

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2016

CALL TO ORDER – At 6:30PM The Community Services Commission meeting was called to order.

Commissioners present – Hambleton, Chambless, Bethel, Griffin, Moreno and Student Commissioner Bratton

Commissioners absent – Norris and Brown

Staff Present – Community Services Coordinator Schmal and Planning Secretary Mary Colby

Others Present – Joy Bratton

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no citizens present who wished to comment at this time.

APPROVE MINUTES – Commissioner Bethel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hambleton to approve the minutes from the Community Services Commission meeting held November 23, 2015 as corrected.

- Commissioner Chambless name is misspelled.

The motion carried by unanimous vote of those Commissioners present.

ADULT SOFTBALL AND/OR COMMISSION DISCUSSION ON ADULT ACTIVITIES.

– Table this item to the next meeting.

SKATE PARK SUB COMMITTEE REPORT. – Student Commissioner Bratton stated that they have been very busy with outside activities but are now ready to look for property for a skate park. The City of Parlier was asked about their skate park but was informed that it has since closed. The modules that they were using have broken down and are no longer useable.

Commissioner Hambleton stated that the Orchard Church was contacted but the pastor who organized their portable skate park has left. She stated that Keen Ramps, a company down south, stated they will put a pop up Skate Park in any location that is available and could do something for us for about \$1500.00. This may be a way to see if people are really interested in a skate park and we could try it once a month for a while.

Mrs. Bratton stated that the Tony Hawk Foundation has a matching skate park program available. She also stated that her husband is in construction and a lot of the materials they may need could be donated in order to upgrade and make a skate park location more visually appealing.

Student Commissioner Bratton stated that skaters are looking for variety in apparatus not just the way it looks. He also feels that a pop up park would be a good way to start. It could generate more interest in the skating community.

Community Services Coordinator Schmal stated that the Swedish Festival would be a good place to unveil the portable park and if we could entice a celebrity skater to show up and give a demonstration and promote the skate park this could be a way to draw in the crowds. She stated

that she is working with the Chamber of Commerce to include community services activities into the Chamber Directory and we could list the skate spots for the remainder of the year.

Student Commissioner Bratton stated that skaters are more likely to hang out at the Swedish Festival rather than the Car Show. It is more of a family event.

Community Services Coordinator Schmal stated that she will contact Keen Ramps to see if they have any events scheduled in this area that some of us could attend and then schedule a 2 day event of our own with one day for open skate and a competition on the second day.

The Commission discussed the following items:

- Possible locations for a pop up Skate Park.
- Tax benefits if someone donated property.
- A demonstration and presentation of modular skate parks.
- Questions for Keen Ramps pertaining to the use and rental of their equipment.
- Create flyers and contact potential vendors for skate equipment to be displayed at the Swedish Festival.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION – PAINTING OF THE MEMORIAL PARK BANDSTAND (QUOTES) – Community Services Coordinator Schmal stated that she has received word from the beautification committee and they are willing to contribute to the painting of the Memorial Park Bandstand. They would like to complete the job before Swedish Festival. She will speak with the committee to determine what is needed to get the project completed. This will have to go to City Council for final approval and we as a Commission will need to determine where the money will come from to pay for the project.

DOG PARK UPDATE – Community Services Coordinator Schmal stated that she and Alex will meet with Wabo Construction who have been looking at the dog park to determine where shade structures and benches can go.

Commissioner Bethel stated that she found shade structures for \$200.00 which includes hardware and grommets but no posts. If Wabo Construction could do the posts it would be more cost effective. The Commission discussed the purchase and installation of a water fountain in the park.

Ms. Schmal stated that there are concerns with weeds (goat heads) in the dog park and we will need to determine the best method to eradicate this nuisance.

The Commission will lay out the plan for spending the allotted money at their next meeting and report back to the City Council.

WORK DAY – Community Services Coordinator Schmal will meet with Wabo Construction to set up a work day at the dog park in coordination with their efforts to plant trees.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS FOR COMMISSION DISCUSSION – Community Services Coordinator Schmal introduced the Brian Griffin the newest member of the Commission. Mr. Griffin stated that he has been on staff at the First Baptist Church for the last four years is married to his wife Jill and they have 3 children

Commissioner Hambleton asked about the progress of new equipment in Athwal Park. Community Services Coordinator Schmal stated that \$20,000.00 is not enough to purchase and install play equipment in this park.

Commissioner Griffin is concerned about lighting issues at various parks. He stated that Heritage Park is a big concern, the play structure is at the back of the park and the lighting is poor.

ADJOURN – At 8:00 PM Commissioner Hambleton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chambless to adjourn the Community Services Commission meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote of those Commissioners present.

Submitted by

Mary Colby
Planning Secretary