

**CITY OF REDLANDS
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting of May 13, 2021**

Present:	Ryan Johnson, Chair	Absent:
	Maryn Wells, Vice Chair	Adam Hebden
	Douglas Gonzales	Richa Jos
	Edward Ferrari	
	Brad Billings	

FCS Staff: Tabitha Kevari, Senior Manager, Facilities & Community Services
Joe Bierma, Administrative Analyst, Facilities & Community Services

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - A. Eddie Sanchez submitted a public comment thanking the Commission for partial recognition. He also voiced concerns regarding Texonia Park and the parking access which presents a risk to patrons during large games and practices at the park. He asked the city to look into addressing the issue. He would also like the City to hold off on the ordinance regarding street vendors. Pieter Nystrom submitted a maintenance concern to notify the Commission that the shade sail in Israel Beal Park has been damaged and needs to be replaced or fixed.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. April 8, 2021, regular meeting minutes were approved by Chair Johnson with modifications by Vice Chair Maryn Wells regarding the correction of Commissioner Jaffe to Recreation Coordinator Dave Jaffe. Seconded by Commissioner Billings and carried.
 - B. April 15, 2021, special meeting minutes were approved by Chair Johnson with modifications by Chair Ryan Johnson regarding the intentions of AYSO which was to honor the contract in place as opposed to agreeing completely and Vice Chair Billings should also be corrected to Commissioner Billings. Seconded by Commissioner Billings and carried.
4. **STATUS REPORTS:**
 - A. **City Council Liaison Report** – Eddie Tejada reported that the presentation by Vice Chair Wells and Commissioner Gonzales was excellent. He also added that next year’s budget is coming up and volunteer day next month will be at Ford Park.
 - B. **FCS staff report on Park and Recreation activities-** Shawn McIntosh reported that the Friends of Prospect Park funded some items at Prospect Park. The flooring of the restroom was completed two weeks ago, drinking fountains were purchased

and are waiting to be installed, and he is working with Erik and Zach on the lighting project. The service club day will attempt to stabilize the pond edges and landscape at Ford Park.

- C. **Student Liaison Report** – Student Commissioner Jos was absent.
- D. **RUSD Liaison Report**- RUSD Liaison Rendler reported that all schools are back in session, and students can go back to school if they would like. Graduation is set up in the Redlands Bowl. Orangewood will graduate June 7th in the morning. Redlands E-Academy will graduate June 7th in the afternoon. Redlands Adult School will graduate June 7th in the evening. Redlands High School will have two graduations, one in the morning and one in the afternoon on June 8th with a capacity of 300 people each. Redlands East Valley will graduate in the evening of June 10th and Citrus Valley in the afternoon of the 9th. There are plans to expand E-Academy and online formats to include students who prefer to stay at home.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *Discussion and possible action regarding solar lighting at the Dog Park within Ford Park*
 - a. This item was tabled by Chair Johnson until the next meeting.
- B. *Discussion and possible action regarding survey questions for public input*
 - a. This item was tabled by Chair Johnson until the next meeting.
- C. *Discussion and possible action regarding park signage*
 - a. Shawn McIntosh reported that there is a rendering of the design for the signage but nothing has been installed yet. The sign was suggested to go with the new app Commissioner Hebden created in order to reduce the clustering of signage.
- D. *Discussion and possible action regarding a BMX and Mountain Bike pump track*
 - a. Chair Johnson reported that avid cyclists of the Redlands Conservatory mentioned that many other cities were installing BMX pump tracks and proposed a project mostly through fundraising in previous meetings. Chair Johnson reported that Temecula had a successful pump track, but confirmation of success has not been finalized. Chair Johnson proposed to look into the future of a pump track and community. Previously, presenter Johnathan Beatty proposed having a small test track installed in an existing park or vacant properties near the Orange Blossom Tree to see how the community reacts to the pump track. Chair Johnson motioned to move the discussion and possible action regarding a BMX and Mountain Bike pump track to the project list. Seconded by Commissioner Gonzales, carried unanimously.
- E. *Discussion and possible action regarding the caretaker building at Sylvan Park*
 - a. Commissioner Gonzales suggested tabling the discussion regarding the caretaker building at Sylvan Park until after the budget is confirmed in July or August. Commissioner Ferrari motioned to put the item on project list with the line item grant writing opportunities. Vice Chair Wells seconded, motion

carried unanimously.

F. *Discussion and possible action regarding a splash pad*

- a. Chair Johnson reported splash pads seem to be popular in other cities surrounding Redlands. The last public swimming pool was closed in 1978. The skate park now occupies that space. Actions regarding the splash pad are tentative. Commissioner Ferrari reported that after talking to constituents, many people were in favor of a splash pad, while others also wanted a public pool. Chair Johnson motioned to add the agenda item to the project list with grant writing opportunities on line items. Seconded by Commissioner Billings Motion carried unanimously

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *No New Business items were agendized for this meeting***

7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Discussion and possible action related to a subcommittee to understand the new budget – *Commissioners Gonzales and Ferrari volunteered for this subcommittee*
- Discussion and possible action related to a subcommittee on the priority project list – *Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Wells and Commissioner Billings volunteered for this subcommittee*
- Discussion and possible action related to more establishing more shaded areas in park picnic areas, with solar panels as shade
- Discussion and possible action regarding upgrading deteriorating structures at Smiley Park
- Discussion and possible action regarding the holistic development of Texonia Park
- Discussion and possible action regarding WiFi availability in City parks

8. ADJOURNED at 5:43 p.m. to a regular meeting of the CITY OF REDLANDS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION on THURSDAY, June 10, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.