

Draft Minutes
CITY OF REDLANDS
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting of March 14, 2019

Present: Kimberly Collins, Chair
Ryan Johnson, Vice Chair
Don Gifford
Pavit Salujia
Ann Davis-Schultz
Maryn Wells

Absent: Roy Cencirulo, excused

QOL Staff: Chris Boatman, Quality of Life Director;
Tricia Swope, Senior Project Manager;
Shawn McIntosh, Parks Coordinator

Council Liaison: Eddie Tejada

1. CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:01p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tom Atchley, of Redlands Area Historical Society presented a request for the placement of a monument and replacement of a plaque west of University Street near the cobblestone bridge. Mr. Atchley indicated

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: approval of minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2019, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Gifford, seconded by Commissioner Wells, and carried.

4. STATUS REPORTS

A. *City Council Liaison Report* – Council Member Tejada introduced himself and was welcomed by the Commissioners.

B. *QOL staff report on current park activities* – Shawn McIntosh provided reports on the skate park opening; reported that the floor, drywall and painting are done at the Crafton Park restrooms, plumbing and partitions are next; Redlands Service Club Council service day in April will include projects at Redlands Bowl, Heritage Park, Sylvan Park, Brookside Median, and Hillside Memorial Park Cemetery; Bungalow Park grading and mow curbs are complete, irrigation and planting is next; Faucets have been changed out at the Ford Park Tennis Court restrooms;

Commissioners asked about the potential skate park fencing and asked that a report be brought back for their consideration. Suggestions included using galvanized steel in place of wrought iron, as the material would hold up better to expose to sprinklers and other elements. Commissioners also requested that the fencing not be solid.

C. *Student Liaison Report*- none forthcoming

D. *Commissioner report on assigned parks* – none forthcoming

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *Status update on the Recreation Facility upgrade projects-* Tricia Swope reported that the two bids for the Flooring project will be taken to Council to be rejected and the project will be re-bid. The kitchen project plans are completed and are being sent to County Health Department for approval prior to publishing the bid.
- B. *Status update of Zanja Trail* – Tricia Swope reported that the ribbon cutting for Phase 2, at Lincoln and Laramie was scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd. Commissioner Collins asked if there was any coordination for monuments along the trail. In 2009, there were 35 plaques that were taken down and are being held by the Redlands Conservancy. Currently only 2 of these are posted. A suggestion was made that this posting of these plaques could be used as Eagle Scout projects.
- C. *Discussion and possible action related to request to City Council for change in Commission Membership* – With a motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Davis-Schultz, the Commission unanimously approved recommending to City Council that the number of members of the Commission be reduced to seven, eliminating the two currently vacant positions.
- D. *Discussion regarding Prospect Park irrigation and improvements* – Shawn McIntosh reported during the park status update that staff addressed ruts on the lower DG walkpath; staff will refrain from placing dirt spoils into planters; staff will work to identify and remove unused irrigation lines.
- E. *Discussion and possible action – Goals and objectives for the coming year; including consideration of Council Member’s recommended projects:*
Public Comment: Eamon McGloin identified that the City has a strong Soccer Culture, and reported that the Pateadores fields need maintenance, and that there is now an indoor soccer complex on Kansas Street. He stated that the City should give priority to Soccer facilities, especially as the City is home to Landon Donovan, who he described at the Michael Jordan of soccer.

Discussion and final action on this item was tabled until the next regular meeting. Some projects mentioned by the Commissioners were as follows:

- Park and directional signage; Director Boatman requested the Commission provide locations and content for the direction signage to Israel Beal Park;
- Installation of more playground equipment that is ADA accessible, possibly simpler designs that are easier to maintain;
- Increased pickle ball courts, possibly at Smiley and Jennie Davis Parks;
- Staff will invite Janet Miller, coordinator of the CDBG program to the next meeting to provide information;

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action related to the Redlands Bowl Electrical Infrastructure Upgrade.

Director Boatman provided an overview of the electrical infrastructure upgrades needed at the Redlands Bowl. Some of the infrastructure in place dates back to the early 1920s. Sound quality and safety issues will be addressed with the completion of the project.

Bev Noerr, Executive Director of the Redlands Bowl Performing Arts (RBPA), provided details on the RBPA's budget for the project, which is estimated at 1 Million dollars. Ms. Noerr indicated the funding for this project would be raised through private donations.

On a Motion by Commissioner Gifford, Seconded by Commissioner Davis-Schultz, the Commission unanimously approved a recommendation to the City Council for the appropriation of sufficient funding for the design and construction of the upgrade project, estimated at \$175,000.

7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- 1) RAHS Monument & Plaque – acceptance of \$3,500 donation and placement in the Park
- 2) Options for use of the house building at Sylvan Park
- 3) Naming of Laramie Park
- 4) CDBG Presentation
- 5) Review of agreement for use of Sports Park
- 6) Skatepark Fencing
- 7) Commission Johnson report on assigned parks

8. Next regular meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2019, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers.