Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes

Monday, April 22, 2013

City Hall – 300 First Street – 2nd Floor Council Chambers

Open Session

The Parks & Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Jesse Salinas at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2013 at the Woodland City Hall Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Commission Members Present:	Chair Jesse Salinas Vice Chair Enrique Fernandez Commissioner Joe Romero
Commission Member Absent:	Commissioner Nathan Stephens (arrived 6:45 p.m.)
Staff Present:	Recreation Superintendent Christine Engel Public Works Superintendent Rob Sanders P&R Administrative Secretary Cathy Haynie Recreation Supervisor Brad Petersen

Pledge of Allegiance

Communications-Public Comment (None)

Communications-Commission/Staff Statements and Requests (None)

Communications-Committee Reports

Commissioner Fernandez reported that the Fourth of July meeting included Ed Shelly from the Historic Downtown Business Association which will partner with the Parks & Recreation Commission on the Bike Parade. Need one more Judge, will do site walk and plan set-up. Next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2013.

Presentations

Recreation Supervisor Brad Petersen explained to the Commission that he oversees Aquatics and Adult Sports programs. Adult sports basketball and volleyball are currently between seasons. Programs will start up in May, currently sign up for basketball is low but volleyball has

6 teams signed up. We should have one night of play for each of these programs. Pool is currently opened on the winter schedule, for the aquatic adult exercise classes lap swim and water exercise. Woodland Swim Team, Pioneer High School Swim Team, Woodland High School Swim Team and the Woodland Wrecker Swim Team are currently running their practice at the Charles Brooks Community Swim Center. The pool is packed with 20 lanes and with 5 participants in each lane. Summer programs begin on June 10, 2013 (swim lessons, guard start program and public swim). We are offering two additional weeks of swim lessons this year since the schools gave us another week of summer. 326 registered for swim lessons with 1112 spots available or 20% of capacity. Woodland Wreckers currently has 110 participants compared to last year's 86 participants. Woodland Swim Team and Woodland Wreckers have swim meets scheduled for May 12, 17, 18, & 19, June 8, 9, & 10. Two large tournaments will be on July 19-21 and July 26-28, bringing in 600 swimmers for each along with their families. We will be running a water polo class in June and hoping to hire a diving coach. We are currently in the process of hiring staff, for the summer programs. Engel stated that Brad Petersen was being very proactive in getting full utilization of the pool. Commissioner Fernandez responded that it was great that we were providing different opportunities for the youth of Woodland. Commissioner Fernandez said that Petersen is doing a great job and thanked him for the hard work. Petersen stated that public swim was free again this year to Woodland Residents. When we charged $2.50 per person we would have 100 swimmers everyday, once public swim was free there were about 500 swimmers every day last year except for 6 days. Public swim is open from June 10-August 9, 2013, Monday-Friday from 1-4 p.m. These are kids who would not be doing public swim if it was not free. Commissioner Salinas asked the age range for participants. Petersen responded that the ages range from 5-65. Commissioner Salinas stated that the numbers were great and asked if Petersen could supply the Commission with total participants who used the pool. Also stated that it would be great to use the diving boards and have a water polo team in Woodland. Commissioner Romero asked where the funding and staff would come from for the Woodland Wreckers and diving. Petersen responded that the participant fees covered staff and there was a volunteer parent board that assists with the swim team. Petersen also stated that this was the plan for the diving program too. Engel asked Petersen to explain the difference between the Woodland Swim Team and the Woodland Wreckers. Petersen explained that the Woodland Swim Team was a year round team that costs about $45 per month per participants and requires a commitment to swim all year. Woodland Wreckers is a 3-4 month program that allows for participation in other sports and is geared toward leaning the proper strokes. Commissioner Romero asked if Hiddleson Pool was going to reopen. Engel responded that there was no plan in the current budget to reopen Hiddleson Pool and that the pool would need at least $500,000.00 to reopen and an additional $250,000.00 per year to maintain. Sanders confirmed Engels estimates to reopen Hiddleson Pool.

Note: Commissioner Stephens arrived during this presentation.

Consent Calendar (Items)

Adopt Minutes of the Commission Meeting of March 25, 2013

Action: Stephens Moved/Fernandez Seconded:
Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Salinas, Stephens, Romero, Fernandez
Noes:

Work Plan-Update

Commissioner Salinas pulled Work Plan from consent and moved it to discussion. Commissioner Fernandez reported changes to work plan by reducing the goals to one city wide event for the month of May. Commissioner Fernandez will provide a written update soon.
Action: Information only

Reports of the Staff

Recreation Report

Engel explained that the increase in tournament and user fees was inline with other jurisdictions and that the user will be given ample time to implement the new fees. 4th of July planning is ahead of schedule, met with fireworks provider, WJUSD staff and City staff at the site. Engel stated that the other program she would like to highlight was tennis. Negotiating the financial portion of the new contract, this is an all inclusive program, while protecting the public resources. Commissioner Salinas commented that this is a great program for the City. Fire Department Training Exercise at the house located on the Community & Senior Center property will occur during the day on April 26, May 3, and May 6 wind permitting. The training conducted on the first two days will occur entirely in the house; training on the last day will result in the complete burning down of the house. A temporary fence has been installed to prevent the public from entering the training area from the Sports Park.
Action: Received

Parks Report

Sanders wanted to send out kudos's to the I Care Community Project group who helped spread 200 yards of playground fiber at Everman and Schneider Parks on April 13th, which saved the City over $2,000. Sanders explained that tomorrow night Council would receive staff recommendations on Measure E spending for the next fiscal year. Charles Brooks Community Swim Center, Clark Field and Freeman Parks projects came in over budget and more funds will need to be allocated to these projects. Commissioner Romero asked what the increase was at Freeman Park. Sanders stated that there were ad-alts like the basketball court that the City did

not have funding for. Commissioner Fernandez asked about volunteer opportunities at the Cemetery. Sanders replied that there was a need at the Cemetery for volunteers but the problem was that most groups wanted to volunteer on the weekends which would require City staff to work overtime. Commissioner Fernandez asked if organizing volunteers for the Cemetery could be something that the Commission could help staff with. Engel responded that the volunteer requests are more a City wide issue that will need to be discussed further to create a coordinated City effort. Commissioner Salinas said that too many volunteers are a great problem to have. Commissioner Salinas asked Sanders to explain the difference between Attached Work Orders and Unattached Work Orders so the public could better understand the Parks report. Sanders explained that Attached Work Order were those reported to the City. Unattached were those that the City knew needed to be addressed.
Action: Received

Adjourn 7:03 p.m.
Action: Fernandez Moved/Romero Seconded:
Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Salinas, Stephens, Romero, Fernandez
Noes: