

**Community Services Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2022**

Call to order – At 6:33 PM the Kingsburg Community Services Commission meeting was called to order.

Commissioner's Present – Weston Johnson, Matsuoka, Warkentin, and Chairperson Chambless.

Commissioner's Absent – Guerra, Lawler and Vice Chairperson Brown.

Staff present – Adam Castaneda and Karyl Bartel

Others Present – Mayor Laura North

Approval of Minutes–

Commissioner Weston Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Matsuoka, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021, Community Services Commission meeting as presented. Unanimous vote of those

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

Prop 68 Per Capita Grant Update. Report by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda

Community Services Director Adam Castaneda discussed how the \$168,000 that was originally for the dog park, was approved by the Council to use it for the Athwal park prefabricated restrooms. The plans for the restrooms will be presented to the Commission when the design is ready.

Dog Park Discussion and Update. Report by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda & Dog Park Sub-Committee

Community Services Director Adam Castaneda discussed how the City of Kingsburg is one of the 20 to get funded by the State. We received \$1.2 million to be used solely for the dog park. This amount came from the city engineer's valuation which was given to the State. He then shared what the plan was for the dog park that was discussed back in 2019. This included a play area that majority wanted at the park.

Commissioner Weston Johnson asked what the process is to get this going. Director Castaneda explained that there has to be a design that is approved by the engineer, which then goes to Council for approval, and finally, it goes to bidding.

Chairperson Chambless mentioned how she is concerned about the play structure. The pets and the kids need to be in separate areas for safety purposes. The area needs to be fenced with a NO DOG sign for the kids. Director Castaneda said that the play structure could be for the dogs, not for kids, and he showed pictures of play structure presented by Commissioner Warkentin. Commissioner Matsuoka said that it will be nice to have something for the kids. Chairperson Chambless disagreed by stating that the dog park should be just for dogs for safety purposes. She explained that based on experience, pets and kids should not be in the same area and that the responsible adult should only be there for either or. This is just for safety concerns and if there is a bite report, a dog can even be put down.

Mayor North commended the committee on the great job they did with the skate park and that they did a great job thinking it through. She also agreed to Chairperson Chambless regarding safety, that even the

public was concerned about this regarding the dog park.

The committee then discussed some ideas regarding education and how to educate the public regarding the dog park safety.

Director Castaneda said that we will need a site plan from the engineer by the next meeting and we can then have some mark ups and send it back for review.

Unscheduled Matters for Commission Members – None.

The Community Services Commission Meeting was Adjourned at 7:08pm. The next meeting will be February 23, 2022 at 5:30pm.

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Submitted by

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