

MINUTES of the Recreation Advisory Commission meeting of the City of Redlands held on December 12, at 4:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Civic Center Plaza, 35 Cajon Street, Redlands, CA 92373.

PRESENT Roy Cencirulo Chair
Patty Peoples Vice Chair
Terri Thompson Commissioner
Joe Gonzales Commissioner
Gabriel Jacob Commissioner
Dave Eason Commissioner
Amber Ludikhuize Student Commissioner
Neil Waner School District Liaison

STAFF Denny Sattler Community Services Superintendent
Dave Jaffe Senior Recreation Coordinator

ABSENT Peter Aguilar Council Liaison, Excused

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chair Cencirulo.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - On motion of Commissioner Eason, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs the Recreation Advisory Commission approved, by AYE votes of all present, the minutes from the November 14, 2007 meeting.
3. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT** – Peter Aguilar, Council Liaison – Absent
4. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. **School District Report** – Neil Waner, School District Liaison – Mr. Waner informed the commission on an upcoming bond that will be given to the voters in February. If passed funds will be used to help finish Citrus Valley High School, and complete the football stadium at Redlands High School.
 - B. **Student Report** – Amber Ludikhuize, Student Commissioner – Commissioner Ludikhuize reported on on all recreational and social activities taking place at Redlands East Valley High School. Today was also Commissioner Ludikhuize’s last day serving on the Recreation Commission; she was awarded a certificate for her service.
 - C. **Parks Liaison Report** – Dave Eason, Parks Liaison Commissioner – Commissioner Eason will not able to attend the next parks commission meeting on December 13th, Commissioner Gonzales volunteered to attend the meeting and will provide the report on January 9, 2008.
 - D. **Blue Ribbon Committee Report** – Patty Peoples, Vice Chair-Vice Chair Peoples informed the commissioners that the Blue Ribbon Committee is currently reviewing reports from all city departments on the type of service that is provided to the public.
 - E. **Police Liaison Report** – Officer Natasha Crawford -Officer Crawford informed the Commissioners of the upcoming Christmas Block party sponsored by the department, and encouraged them to attend if they were available.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Ford Park Tennis-A-Thon** - Evelyn Alms – Evelyn Alms asked the commissioners for their support to run a Tennis-A-thon fundraiser at Ford Park every quarter. Money raised for the event will go towards court improvements. On motion of Commissioner Eason, seconded by Vice Chair Peoples the Recreation Advisory Commission approved, by AYE votes of all present, to support the quarterly event and allow staff to provide assistance to the organizers (Commissioner Jacobs obtained from voting).

- B. Discussion of Possible Fundraising Event – Patty Peoples** – Vice Chair Peoples proposed to run a triathlon as a fund raiser for the recreation department in the fall. The triathlon would run in conjunction with the University of Redlands 5K run held during the same time. A similar event is taking place in February presented by Holistic Healing for Youth; Dave Jaffe will work with the group to gain more information about running a triathlon and will work with Vice Chair Peoples in developing the event.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Community Park Field Lighting Proposal – Craig Kundig, Redlands Baseball/Softball for Youth** - Craig Kundig proposed to light two more baseball fields at the Community Park complex. These lights would increase the amount of games that could be played on the fields and would also increase participation in the leagues. On motion of Vice Chair Peoples, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs the Recreation Advisory Commission approved, by AYE votes of all present, to recommend to City Council to allow Redlands Baseball for Youth to study the feasibility of installing lights on two more fields at Community Park (Commissioner Eason obtained from voting).
- B. Parks Master Plan Sub-Committee-** Mr. Sattler spoke with Brian King from the Parks Commission who informed him that currently the Parks Master Sub-Committee is studying what other cities have done, once they have gathered enough information from several cities they will invite Vice Chair Peoples, and Commissioner Jacobs to join them as both have expressed an interest in being involved.
- C. Clement Tennis Courts and Ford Park Tennis Courts Update – Dave Jaffe** – Dave Jaffe reported on the enhancements at the Clement fields which included wind screens, resurfacing the courts, adding bleachers, and fences. New timers were also installed at Ford Park using funds raised from the Tennis-A-thon fundraiser that took place on Saturday, September 29th.
- D. Report on Park Development Fees – Denny Sattler-**In response to a previous question from the commission, Mr. Sattler reported that funds from the Park Development Fees could not be used to go towards court improvements.

7. PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS-

- A.** Mr. Sattler informed the Commissioners that the Recreation Bureau's Pee Wee Soccer program will use the new soccer complex in January 2008.
- B.** Chair Cencirulo enquired about the two Recreation Commissioner seats that continue to remain empty; Mr. Sattler encouraged the commissioners to promote these openings so they may be filled in the upcoming calendar year.

8. ATTENDANCE- Attendance was taken at this time by staff.

9. ADJOURNMENT to next meeting of the Recreation Advisory Commission to be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon Street, Redlands, California.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dave Jaffe, Senior Recreation Program Coordinator