

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
Wednesday, November 16, 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 Commissioner Tarvin to adopt the Agenda, Motion Carried

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

None

6. **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

Community Center Update

City Manager Weil advised that the Asbestos Removal is complete, the Architect has sent to County and the new bid should go out the beginning of December.

Public Works Director Bevins added an update about a future plan idea; there is a wide furniture zone from Hacienda to the BLM land on the North. The furniture zone allows for equestrian activity; the proposal would include an OHV/Pedestrian/Equestrian Trail to be placed that would connect the North and South side of the City.

Hacienda and Redwood paving project is about 75% complete. the striping will be taking place in about 7 – 10 days, with this project in place and almost complete it is more likely to gain traction for grant opportunities via the “Safe Routes to School” grant.

Scout Island Update

Bevins advised that Fort Irwin has a decommissioned building that the City is trying to obtain pending costs. The building is approx. 40x28 and would provide a suitable facility for a training center, storage and restrooms. We already have plans for footings and foundations. There may be another opportunity to obtain a second building in December.

CDBG Grant

The CDBG Grant application will be on the next Council Meeting Agenda for a Public Hearing, there are several recommendations listing phase II for the Community Center, Sidewalk replacement, etc.

7. **PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM FLOOR**

None

8. **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**CB 1. Communications Review**

City Manager Weil advised that the State Department of Parks & Recreation will be at City Hall tomorrow at 11:00am and requested two volunteers to attend. Townsend will also be present. Also attending will be Ann Richardson. Chair Dennis requested a stand in on behalf of herself and Vice Chair Sutherland as they will not be available.

A photo shoot is scheduled for Friday 11:00am at Balsitis Park to commemorate the installation of the new Play Ground Equipment. The Commissioners were invited to attend; Chair Dennis requested that several neighbors in the area also attend and invite their children to enjoy the new equipment.

City Manager Weil advised that he Parks Maintenance Department has been attending to the graffiti removal and playground cleaning at the Lakeshore Mobile Home Park.

City Manager also advised that during the last Council meeting, the Council voted to place the Special Tax on the Ballot in March 2012.

9. **COMMISSION AGENDA**

**Commissioner Hemingway**

Welcomed Brenda to the meeting and gave his appreciation for her attendance. Commissioner Hemingway enquired about the location of the trailer containing the skate park equipment; Brenda advised that the DIRT team is using it for the Thanksgiving events.

**Chair Dennis**

Chair Dennis expressed her appreciation for Commissioner Tarvins time and efforts while serving as a Park & Recreation Commissioner.

A re-cap of pending projects was conducted:

Park Maintenance to counter the bolts in the concrete on the Basketball Courts at Central Park by January.

Basketball Court Hoops to be repaired.

North foot gate at Central Park needs to be repaired so that the children cannot squeeze through the gap.

Dog Park signage; staff tasked to come up with a design/sign.

City Manager Weil walked through the Park with Ann Richardson; several areas need to be addressed:

Shrubs/Trees are in need of pruning

Junipers in the parking lot need to be removed, they are collecting trash and safety hazard.

There are only two trees in the parking lot that have life in them; the planters should be left alone. For future planting; shrubs that require less maintenance and water should be considered.

It is the consensus of the Commission to cancel the meeting of December 21, 2011. The next meeting will take place on January 18, 2012.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Hemingway, second by Commissioner Tarvin to adjourn the meeting at 6:13pm. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jan Sprague, Parks & Recreation Secretary

**APPROVED BY THE PARKS & REC COMMISSION ON \_\_\_\_\_**