

**CITY OF PLACERVILLE
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
March 20, 2024
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Recreation & Parks Commission: Chair Michael Potter, Vice-Chair Larissa Lujan, Commissioner Tony Windle, Commissioner Issac Rubalcava.

Recreation & Parks Staff: Steve Youel, Matt Lishman, Monique Plubell, Lily Palmer

ABSENT: Commissioner Lynne Spencer

GUESTS: None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Commissioner Windle made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Rubalcava seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Rubalcava made a motion to approve the minutes of February 21, 2024. Commissioner Windle seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ACTION ITEMS: None.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

Pickleball – Mr. Youel shared that he spoke to the contractor Allsport this week and construction is getting back on track. Dry weather and warmer temperatures are needed. There are also concerns regarding the need to stabilize the slope behind the courts. The Community Services staff and the City Engineer met at the construction site and are coming up with a plan. Commissioner Rubalcava brought up a concern with some of the trees that may need to be addressed.

Lions Park Softball Fields– Mr. Youel reported that he was disappointed that this project has not progressed in a timelier fashion. Mr. Youel has commissioned an engineering design firm to provide construction drawings and cost estimates for drainage improvements. The sprinkler system is also under design review. Mr. Youel is going to make every effort to get things back on track and moving in the right direction. Mr. Youel shared with Commission that city staff will fill the existing sink hole as soon as the soil dries out from the recent rains. Mr. Youel shared funding for a portion or all the improvements is available.

Rachel Sarette shared with the commission that it sounds like the main issue was how this project was being managed over the last two years. She stated that knowing there are funds there really helps. The concern was brought up that prices keep increasing but no improvements have been made. Commissioner Potter suggested that Rachel share with her players the Event Brite sign up for Rise and Shine.

Wendy Vick asked if there would be downtime on the field during the next two softball seasons. Mr. Youel stated he would bring that info back to the Commission at a future meeting.

Commissioner Windle shared that it would also be important for people to go to the City Council meeting if they do not like the outcome of the Commission meeting. Mr. Windle stated no one came to speak on behalf of Softball at the March 12, 2024 meeting.

Commissioner Luhan stated the important part is to bring back to the Softball Community so they can see the plans in the work and help build the bridges.

Adult Softball Fees – Mr. Lishman shared with the Commission that at the March 12, 2024 City Council meeting the Council approved staffs fee increase recommendation of \$4.65 per game and approved the change to offering two 10 week seasons rather than three 8 week seasons. The league is tentatively set to start on May 6.

Gold Bug Park Mine Tour Fees - Mr. Lishman shared with the Commission that at the March 12, 2024 City Council meeting the Council approved staffs fee increase recommendation to the youth ages 6-17 self-guided tour rate \$2.00 from \$6.00 to \$8.00 effective April 1, 2024.

Rise and Shine – Mr. Youel shared that Rise and Shine, which is the city's big community day of service will be held on Saturday, April 27. This year's emphasis will be based on two projects this year. Most of the volunteers will stay at Lions Park and a few volunteers will go down and clean up Hangtown Creek. At Lions Park the projects include, infields, warning tracks, painting bleachers and back stops etc. Commissioner Potter shared that we still need more sponsors.

Sara Pedretti stated she would post the Rise and Shine event on Facebook.

Recreation for Youth Fund – Mr. Lishman shared with the commission that since our last meeting we had one request in the amount of \$89.50 for flag football. The estimated fund balance is \$11,815.77.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.