

**CITY OF REDLANDS  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting of March 11, 2021**

Present: Ryan Johnson, Chair  
Maryn Wells, Vice Chair  
Adam Hebden  
Ann Davis-Schultz  
Kimberly Collins  
Douglas Gonzalez  
Richa Jos

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
  - A. No public comments were submitted.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - A. February 11, 2021, regular meeting minutes were approved as written by Commissioner Davis-Schultz, seconded by Vice-chair Wells and carried.
4. **STATUS REPORTS:**
  - A. **City Council Liaison Report** – City Council member Tejeda met with the city manager as part of the subcommittee for fee waivers. Discussions are still taking place about the waiver, and staff is being sent back to research to include more details for future discussions.
  - B. **FCS staff report on Park and Recreation activities-** Shawn McIntosh reported details regarding wayfinding signs and decided to place signs at Heritage, Caroline and Oakmont Parks
  - C. **Student Liaison Report** – Student Commissioner Jos reported that the College Board has finalized the dates for AP exams with three administrations, where students can opt to take the exam in school or at home. Outdoor sports seasons have started playing official matches. Elementary schools are scheduled to open on April 5th and high schoolers have the option to attend school in-person in half day blocks.
  - D. **RUSD Liaison Report-** RUSD Liaison Rendler reported elementary schools would be opening on April 5th, with a hybrid method where on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, students would attend in the morning or afternoon. Teachers get 2.5 hours with students daily with the new plan but nothing is finalized yet.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

### A. *Update on solar lighting at the dog park within Ford Park*

- a. Tabitha Kevari reported that solar lighting does not meet the city standard for park lighting, and the lighting that did meet the standards was too expensive to purchase and maintain. The city would rather go with the LED lights already implemented in other parks, which would cost around \$45,000.

### B. *Update on Oakmont Park Channel and Creek Improvement project*

- a. Tabitha Kevari reported that there was no update as of recently. Chair Ryan Johnson reported that all the original barricades have been wiped out.

### C. *Discussion and possible actions related to survey questions for public input*

- a. Commissioner Adam Hebden reported 52 people have downloaded the proposed app, but no responses were submitted. Proposed survey includes questions about volunteering. The app might be included in the city website to increase visibility.

### D. *Discussion and possible actions for park signage*

- a. Shawn McIntosh reported signage near Heritage Park was proposed to go at the intersections between Orange Avenue and Alabama Street or Barton Road and Nevada Street, signage at Caroline Park is proposed to go on Sunset Drive, and signage at Oakmont Park is proposed to go on Burns Lane and Sunset Drive. All locations are currently tentative. A motion regarding placement of signage was moved by Commissioner Dr. Collins, seconded by Commissioner Douglas Gonzales and Commissioner Ann-Davis Schultz, and carried unanimously.

### E. *Discussion and possible actions for Skate Park hours*

- a. Tabitha Kevari reported the revised draft modifies section G, H, and I, to allow the director or staff to establish rules or regulations for the skate park, and possibly all parks. The new draft establishes the ability to modify hours on a short-term basis. A motion to move the new draft forward to council to adopt the new ordinance and for city staff to discuss and collaborate with regards to changes for the skate park hours as indicated was motioned by Chair Ryan Johnson, seconded by Vice-chair Maryn Wells, and carried.

### F. *Discussion and possible actions to a BMX and Mountain Bike pump track*

- a. Discussions on the possible benefits of implementing a pump track were held based on Johnathan Betty's presentation at the last meeting. Chair Ryan Johnson suggested a survey to get input on pump track usage in other cities. Discussions are still in initial stages and pushed as an ongoing discussion.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### A. *Discussion and possible actions for sports field lighting and sports field development*

- a. Agenda item was pushed towards the beginning of the meeting where Chris Boatman reported the commission recommendation to utilize \$250,000 of Palmetto Grove proceedings towards expansion of sports field lighting has been appropriated into the city budget. With this money, the city focused the funding towards Brookside Park. After switching to LED lights the price of operating a field went down to \$80,000. Another project that was completed was the upgrade of the lighting at Orangewood Field, which allowed accommodation of all the travel

teams. With the remaining \$110,000 the city is planning on working on an additional project. The commission has also had discussions on Israel Beal Park to add one single baseball infield with an outfield, fencing, and lighting. Plans have been discussed and the estimated installation cost for total construction of the field and infield is \$110,000 with an additional \$40,000 for the lighting system.

**B. Discussion and Possible actions for caretaker building at Sylvan Park**

- a. Vice Chair Maryn Wells formed a subcommittee previously to look at the buildings and tour the parks to look for a possible revenue source. Commissioner Gonzales reported he spoke to Steve Stockton, where Stockton addressed he was not opposed to moving museum items for construction, if the proposal moved forward. Mr. Boatman reported the sewer system in the house was no longer operable and repairs would cost around \$30,000. With the addition of refreshing the house the costs could come around \$50,000 to 80,000. Discussion on turning the facility for the general public's utilization.

**C. Discussion and possible actions for sidewalks along city parks**

- a. Vice-chair Maryn Wells reported during that during the transit meeting at the University of Redlands, installation of sidewalks as part of the plan was assured. Chris Boatman reported sidewalk maintenance has been of priority for the last few years and has been able to do sidewalk maintenance with the Paris project, but right now there is no money budgeted and no immediate plan to install new sidewalks. A motion to add sidewalks around the parks to the project priority list with the intent of prioritizing it at a later date was made by Vice-chair Maryn Wells, seconded by Chair Ryan Johnson, and carried.

**7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Discussion and possible actions for Skate Park hours
- Discussion and possible actions related to survey questions for public input
- Discussion and possible actions to a BMX and Mountain Bike pump track

**8. ADJOURNED at 6:19 p.m. to a regular meeting on CITY OF REDLANDS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION for THURSDAY, April 8, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.**