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

Agenda

January 17, 2012 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2.1 Approval of September 20, 2011 Regular Meeting *ACTION ITEM*

3. PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSE – FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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5. STAFF REPORTS

RECREATION REPORT – Glenn Jacklin, Recreation Superintendent
Senior Center Report – Tina Nazarian, Senior Coordinator
MAINTENANCE REPORT - Dennis Fuerstenberg, Maintenance Superintendant
MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK REPORT – Debbie Richardson, Curator

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

6.1 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
- F. The Ranch Pool and Clubhouse Update

7. REQUESTS AND REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS

8. ADJOURN MEETING

NOTE: NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 21, 2012 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).

2.1

BIG BEAR VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION

September 20, 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, Rose, Stearns, Ybarra

Staff: Troublefield, Roth

1.3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 1

Commissioner Stearns moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pletcher.

AYES: Pletcher, Poole, Rose, Stearns, Ybarra

2. GENERAL STAFF REPORTS :

2.1 RECREATION REPORTS

Glenn Jacklin presented the Recreation report for August 2011 that highlighted childcare, adult and youth sports, Youth Center new employee Shane Henderson, Ranch, Senior Center and Recreation activities. There were two Ranch rentals, one the Santa Ana Recreation with a full camp of 150 including food and the other a returning group, International Student Volunteers.

SENIOR CENTER – Glenn Jacklin reported that the lunch program is well attended. There was a senior group of 20 attending the Knott's Berry Farm trip, the Laughlin trip is sold out and the upcoming Palm Springs Follies trip is already half full.

2.2 MAINTENANCE REPORT

Dennis Fuerstenberg presented the report for August 2011 highlighting staff over seeding of the Ranch field and the addition of sod to cover the bald spots at Meadow Park field, by Stalcup Landscaping. GM Troublefield introduced and thanked Maintenance Worker Johnny Gallegos. Troublefield commended Gallegos on the additional hours he worked in efforts to keep the sod moist so the roots could take hold.

2.3 MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK REPORT

The Commission reviewed the report for August 2011 highlighting education including Flashlight Safari, maintenance, and administration/animal welfare that included news about the young bobcat, an injured baby bear and the new Facebook page for the zoo. GM Troublefield added that Kiowa, our 22 year old bison had died the previous Friday.

2.4 FACILITY USE REPORT

Michele Roth presented the report for August 2011. She explained the large rental income for the month was mainly due to the two large ranch rentals previously mentioned.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the August 16, 2011 Regular Meeting

Motion 2

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

AYES: Pletcher, Poole, Rose, Stearns, Ybarra

4. PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSE – FROM JULY MEETING

No report

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Fred Tressemmer, Erwin Lake, commented on the continuing water problems at the Ranch. He states they have been lead to believe that the Ranch is not on city water. There was a break that was first noticed at 6:45pm on Saturday and ran until almost noon Sunday when CSD came out and turned off the water. He brought photos of the water puddle to show the commissioners. He then commented on his calculations of water loss.

Elaine Tressemmer, Erwin Lake, commented about a sketch that Dixie Allison received from Jeff Rigney depicting a proposed change to the Soccer Complex. She was irritated that none of the neighbors had received the drawing. She stated that the ranch does not operate under a CUP, the zoning in the area doesn't include a soccer field and that the law is not being adhered to. "One of us has to get out and if we leave you need to buy our properties."

Gary Castle, Erwin Lake, asked where the soccer people were this month. He suggested that someone invited Jeff Rigney to the last meeting and told the soccer group. He commented that the Ranch changed and we have increased utility and water usage. He believes people are using their political position to violate the law. He does not believe that the Ranch neighbors are being treated fairly. He states if a feasibility study had been done prior to any upgrades it would have been deemed impossible.

GM Troublefield responded that he would like to set up a meeting for the Ranch neighbors with Jeff Rigney and Special District's Engineer Jim Oravets. He added that the project went through the Special Districts Engineering Department headed by Mr. Oravets who felt strongly that a recreation facility could be put into a residential area legally. The dust problem from the additional cars came as a surprise. There are no lies, no hidden truths, those are the facts. Jeff Rigney sent out the proposal. I don't believe we will ever be GONE. I'd like to set up a meeting so you can meet with Jeff and Jim alone. I have been personally been checking and 25 out of the past 30 days there has been no moisture on your property due to overspray. We use both CSD and well water. All other parks use city water. As far as the leak, it happened between the tennis courts, not near your property. Main line breaks happen all the time. There was one at Meadow Park last year and we have one at Miller Park right now. dWater is required for green grass and this is what it takes.

Elaine Tressemmer added that she found out we use a combination of well and CSD water. She stated she has done research on the water in the area, the number of aquifers and their depths. She states a neighbor must be on the same aquifer we use and she's having water issues because of our increased water usage. She wanted to get back to the issue about whether the facility will be there. The main issue, according to her, is that people don't want it there.

Commission chairperson, Kathryn Poole, interjected that personal attacks just jam up the meeting. The commissioners and GM Troublefield have nothing to do with legal issues and that if the neighbors have legal issues they need to take them up with Special Districts.

Mark Patino, Erwin Lake, commented that the problem is that the Soccer Complex is just in the wrong place. The sports complex is in the right place, just not the soccer. "Bill's (Frantz) groups are ok". He also wonders if we could make a rule of no loud music after 6pm. He believes that things aren't perfect yet, but are going the right direction.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

6.1 OPERATIONS REPORT

A. Proposition 84 Update

General Manager Troublefield reported that the application went out in July and has gone through CEQA. Now we are just waiting on whether we get the funding or not.

B. Zoo Relocation Update

General Manager Troublefield states that we are getting ready for the CEQA study and letters to the neighbors will be going out so they can be a part of the review process. We are still hoping for a May or June groundbreaking, but should know more at the next meeting.

C. CSD Property Exchange

General Manager Troublefield states that the well site sale should go before the Board of Supervisors in October. When it does \$60,000 will go into renovating Bear City Park and the rest as a \$7,500 water credit.

D. Bear City Park Improvement Update

General Manager Troublefield reports that we are scoping the landscaping. There will be wood chips, DG and logs. The look will be similar to Frontier land in Disneyland rather than desert. It should make the area pleasing. The playground will be in by Halloween.

7. REQUESTS AND REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Pletcher wanted to remind everyone that we are just an advisory commission and we want to be good neighbors. He appreciates the ranch neighbors input.

Commissioner Rose stated that she is in real estate escrow and is busy putting out fires on a daily basis and that this is a voluntary position. She would like it if we can all just state our case. She hates to see things get out of hand. She appreciates everyone's input and hopes we can resolve our differences.

Commissioner Ybarra hopes we can get a meeting set up with Jeff Rigney and Jim Oravets to resolve the issues at the Ranch. He states he attends a lot of meetings and understands how it can be frustrating going to meetings and going over the same things can get frustrating and nothing gets resolved. Hopefully a meeting with the proper players will make things better.

Commissioner Stearns states she has only been on the commission for a year, but has seen the same people voicing their concerns, complaint and objections at almost every meeting. She has visited the Ranch to try to see some of the concerns, but can't say that she understands it fully. She thought it was nice that the children came to the last meeting. It's important to know the two sides of the issue. The children in the valley need a place to play. We need to have recreation opportunities. That's what we are about.

8. ADJOURN MEETING

8.1 NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting - October 18, 2011 at 5:00 pm

8.2 ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Poole adjourned the regular meeting at 6:00 pm.

ATTEST:

Michele Roth, Secretary

Kathryn Poole, Commissioner

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