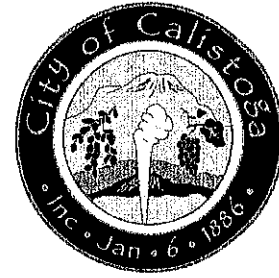


City of Calistoga
COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION



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

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.
Community Center, 1307 Washington Street

A) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chang on April 21, 2010, at 5:33 p.m., at the Calistoga Community Center. Commissioners present included Vice Chairperson Lopez and Commissioners Hunt 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 Rodriguez was absent.

B) PUBLIC COMMENT

Shelly Boudino, 1414 ½ Cedar Street, Calistoga, thanked staff and the CRC for the Earth Day event and proposed additional ideas such as “car free” Sundays and working with schools to install solar panels. She commented that 350.org is celebrating a “Global Work Party” on 10/10/10 where each community works together to address a climate solution project.

Michael Quast, 1300 Washington Street, Calistoga, commented that if the CRC can provide feedback to Upper Valley Disposal including input from local businesses and their desire for more containers, itemized invoices, etc. it would be helpful for future negotiations.

C) ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

There was CRC consensus to hear Item D, Oath of Office, to swear in newly appointed Commissioner Shirley Bloomquist.

D) OATH OF OFFICE

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

Administrative Secretary Lorie Goldbeck administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Shirley Bloomquist who then assumed her seat.

C) ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Adoption of the meeting agenda passed unanimously.

E) PRESENTATIONS

- 2) Presentation by Frank Sotitile, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Helena and Calistoga on the Teen Center.

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen gave a brief introduction and noted the recent success working with Boys & Girls club with success over the last few months and the current programs being worked on for the teens in Calistoga.

Executive Director Frank Sotitile gave a brief background on the Boys & Girls Club in Calistoga and St. Helena. He commented that the Club for Boys started in 1860 and in 1906 they had grown to 53 clubs around the country called the Boys Club. By 1990 they had a Girls Club and joined them together to become the Boys & Girls Club of America. He stated that Calistoga's first programs were with the Police Department with a diversion program for minor's with first offenses and that in 2001 they started running programs for school aged children. The program was so successful that they started regular programming and have grown to serve 650 students. He stated that the City of Calistoga contracted with the Boys & Girls Club for youth development programs at the Teen Center. He reported that the Teen Center statistically averages 41 children per day, at the programs at the elementary school average 75 students per day and that the school has asked them to take over after school programs averaging 160 kids per day. He also commented that they continue to build after school programs in order to make positive changes in the climate and community service programs.

Clint Ferrier, Teen Center Coordinator commented that they strive to create an environment that is fun for the kids with computers, video games, board games and social interaction. He stated that the Teen Center has been approved to use Palisades for a high school program which will enable them to expand their reading, homework and arts and crafts space. He also commented on some scheduled activities such as cooking classes, gardening at Palisades Gardens, weight lifting, pool tournaments, racquet ball, and some evening pool activities.

F) CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairperson Chang made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hunt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

G) GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- 4) Consideration of amendments to the Community Resources Commission Bylaws.

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen gave a brief overview on the challenges with CRC quorum. She commented that the student commissioners are on the voting quorum and that their school and sports schedules make it difficult for them to attend every meeting. She commented that the participation and feedback from the students was critical but recommended that they be removed from the voting quorum. She also commented on the meeting commitments and successes of the sub-committees and made a recommendation that the Commissioners consider a quarterly or bi-monthly meeting schedule.

Chairperson Chang stated that she was reluctant to go to quarterly meetings and that her preference was for bi-monthly meetings with the continuation of sub-committee meetings. She reiterated that commitment to attendance is vital. She requested that staff keep a record of attendance at meetings and asked if the requirements of the Bylaws could be broadened to include volunteers as part of the CRC.

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen explained that there are possible constraints but that she would look into it.

Chairperson Chang made a motion to go to a bi-monthly meeting schedule with six meetings per year with tracked attendance and that the students be removed from the voting and quorum. Vice Chairperson Lopez seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 5) Reappointment of a CRC Commissioner to the Community Pool Advisory Committee (CPAC).

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Lemen gave a brief overview of the make up of the CPAC consisting of two members of the Community Resources Commission, two members from the Community Pool Project and one City of Calistoga staff member.

Commissioner Bloomquist volunteered to be a member of CPAC. There was a motion and a second and the motion carried unanimously.

- 6) Reappointment of a Community Resources Commission member to the Green Sub-committee.

Commissioner Ticen volunteered to be a member of the Green Sub-committee. There was a motion and a second and the motion carried unanimously.

- 7) Discussion and recommendation requesting City Staff suggest City Council direct Upper Valley Waste Management Agency to consider programs.

Associate Planner Erik Lundquist gave a brief presentation and commented that there are four key topics; 1) re-establish the hazardous waste program, 2) how to incentivise commercial recycling, 3) how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and, 4) convenient recycling in public areas. He stated that there is a possible funding opportunity through Upper Valley Waste Management Agency for recycling bins along Lincoln Avenue, but that there is difficulty with service due to reduced budgets and loss in maintenance staff.

There was Commission discussion on the possibility of increasing fees to provide for additional recycling bins and services. There was discussion on help from volunteers and public works staff to service the additional bins. Chairperson Chang stated that grant funds from the state for recycling bins have been reinstated that the staff look in to applying for these grant funds. She asked that these measures be expedited and presented to City Council.

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Lemen reiterated that the commission would like to move forward with these recommendations to City Council. She also stated that all work must conform to Cal Trans standards and that there would need to be capacity for staff to handle the extra services.

Chairperson Chang made a motion to support the recommendations to City Council. Commissioner Bloomquist seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

H) GENERAL UPDATES

- 8) Update on Earth Day events.

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen reported on the Earth Day celebration and Green Fair. She stated that three workshops have been scheduled, beautification day, trash clean up, tree planting and clean up of the bike path. She also stated that through a PG&E grant, CFL lightbulbs would be handed out for free at the events.

Commissioner Hunt commented that the high school is participating in the tennis shoe recycling program through Nike.

- 9) Chairperson Chang's report on the Special City Council Strategic Planning and Goal Setting meeting of April 13, 2010.

Chairperson Chang stated that she could not report because she was not able to attend the special meeting. Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen commented that the green initiatives and options for the new Logvy facility are top priorities for the City Council. She commented that the challenge is the lack of funds to operate and maintain the facility once it is built.

Planning & Building Director Charlene Gallina commented that a key priority for the Planning & Building Department is to work on implementation of work programs to identify actions in the Urban Design Plan for suggestions to the General Plan which would then uncover additional work plans for the CRC.

10) Discussion and recommendations for the Community Resources Commission work plan for fiscal year 2010/1011.

Aquatics & Recreation Manager Olivia Lemen gave a recap of the current work plan and commissioners made additional recommendations for the 2010/2011 fiscal year. The final work plan will be approved at the May meeting after city budgets are finalized. Recommendations included:

- ◆ Continue projects for Climate Action Plan.
- ◆ Explore options for the Gazebo in Pioneer Park for next year's work plan.
- ◆ Explore car free Sundays.
- ◆ Discuss how Calistoga can participate in the 350.org 10/10/10 "Global Work Party" events.
- ◆ Explore the possibility Federal and state grants for solar funding for the high school.

I) ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m. to the next scheduled regular meeting of the Calistoga Community Resources Commission, on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, Calistoga Community Center, 1307 Washington Street, 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Lorie Goldbeck
Administrative Secretary

Approved: Chairperson Karen Chang