

# **Lemoore Parks & Recreation Commission**

**Tuesday, January 8, 2008**

**7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers**

## **MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Keel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Keel; Vice-Chairperson Hernandez; Commissioners: Dart, Daley, and Harper

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES:** None.

### **ELECTION OF 2008 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON:**

A motion was made to nominate Chairperson Keel by Commissioner Dart, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez and unanimously approved.

Ayes: Dart, Hernandez, Harper, Daley and Keel.

Noes: None

### **ELECTION OF 2008 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRPERSON:**

A motion was made to nominate Vice Chairperson Hernandez by Commissioner Dart, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously approved.

Ayes: Dart, Harper, Daley, Keel, and Hernandez

Noes: None

### **APPROVAL MINUTES:**

The minutes for November 13, 2007 were unanimously approved, following a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and a second by Commissioner Harper.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:** None

### **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

The Youth Advisory Commission will not meet until February 12, 2008.

### **TEEN CENTER REPORT:**

City Manager Jeff Briltz reported the Teen Center has some new games and equipment, which will be encased in a cage system to prevent theft and wear & tear of moving the equipment in and out each day. The Teen Center is currently on their Holiday Schedule from 1:00 – 5:00 pm until Monday, January 14, 2008.

### **REPORT - CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS MEMORIAL - AMERICAN LEGION POST 100 LEMOORE:**

City Manager Briltz reported that City Council approved the construction of the Veterans Memorial at City Park near Bush Street at their December meeting. The American Legion members would like to have completed the memorial by Veterans Day but they understand the funding will need to be in place before the construction begins. It will be a great addition to City Park and the City.

## **REPORT - 19<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE DOG PARK:**

City Manager Briltz reported that City Council approved construction of the Dog Park at their December 4, 2007 meeting. Staff is moving to begin construction of the dog park and ordering signage that will be required. City Manager Briltz also noted that an amendment to the Leash Law will be presented at the January 15, 2008 meeting. Currently the Leash Law does not allow a dog off a leash and an exception clause to the Ordinance will rectify the issue.

Commissioner Harper noted a list of possible names that were found for other dog parks and asked Commissioners to also suggest other names. It was noted that Bark Park is used by Hanford and would probably cause confusion if Lemoore also used that name. Commissioner Dart noted she liked the name Waggin' Tails as it suggested a happy place. The Commissioners agreed and it was noted that the park would be 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue with Waggin' Tails Dog Park as a feature within the park like Vierra Field is a feature within the park.

It was motioned by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Dart and unanimously approved the name of Waggin' Tails as the name of the Dog Park.

## **SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES UPDATE - COMMISSIONER DART:**

Commissioner Dart noted the trip to Fantasy of Lights on December 12, 2007 was great except for Marie Callendars lack of service. Some ordered their food after others received their food. Next year they will have a dinner prepared at the Senior Center at a cost of \$5.00 per person then load the bus to go to the Fantasy of Lights. Mayor Murray brought some oranges to the center. There have been some changes due to the increase of minimum wage. CSET (California Senior Employment Training) and AARP are a funding source for the help at lunch and those individuals are funded at \$5.00 per hour which is Federal minimum wage and subsidized for California's minimum wage rate. With the limited funding the cost has meant a cut in the time and number of individuals. We have only 2 persons – one for 20 hours and one for 15 hours. Commissioner Dart also noted that the Fire Sprinkler system sprung a leak (old pvc pipe) and was not up to code. Everything will have to be replaced, pipe, ceiling and stove hood to meet safety code requirements. The cost will be very expensive with the damage insurance paying \$13,000 of the cost. When the project begins we will have to move to the Stebbins building (Bingo Hall). Earl Better, Contractor has been working with Frank Riveira, City Building Inspector on what is required and because twenty-four years ago the Senior Volunteers that built the facility did what they thought was best there are some of these items that have to completely replaced.

## **PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR UPDATE:**

City Manager Briltz noted that Tom Hernandez retired December 28<sup>th</sup> and his last day at work was Friday, December 14, 2007. The City hired a Head Hunter organization and initially narrowed the candidates down to 25 to 30 and through another screening panel to a smaller group which were interviewed here. Two panels were formed - a City Staff panel and Community panel represented by West Hills, Lemoore Youth Sports Foundation, the Chamber of Commerce and Commissioner Keel would have represented the Parks and Recreation Commissioners except for a last minute conflict. The process is down to the last few candidates and the firm is finalizing background information. A decision should be made within a few weeks. The process was extended due to the holidays and vacations. The department will continue to operate with Joe Simonson as the Acting Parks and Recreation Director for day to day operations.

## **ACTING DIRECTOR's REPORT: PRESENTED BY CITY MANAGER BRILTZ**

### ***Activity Recap***

- The 11<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Dinner was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at the Civic and had a great turnout.
- On Sunday, December 2, 2007 the Lions Club cooked for Breakfast with Santa and there were in excess of 600 participants. The layout worked better with Santa located in the rear of the hall lessening the congestion when you entered the Auditorium. This is a Lemoore signature event and a fundraiser to provide funds for those in the community that may need financial help paying the class/event fees.

### ***Upcoming Events***

- Club Live for the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be held in the Civic Auditorium on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> due to the great attendance for this age level we have moved the event to the Civic and will be moving equipment from the Teen Center to create the same atmosphere.
- The Adult Volleyball & Basketball sports are open for teams to register.
- The Club 78 for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be held on Friday, February 22, 2008 at the Teen Center. The dance is being given one last chance to succeed. The numbers have been small and not recovered since years before when the format and time changed for a child safety instance in the community.

### **COMMISSION REPORTS AND REQUEST:**

Commissioner Keel noted that the City has placed a bench at the Arbor. and the Chamber of Commerce and City will be identifying more KART stops to have benches and shelters. The parks are designation places that could be served well by KART. The curb near the movie theater needs to be painted at the arbor brick area for the wheel chairs to exit the bus.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.