

**CITY OF REDLANDS
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
Special Meeting of February 29, 2020 – Parks Tour
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER at 9:01 am - Attendance

Present:	Kimberly Collins, Chair Ryan Johnson, Vice Chair Maryn Wells Adam Hebden Ann Davis-Schultz	Absent:	Douglas Gonzales, excused Anagha Satish, excused
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FCS Staff: Charles M. Duggan, City Manager
Tabitha Kevari, Senior Manager
Zach LaBonte, Field Services Project Supervisor
Shawn McIntosh, Field Services Parks Coordinator
Larry Alms, Counter Services Technician
Michael Blesch, Program Assistant

Council Liaison: none

2. Public Comments: None forthcoming

3. Parks and Recreation Facilities Tour 2020

The following are suggestions and comments provided by the Commissioners as the facilities tour was conducted. No motions were made during the tour.

Oakmont Park – Staff informed commissioners of the drainage issues and mitigation. Staff also showed the commissioners the open space and trails in the park.

Ford Park – Staff visited the ponds at Ford Park highlighting the erosion taking place on the west side of the upper pond. Staff also informed commission that the IE resource conservation district has awarded the City \$87,000 to partially drain the pond, backfill, and add landscaping. Additionally, staff gave a brief summary of the process that is being taken to prevent further erosion and are actively looking into ADA access and docks to the ponds.

Sylvan Park – Staff informed the commission that the number of transients in the park has been significantly reduced due to nearby vacant shelters. Suggestions were made to upgrade the facility into a venue for meetings, banquets, weddings and a possible concession area. Items that would need to be addressed are upgrades to the landscaping, ADA access, and room sizes within the building. All agreed that this facility offers an opportunity to generate significant revenue.

Community Park – Staff stated that today is Redlands Baseball and Softball for Youth’s (RBY) opening day as the park was crowded and the tour continued driving by.

Clement Middle School – Staff stated that the independent contractor at the tennis courts was hosting a tournament today at the tennis courts, However, pickleball frequently utilize the courts when not being used by the independent contractor. The tour continued by driving by the tennis courts.

Israel Beal – Staff showed the commission the future baseball diamond being installed in the park and stated concerned from nearby residents regarding the diamond. Staff also explained that the nearby Bluffs trail will connect to the Santa Ana River Trail.

- 4. 11:33 A.M. - Adjournment to next regular meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2020, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers.**