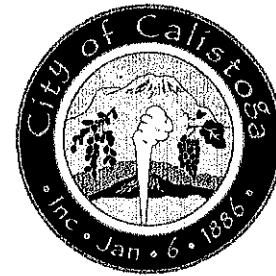


City of Calistoga
COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION



Chairperson: Karen Chang
Vice – Chair: Indira Lopez
Members: Shirley Bloomquist
Megan Hunt
Marcela Rodriguez
Heidi Ticen
Vacant

MINUTES
Wednesday, May 19, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.
Community Center, 1307 Washington Street

A) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chang on May 19, 2010, at 5:33 p.m., at the Calistoga Community Center. Commissioners present included Vice Chairperson Lopez and Commissioners Bloomquist, Rodriguez and Ticen. Also present were Aquatics & Recreation Manager, Olivia Lemen, Planning & Building Director Charlene Gallina, Associate Planner Erik Lundquist, and Administrative Secretary Lorie Goldbeck.

Commissioner Hunt was absent.

B) PUBLIC COMMENT

Shelly Boudino, 1414 ½ Cedar Street, Calistoga, commented that she and Commissioner Ticen attended the Upper Valley Waste Management Board meeting and stated that it was very informative.

C) ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Chairperson Chang requested a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. Commissioner Ticen moved to adopt and Vice Chair Lopez seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

D) OATH OF OFFICE

- 1) The Administrative Secretary administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Community Resources Commissioner, Mickael Wysocki.

Administrative Secretary Lorie Goldbeck administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Michael Wysocki who then assumed his seat.

E) PRESENTATIONS

- 2) Presentation by Recreation Superintendent Frank DiFede regarding the Amigos Program and the Nuevos Amigos Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at the Mt. St. Helena Golf Course.

Recreation Superintendent Frank DiFede, reported that the Amigos Program started in 2001 to address troubled youth and give them more positive recreational opportunities. He stated that the golf program helps teach them life skills that they may not learn otherwise and helps to keep them out of trouble. He also stated that it has grown and become a youth service group that volunteers at local events for the Lions, Kiwanis, Napa County Fairgrounds, and other organizations. He commented that private donations are used to provide free golf, annual trips, prom help and activities that kids would not normally be able to do, but that donations have slowed in the past couple of years. He commented that this year's trip is planned for Monterey to get the youth interested in scuba diving and surfing but that the City has to provide the main funds when donations are low. He stated that 30-40% of the youth that participate in the program end up going to college and are making a real difference in their lives. He encouraged the CRC to help spread the word about the program to help increase donations.

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen reported the Amigos program teaches them life and work skills such as timeliness, appearance, and accountability.

Commissioner Bloomquist commented that the kids in the program are very respectful and that the program has been very helpful.

F) GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- 3) Review the CRC Draft of the Strategic Plan.

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia commented that this is a draft strategic plan for dialogue and discussion on long term goals, overall objectives and possible measurable outcomes for the CRC.

2010/2011 Work Plan:

Karen Chang commented that she feels that the CRC work ties well with the City Council goals and objectives.

Green/Sustainable Practices:

Chairperson Chang commented that the CRC received a new framework but never discussed revising the 10 priority items throughout the year. She stated

that she did not feel that this could be discussed at this meeting. She recommended that the CRC review the items and discuss in detail at the July meeting to see if revisions are needed. She requested a staff report on the measureable items at the next meeting.

Recreation facilities:

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen reported that this item continues to be a priority for the City Council. She stated that there is no budget for operation and maintenance but that the City Council continues to work on the budget but have yet to finalize the design and plans. The next step for the CRC is to support staff in the programming and operational decisions once the building construction begins. She stated that funding will be an issue but that grant opportunities could be explored.

Commissioner Ticen asked if one of the responsibilities of the CRC involves emergency planning. She stated that she is concerned with the food supply for the residents in the case of a major emergency.

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen reported that the Fire Department takes care of the emergency planning along with the Red Cross. She reported that City staff conducts yearly drills to plan and prepare for major emergencies. She stated that that it is in the CRC bylaws to recommend policies on emergency preparedness and that she will add this to the recreation programming as emergency preparedness outreach in English and Spanish for the community.

Vice Chairperson Lopez commented that there is also the CERT program and education on emergency preparedness.

Aquatics Programming:

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen reported that CPAC will continue to monitor the pool programming and that she will continue to provide updates and request feedback from the CRC.

Recreation Programming:

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen commented that the CRC will continue to provide staff with direction on recreational programming and that she will add emergency preparedness and additional items as they come up from the CRC.

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen recommend that the CRC adopt the work plan and move forward with the recommendation to the City Council.

Commissioner Ticen moved to adopt the work plan as amended for recommendation to the City Council. Vice Chairperson Lopez seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4) Review CRC Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Draft Work Plan.

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen gave an overview of the draft work plan and the recommended measurable outcomes.

Measurable outcomes:

- Pioneer Park Gazebo - results, proposal and recommendation to the Council Council.
- Logvy Facility - once the facility is built, create a sub-committee consisting of representatives from the Art Center, Teen Center, and the CRC to keep the special interest groups tied in to finalize programming for the facility. Explore opportunities for Senior use of the facility.
- Climate Action Plan - continue to update and monitor the plan with measurable outcomes.
- Recreation Programming - explore senior programs and facilities. Use the CA Census as a tool to get a number of senior citizens in Calistoga to assist with programming. Vice Chair Lopez pointed out that some Latino seniors live with family and not just in the mobile home parks.
- Emergency preparedness - distribute a Red Cross 10 week plan to help educate the community about preparedness.

G) GENERAL UPDATES

5) General Update on the Calistoga Community Swimming Pool.

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen reported that the community pool opened on May 15th with 150 participants. She stated there was a smaller turnout of 30 on the second day due to the weather. She commented that it was a great opening and was much smoother than the previous year. She reported that she is finishing two lifeguard training classes and that four of the students were sponsored through the Calistoga Community Pool Project. She stated that many kids from St. Helena and Angwin have applied for positions at the pool. She reported that spring swim lessons started on Monday and that summer classes will be full all summer. She also reported that the St Helena swim team will be using the facility this summer so there will be an opportunity for Calistoga swim team as well. She reported on additional programs such as teen nights, family nights, and extended recreational swim hours. She stated

that she took recommendations from last year's survey and has increased programming.

Vice Chair Lopez asked if any scholarships would be offered. Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen stated that the City would not fund scholarships but that the Vamos a Nadar program will provide a 50% discount for children's swim lessons and a \$5 family coupon. She stated that she believes that the CCPP will apply for a community enrichment grant through the City to provide coupons, but she is not certain. She reported that every second grader started a four class swim session sponsored by CCPP and will also get a 50% off coupon through that class.

6) Green Sub-Committee Update.

Chairperson Chang reported that there have been ongoing series of presentations which have not been well attended and have been cancelled. She stated that they hope to piggyback on local events such as a booth at the farmers market with industry professionals to give out information. She reported that the CRC passed recommendations that were presented to City Council and then to Upper Valley Waste Management. She stated that Councilmember Slusser presented at the UVA meeting and addressed a hazardous waste program, a \$.50 fee increase in collection bills, and recycling incentives to commercial sector, the use of green waste as compost. She stated that, unfortunately, she did not believe the meeting was successful, but a positive is that they are planning to do a food waste recycling program for residential customers. She stated that there was discussion on proposing a 3% increase so there may be funds available.

Commissioner Ticen reported on planning efforts for the 10/10/10 event. She stated that they are working on participation from the school on a green week, possibly with a walk/bike/skate to school, a cafeteria program to promote using reusable boxes and containers, vegetarian lunches, etc. She stated that the vision is to educate the kids and send them home with a list of things that people can easily participate in with an end of the week celebration.

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen stated that she will find out the structure of turn off the TV week and work to model it after that and create a plan to take to the Superintendent of Schools for review.

H) ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Chang requested a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Lopez moved and Commissioner Ticen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. to the next scheduled regular meeting of the Calistoga Community Resources Commission, on Wednesday, July 21, 2010, Calistoga Community Center, 1307 Washington Street, 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Lorie Goldbeck
Administrative Secretary

Approved: Chairperson Karen Chang