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BIG BEAR VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Agenda

September 20, 2011 5:00 pm Senior Center

COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 pm

- 1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1.2 ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Pletcher, Poole, Rose, Stearns, Ybarra
Staff: Troublefield, Judd, Roth

- 1.3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION ITEM

2. GENERAL STAFF REPORTS – August

- 2.1 RECREATION REPORT – Glenn Jacklin
 - A. Senior Center Report – Tina Nazarian
- 2.2 MAINTENANCE REPORT - Dennis Fuerstenberg
- 2.3 MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK REPORT – Debbie Richardson
- 2.4 FACILITY USE REPORT – Michele Roth

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 Approval of August 16, 2011 Regular Meeting

ACTION ITEM

4. PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSE – FROM AUGUST MEETING

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Chairman and Commission invite anyone wishing to address the Commission to do so at this time on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Big Bear Valley Recreation and Park District that does not appear on the agenda.

Speakers are requested to complete a Speaker Card and submit to the Commission Secretary. This procedure is requested for regularly scheduled agenda items as well as Public Comment.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

7.1 OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. Proposition 84 Update – Paradise Park
- B. Zoo Relocation Update
- C. CSD Property Exchange Update
- D. Bear City Park Improvement Update
- E. Project Funding Update

7. REQUESTS AND REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS

8. ADJOURN MEETING

NOTE: NEXT REGULAR MEETING: October 18, 2011 5:00 PM. Senior Center

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Items may only be added to the agenda in accordance with Government Code Section 54950 (Brown Act).

GENERAL STAFF REPORTS

2.1

Recreation Report – August 2011

Prepared by:

Glenn Jacklin, Recreation Superintendent

Childcare:

- August began the new school year with Big Bear El and Baldwin Lane El excepting children. North Shore El continues to have their children transported by Park District vehicles to Big bear El.
- Enrolments at both sites for the afternoon sessions are in the upper 30's with more children enrolling.
- All staff and children had a great summer and return with enthusiasm. Teachers spent the last week of July reorganizing the rooms.

Adult Sports:

- Men's Soccer finished with a Thursday night game under lights at Meadow Park. All teams had a great time and look forward to a fall 6 on 6 league.
- Women's Soccer is expected to start in Mid September with 4 teams.
- Men's A, B and Women's Softball leagues all finished in August.
- Co-Ed Softball begins in Sept with 8 teams expected to play.

Youth Center:

- The Youth center continues to provide a fun and safe place for middle school kids.
- Caleb McGivney departed the Teen center for employment elsewhere but was replaced by an exceptional person in Shane Henderson who also works at swim Beach

THE RANCH:

- August saw two groups spent three weeks enjoying a great time at the Ranch. First time users from Santa Ana Park and Rec spent a week enjoying the great food and visits to swim beach and the Zoo.
- The International Student Volunteers returned again for two weeks of training to get their volunteers ready to be sent to colleges all around the USA.

Senior Center:

- Seniors continue to attend the Meals service at the Senior center in consistent numbers.
- The next field trip is organized for September to Knott's Theme Park

Recreation Activities

- Reese and Glenn attended a meeting with the Pickle ball group to discuss options for court improvements at the Ranch. Then we stepped on the court to enjoy the thrill of the game.

NOTE: Teen Center Rock Star and Beatles – Rock Swim Beach coming to September 24th. 3:00 pm

Panic In the Park II – Haunted House October 21, 22, 28, 29, 30 6-9 pm

2.2 Maintenance Department Report – August 2011

Prepared by: Dennis Fuerstenberg, Maintenance Superintendent

Weed abatements at all District facilities is a top priority. The landscape crew is doing a great job of keeping our turf grass in fine condition. The janitorial dept is working hard to keep the restrooms clean and the trash removed on a daily basis.

Bear City Park

We have finished the new bridge and A.D.A. approach to the recreation hall and the museum. This now gives a safe way for patrons of the museum and the Lions Club to get to their buildings.

Meadow Park

Stalcup Landscape Innovations was the low bidder on the turf repair project for the Meadow Park Ball Field. 5000 square feet of sod was installed and the new sod has really taken a hold and is doing wonderful.

Tennis Ranch

The Landscape crew over seeded the soccer complex and then applied a top dressing to the soccer field and the rest of the turf at the ranch.

2.3

Moonridge Animal Park Report – August 2011

Prepared by: Debbie Richardson, Curator

Education:

1. I did a Flashlight Safari tour for about 10 journalists from down the hill on Sunday September 11th. It went very well.
2. There have been several 4th grade school tours that are going through the zoo this month.
3. We have a new extern working at the zoo starting this month from Cal Poly Pomona

Maintenance:

1. The wolf holdings are done and being utilized by our wolves youngsters and adults alike. Tom Miller did an excellent job on construction and the wolves love their new area. It gives them a place to get completely out of the weather
2. The next project is to tear down our old mews and construct new ones as cheaply as possible. The old mews have large holes in them and are falling down. Tom has already started the tear down process.
3. We have already started working on preparing the zoo for winter weather.

Administration/Animal welfare:

1. The baby bobcat, who is now 5 months old, is currently on exhibit almost every day.
2. We got in a baby bear from Fish and Game that was hit by a car. We took him to VCA, came back and treated him at night and fed him. After a day we moved him to an outside exhibit he was recovering so well. We turned him back over to Fish and Game who released him back to the wild. He ran right off.
3. We have also released 4 ravens, a gray fox, and several other birds and animals successfully back into the wild.
4. There is a new Facebook page for the zoo, thanks to Lorie Judd. You can go on the page and see what is happening at the zoo and read about some of our animals. It is under Moonridge Animal Park. Please log on and "Like" us to start receiving updates.

NOTE: Boo in the Zoo – Saturday September 28th 3-5 pm

2.4

Facilities Use Report – August 2011

Prepared by: Michele Roth, Office Assistant II

Dana Point: No rentals this month.

District Office Meeting Room: Art and yoga classes were held and the wire wrapped jewelry class finished for the summer. We also had meetings of Soroptimists, Youth Soccer, Healthy Start, and the last SB County Dept. of Environmental Health food handlers test. The Blues for the Zoo used the room as their 'Green Room' for the performers.

Erwin Lake Park: A local couple held a wedding at the park. (\$185)

Meadow Park Ball Field: Meadow park field was extremely busy this month. The Men's Softball leagues played Mon & Wed for 'A' league and Tues & Thurs for 'B' league. The family reunion from Santa Ana rented a few hours, Tustin Soccer Club was there for 4 days, some coed softball teams have been getting in some practice before their league starts. Men's Soccer is finishing up their Sunday league and Big Bear Youth Soccer practices Monday thru Thursday after school. (\$1190)

Meadow Park and Shelter: A Long Beach Teen Group picnic, a Santa Ana family reunion, the SoCal Geocaching group, local SoCal Mountains group and a Washington family reunion were all at the park this month. (\$695)

Miller Park: B'Nai Big Bear held their regular monthly meetings and an out of town family celebrated a 50th wedding anniversary. (\$605)

Orville Warren Community Center (Gym) Regular classes of Karate, Kickboxing/Self-Defense, Gymnastics, and Dance were held.

Ranch Rentals: The Santa Ana park and Recreation and International Student Volunteers rented the Ranch after the Sports camps had finished for the summer. Food & lodging (\$47,224.50)

Ranch Soccer Fields: There were no rentals this month.

Senior Center: The seniors have their on-going activities. Bingo on Thursdays and Senior Nutrition lunches on Monday. The Low Impact Aerobics class is ongoing.

Ski Beach: There were no rentals this month.

Sugarloaf Ball Field: Women's softball finished up their league including playoffs and a few coed teams are getting some practices in before their league starts. The American Cancer Society held the local relay for Life and Big Bear Youth football holds practices on the field.

Sugarloaf Shelter: The Big Bear Radio Club and the Sons of Norway had their annual picnics. (\$110)

Swim Beach: There was a camp rental from Hemet, a locals wedding, the Soroptimists Camp Girl Power Kickoff BBQ and the Blues for the Zoo Concert that had a beach closed for the day. (\$630)

(total facilities rentals incl. food/lodging @ Ranch \$50,639.50)

3.1

BIG BEAR VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION

August 16, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Poole called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present: Pletcher, Poole, Stearns, Ybarra

Absent: Rose

Staff: Troublefield, Judd, Roth

1.3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 1

Commissioner Stearns moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Ybarra.

AYES: Pletcher, Poole, Stearns, Ybarra

1.4 Elect new Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Yr 2011-2012

By unanimous decision Dr. Kathryn Poole and Gloria Rose were re-elected as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the 2011-2012 Fiscal year.

1.5 Award Service Pins

Jeff Rigney, Special Districts Director, awarded the 20 yr Service Pin to Dennis Fuerstenberg, BBVRPD Maintenance Superintendent.

2. GENERAL STAFF REPORTS :

2.1 RECREATION REPORTS

The commissioners reviewed the Recreation report for July 2011 that highlighted childcare, adult and youth sports, Youth Center, Ranch, Senior Center and Recreation activities. GM Troublefield commented that Glenn Jacklin, Recreation Superintendent, was busy with some recreation responsibilities and would be arriving late to the meeting. Staff has been very busy this season with RKC, camps, swim lessons, Swim Beach and the Ranch. We have had a very successful Summer.

SENIOR CENTER – Tina Nazarian reported that the lunch program has been averaging over 130 lunches per week, an increase over last year, speculating that the economy or high temperatures are a possible cause. She states that the upcoming Laughlin trip has been sold out and the Knott's Berry Farm trip, September 20, has only 4 spots left. GM Troublefield noted that there had been talk in the SCOBV Board of the seniors staffing the center, but during the last board meeting decided against going that direction at this time.

2.2 MAINTENANCE REPORT

Dennis Fuerstenberg presented the report for July 2011 highlighting the building of a new bridge and approach to the Museum and Lions building at Bear City Park and weed abatement, trash removal, restroom cleanup and keeping the turf in good condition at all of the district parks. Director Troublefield commented that our connection to SDD is helping us find a main line leak at Miller Park.

This connection affords us the ability to find the leak at a lower cost and in less time. The SDD Dept. of Water and Sanitation was able to use a piece of equipment to find the leak that will mean cutting a small hole in the asphalt to repair the line instead of digging up 100 feet looking for the leak. Director Troublefield also commented that Meadow Park ball field, which gets constant use and is looking bare in spots, is getting new sod laid tomorrow in those areas that are bare. He understands it is just a temporary fix, but is better than leaving it the way it is.

2.3 MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK REPORT

Debbie Richardson presented the report for July 2011 highlighting administration, education, maintenance, and animal information. She reports an increase in Outreach programming and that there have been lots of new animals brought to the zoo daily, both infants and injured individuals.

2.4 FACILITY USE REPORT

The commission reviewed the report for July 2011.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the June 21, 2011 Regular Meeting

Motion 2

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ybarra.

AYES: Pletcher, Poole, Stearns, Ybarra

4. **PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSE – FROM JUNE MEETING**

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Fred Tressemer, Erwin Lake, commented on some Ranch soccer field irrigation issues, as well as his concerns about weed abatement in the same area.

Lisa Griffiths, Erwin Lake, expressed her concern about lack of field space available in the valley where her children, who play in various sports, can play. She would like us to reopen the Ranch field so the children have more space to play sports.

Theresa Hallberg, Baldwin Lake, wants the soccer field reopened. She states that with all the teams crammed together on Meadow Park field the older children do not get the opportunity to practice kicking the ball to their full potential. "We NEED the Ranch". None of the children are able to practice to their capacity and for the sake of the children she hopes we would open the Ranch field.

