

MINUTES of the Recreation Advisory Commission meeting of the City of Redlands held on March 14 at 4:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Civic Center Plaza, 35 Cajon Street, Redlands, CA 92373.

PRESENT Patty Peoples Vice Chair
 Joe Gonzales Commissioner
 Dave Eason Commissioner
 Gabriel Jacobs Commissioner
 Terri Thompson Commissioner

ABSENT Roy Cencirulo Excused
 Rodney Shelffo Excused
 Lupe Sanchez, Jr. Excused
 Amber Ludikhuize Excused

STAFF Denny Sattler Community Services Superintendent
 Dave Jaffe Senior Recreation Coordinator

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Peoples.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Commissioner Eason commented on the AYSO agreement for the new sports complex that was discussed last week. He reiterated that the agreement needs to be examined again because it was unfair for other sport programs. A discussion ensued regarding AYSO's agreement; Denny advised the commissioners to voice their concerns to their Council Liaison at next months meeting. On motion of Commissioner Eason, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs the Recreation Advisory Commission approved, by AYE votes of all present, the minutes from the February 14, 2007 meeting.
3. **RECOGNITIONS** – None.
4. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT** – Peter Aguilar, Council Liaison - Absent.
5. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. **School District Report** – Neil Waner, School District Liaison – Absent.
 - B. **Student Report** – Amber Ludikhuize, Student Commissioner – Absent.
 - C. **Police Liaison Report** – Sergeant Travis Martinez – Absent.Due to the amount of absences Vice Chair Peoples recommended that if a liaison is unable to attend the meeting that they find an alternate to report.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **General Plan Review:** The general plan will be reviewed next month; all commissioners will take a copy home with them to review. Commissioner Jacobs recommended that they review and revise the priorities for recreation fields and funding.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Recreation & Parks/Open Space Special District – Commissioner Eason suggested that Redlands look into becoming a special district to receive more funding. Special Districts are a form of local government created by a local community to meet a specific need. Inadequate tax bases and competing demand for existing taxes make it hard for cities to provide all services citizens require. With residents in Highland, Mentone, and Loma Linda utilizing recreation services provided by Redlands, creating a district would generate more funds for Redlands Recreation. Currently the acting city manager has proposed that the city look into

becoming a special district for parks, Commissioner Eason would like to see recreation included in that.

On motion of Commissioner Eason, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs the Recreation Advisory Commission approved, by AYE votes of all present, that a letter be written to the mayor recommending that if a special district is proposed to the Redlands City Council that it keep's with the wording and include Recreation & Parks / Open Space District.

- A. ABD Baseball Use of Fields** - Commissioner Eason brought up some concerns he had with ABD Baseball using the fields at Orangewood without an annual contract. Currently ABD Baseball rents the fields on a day to day basis and falls under Group 3: All non-resident individuals or groups; other community groups, businesses and/or individuals; groups soliciting donations or charging admission; groups sponsoring activities closed to the general public. Anyone renting the fields for a tournament or large event; that are not part of group one, need to provide proof of liability insurance for a minimum of \$1,000,000 for the event. Group 3 rates are as follows: \$10.00 an hour for the field, \$20.00 an hour for lights, and \$20.00 an hour for field preparation. Due to ABD's limited use of the fields and the fact that the fields belong to the RUSD Denny Sattler recommended that they continue to rent the fields on a day to day basis.

8. PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS – None

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

10. ADJOURNMENT to next meeting of the Recreation Advisory Commission to be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon Street, Redlands, California.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dave Jaffe, Senior Recreation Program Coordinator