11

Motion by Commissioner Sanders second by Vice Chair Sutherland to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 9/21/11 with discussed corrections. Motion Carried.

10. CONTINUED BUSINESS

CB 1. Communications Review

City Manager Weil advised that no new communications have been received.

11. COMMISSION AGENDA

Commissioner Hemingway

Commissioner Hemingway complemented the Street Department for their efforts with the Conklin sidewalk. Mr. Bevins advised that the sidewalk is basically complete except for the ADA ramps and driveway. These items are really difficult to install due to the nature of ADA requirements; 10% slope. Cooley Construction has been asked to put the ADA ramps in, bids have not been accepted or rejected at this point and have not gone to the public, further the numbers cannot be released. Mr. Bevins advised the Commissioners to look at the ADA ramp located adjacent to Best West Pizza and then go to the one at Hacienda; they look great. Commissioner Hemingway said that he saw Balsitis Park being worked on and enquired about the arrival of the Playground Equipment. Bevins advised that he has had to pull staff from this project to complete priority items such as refrigeration units that needed repair at the airport.

Commissioner Sanders

Apologized for not bringing in the plan for the BLM land as discussed in the last meeting; Commissioner Sanders advised that she no longer has access to the plans/information.

Vice Commissioner Sutherland

Advised that the sign on Isabella is pitted, cannot see the Balsitis Park sign. Mr. Bevins advised that he will add this to the list of repairs. Also mentioned was the skate park and the status; the skate park is being dismantled by the kids as they want to re-configure it. Mr. Bevins responded; the skate park situation cannot be resolved until a permanent

skate park can be placed. The bolts are still in the ground and posing a safety hazard, Bevins to look into getting the bolts countersunk into the concrete.

Chair Dennis

Echoed that the bolts have to be removed immediately to remediate safety.

Mr. Bevins tasked Commissioner Tarvin to look into other Skate Parks and obtain some cost estimates so that we can put some Skate Park plans together.

Chair Dennis enquired about the N. Gate; did the hinges get fixed and is there a sign on it?. Vice Chair Sutherland advised that they have been fixed but there are still no 'rules' sign. Chair Dennis advised that this is the first month of the third year of the Park and Recreation Commission.

There are two positions that will be available; and ad will be placed in the paper noticing the positions and applications will be available for anyone wishing to be considered for the seats; Commissioners must reapply if they wish to remain, those that do not re-apply will not automatically be placed. Chair Dennis asked for prayers for Maddy Plazola; he was bitten by a Mojave Green and is in critical condition.

Mr. Kim Collins addressed the Commissioners; he has been advertising Measure A.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Tarvin to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jan Sprague, Parks & Recreation Secretary

APPROVED BY THE PARKS & REC COMMISSION ON _____