

CITY OF REDLANDS

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

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JUSTIN WEEKLEY, COMMISSIONER NIKITA JOS, STUDENT COMMISSIONER

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, February 9, 2023**, in the City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon Street, Suite #2.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Attendance. All commissioners were present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment was received from Jan Orbacher, Mike Eubanks, Debbie Forthun, Monica De La Paz, Christian Jacobson, Zach Thorpe, Kenneth Ford, and Ramon from Don Orange, about the date and times of the Saturday Morning Market.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. The minutes of the January 12th, 2022, meeting were approved on a motion by Vice-chair Gonzales, and seconded by Commissioner Weekley. Motion carried unanimously.

4. STATUS REPORTS

A. Individual Commissioner park reports

a. Commissioner Jos gave a report on the general lighting of downtown parks. Commissioner Lessard gave a report on maintenance at Caroline Park and the erosion at Oakmont Park. Chair Johnson gave a report on vendors at Cajon & Highland, vendors leaving trash behind at Prospect Park, and the need for mowing at Jennie Davis Park. Vice-chair Gonzales gave a report on his parks, noting that all looked good. Commissioner Weekley gave a report on Laramie Park and Sylvan Park.

B. FCS staff report on Recreation and Park activities

a. Dave Jaffe gave a report on the fishing derby at Ford Park and the Annual Senior 5k event which will take place along the Orange Blossom Trail. Don Crow gave a report on improvements at Oakmont Park. Monica De La Paz gave public comment about landscaping area by her home and the need for further maintenance.

C. Student Commissioner report

a. Student Commissioner Jos spoke about a school tournament happening over the weekend.

D. RUSD Liaison report

a. Michele Rendler reported on the RUSD Superintendent leaving, a small cheer demonstration between RHS and REV, and a Rube Goldberg competition the district won an award for.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action regarding presentation of the Annual Report to the City Council

a. The Commission requested staff compile the Commission's accomplishments from 2022.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding the Market Morning Policy and Procedures

a. After discussion, a motion was made by Chair Johnson to recommend approval of the changes to the policy to the City Council. Second by Commissioner Weekley. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Lessard dissenting.

C. Discussion and possible action related to the formation of a subcommittee for the review and recommendation of disposition of murals within the City's Community Center (Joint subcommittee with Cultural Arts Commission)

a. Chair Johnson and Vice-chair Gonzales volunteered to be on this subcommittee.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding the Parks and Recreation priority list

- a. *After discussion, a motion was made by Vice-chair Gonzales and seconded by Commissioner Lessard to prioritize the pump track and renovation of Smiley Park. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of vendors for the March – July season of Downtown’s Morning Market as recommended by the PRC subcommittee
- a. *Samantha Nicole spoke about one of the businesses on East State Street making the decision to close the entirety of the day of the Morning Market. Debbie Forthun spoke about the number of vendors who are selling the same items and the need to decrease that number. Zach Thorpe spoke about the need for weights on the vendor’s tents as well as a quick cleanup and exit of the vendors. Chair Johnson questioned if the parking lot of the mall was still available for public parking. Monica De La Paz spoke about the need to get the vendors out quickly once the market is done. Motion by Chair Johnson to approve vendor list with a maximum of 4 cosmetic vendors chosen by City staff. Second by Commissioner Weekley. Motion carried unanimously.*
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding the donation of the umbrellas from the Orange Street alley after removal
- a. *After discussion, a motion to recommend approval of the donation was made by Commissioner Weekley. Second by Commissioner Lessard. Motion carried unanimously.*
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding the use of Palmetto Grove funds to cover lighting improvements at Prospect Park
- a. *After discussion, Vice-chair Gonzales motioned to recommend use of Palmetto Grove funds in the amount of \$156,172 to fund the remainder of the project. Seconded by Commissioner Weekley. Motion carried unanimously.*
- D. Discussion of a donation request
- a. *Motion to recommend acceptance of the donation of the art piece and placement in Simonds Parkway by Chair Johnson. Second by Commissioner Weekley. Motion carried 4-1, Commissioner Lessard dissenting.*

7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Brown Act training
- Chair and Vice-chair election
- Redlands Bowl audio/visual project update
- Update on parks app

8. ADJOURNMENT TO REGULAR MEETING on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 4:30 P.M.