

CITY OF REDLANDS PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

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The following information comprises the minutes for a regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to be held at **4:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, December 9, 2021**, in the City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon Street, Suite #2.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Attendance. Introductions were made to the new Commissioner, Joanne Lessard

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was received.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. The minutes of the September 9th, October 14th, November 3rd, and December 9th meetings will be available at the January 13th, 2022 meeting.

4. STATUS REPORTS

A. Individual Commissioner park reports

a. Commissioner Hebden gave an update on his parks. Vice Chair Wells gave an update on her parks. Commissioner Ferrari gave an update on Prospect Park. Trash is continuing to be left at the park outside of the designated waste receptacles.

B. City Council Liaison report

a. Mayor Pro Tem Tejada gave an update on the passage of the pickle ball court project at the Community Center.

C. FCS staff report on Recreation and Park activities

a. Dave Jaffe gave a report on the Capitol Christmas Tree event. The Christmas block party is also being held again this year at the Community Center. Ms. Kevari gave an update on the Joslyn Center kitchen remodel project.

D. Student Liaison report

a. Commissioner Jos reported that finals week is approaching and most finals will be taken online. Winter sports are starting. Commissioner Jos gave an update on the Environmental Club helping to pick up trash at City parks. Commissioner Jos was presented with a certificate of appreciation for her service on the Commission.

E. RUSD Liaison report

a. Ms. Rendler reported on school district items.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action regarding the current priority projects list

a. Vice Chair Wells gave an update on the priority projects list. Chair Johnson also gave an update. Commissioner Ferrari was added to the Priority Projects subcommittee. No further action was taken.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding Commissioner welcome packet

a. Chair Johnson gave an update on the Commissioner welcome packet. Mr. Bierma answered questions regarding items needed for completion of the packet. Chair Johnson made a motion to complete a final draft. Second by Wells, carried unanimously.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding the community gardens

a. Ms. Kevari informed the Commission that staff can draft a policy for new fees and usage of the gardens. Ms.

Kevari said staff would have a draft policy and fee document for the March meeting. A sponsorship model of support was discussed. Ms. Kevari said CDBG funding was also an option. Commissioner Lessard recommended City staff write grant applications for money for City parks. She also suggested an endowment fund be created for all Redlands parks. Commissioner Ferrari requested Commissioner Lessard give a presentation at a future meeting about park endowment fund. Commissioner Lessard said she would need to think about it and would require input from the other commissioners. This item will be brought back for the February meeting. Commissioner Ferrari motioned for staff to bring back a draft fee structure for use of community parks at the March meeting. Second by Chair Johnson, carried unanimously.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding the Park survey app

- a. Commissioner Jos gave a presentation on the Park survey app she is helping to develop. This item will be brought back at the March meeting. No further action was taken.*

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action regarding Sports Field Fees

- A. Director Boatman gave an update regarding Redlands Crush Baseball protesting the recently passed field use fees. Chair Johnson motioned this item be revisited as needed. Motion carried unanimously.*

7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- February - Grant writing positions at the City Of Redlands
- Discussion of public outreach
- February - Volunteer coordinator organizing a cleanup day for Parks
- February – Staffing levels of the Parks division

8. ADJOURNMENT TO REGULAR MEETING on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 4:30 P.M.