Keith Moore, Big Bear City, president of the Big Bear Valley Youth Soccer League, wanted to thank us for creating the field out at the Ranch. Soccer is the largest youth league in the valley. Big Bear is a soccer town. There are only 2 fields in the valley on which the kids can practice at this time and it is extremely frustrating knowing that Ranch field is there and we are unable to use it. This year the soccer league was going to organize the 1st Annual Shoot Out, a weekend event much like the Girl's ASA Softball Tournament where people would come up to Big Bear for the weekend, staying in local hotels, eating at local restaurants and spending their money in Big Bear. Now, with field availability issues, we can't do it. We would like for you to reconsider allowing us to use the fields at the ranch. Our goal is to have a boy's high school soccer team by 2013 and we need the space for these kids to develop.

Jeff Rigney, Special Districts Director, commented that he could understand all parties' views and explained that we are doing a study of the Ranch; how it is used now and in the future, to create a Master Plan for the park. He encouraged the neighbors and soccer supporters to speak with GM Troublefield to try to mitigate as many issues now because after the study is completed, that window of opportunity will close. He also stated that Supervisor Derry, on many occasions, has stated that the soccer field is not going anywhere. He reminded everyone that when the Ranch property was purchased it was taken into account that there were not enough facilities on the east side of town. In the end he hopes that both sides will be happy with the outcome. When asked if there was a potential chance for usage this soccer season his response was, "unfortunately not." When asked about potential usage for the Soccer Shootout he responded, "only if it fits into the parameters in association with the Ranch".

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

6.1 OPERATIONS REPORT

A. Proposition 84 Update

General Manager Troublefield reported that the Prop 84 Application (Round 2) has been received and now we are just waiting. He believes we came close on the first round, but got hung up with the boundaries and nearby National Forest land. New computations were made and a bold attitude was taken in the narrative. Hopefully they will reconsider.

B. Zoo Relocation Update

General Manager Troublefield states that Supervisor Derry has decided we need to get things started as soon as possible. We would like to break ground next May, have a 9 – 12 month construction timeframe, move all the animals and have a Grand Opening in May 2013.

C. CSD Property Exchange

General Manager Troublefield states that this issue is currently at Real Estate Services and should go before the Board of Supervisors this month.

D. Bear City Park Improvement Update

General Manager Troublefield reports that there is an August 24th with Risk management and Real Estate Services regarding the Lions Club lease. He also reported that Jeff Rigney, Special Districts Director, was able to negotiate Federal ARRA funds to go toward the center section of the park. This way we will have the playground and center section looking good.

7. REQUESTS AND REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Pletcher wanted to ask about the Ranch field and if we went back to the original footprint of the field, whether youth soccer could use it today?

Jeff Rigney, Special Districts Director, replied that it could only happen through compromise or mitigation.

Commissioner Ybarra wanted to reiterate that everyone should mitigate now, because once the survey is done, it's done. Supervisor Derry says that field's not going anywhere.

Commissioner Stearns commented that it was nice to see the soccer kids at the meeting and to see how well behaved and polite they were.

Commissioner Poole commented it is nice to see all the things happening. With all the cutbacks she is concerned about the number of drivers available to RKC should someone get sick. As far as the Ranch Soccer field, she wished everyone could have been there when the kids were actually playing. She stated she would walk the perimeter of the field and it wasn't loud, but calm and very pleasant.

8. ADJOURN MEETING

8.1 NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting - September 20, 2011 at 5:00 pm

8.2 ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Poole adjourned the regular meeting at 6:27 pm.

ATTEST:

Michele Roth, Secretary

Kathryn Poole, Commissioner

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSE– FROM AUGUST MEETING

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8.0 ADJOURN MEETING

Note: Next Regular Meeting – October 18, 2011 5:00 PM. Senior Center