



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Sperry.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Sperry.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Carrasco, Forster, Kelly, Obelleiro, Schultz, Sperry

Absent: Haney

Staff Present: Jeff Matheson, Recreation and Community Services Director  
Dianna Camara, Secretary

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**5. AUDIENCE / PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

Mike Schamberger, resident, proposed to the City a new sport and an alternative offering for Hall Park Phase III by including a BMX bike park. He noted it is the newest Olympic sport, felt addition of a BMX park would be an opportunity for the City, and asked for the Commission's support.

Chairman Sperry asked if there is a local community group being put together.

Mr. Schamberger replied both the local community and other Solano County residents have been gathering to participate, and that he had asked Ron Anderson, Argyle Park, to speak.

Ron Anderson, Argyle Park operator, spoke in favor of this type of facility for Dixon, commented that participation in the sport is growing, and felt it would be a positive opportunity for the community. He added that track surfaces are predominately clay-based, that approximately 3-acres would be needed for a track, and additional space for parking. Mr. Anderson answered the Commission's questions.

Director Matheson stated if the Commission is interested in further information and views a BMX park a viable addition to Dixon facilities, the item could be placed on a future agenda for discussion and further information presented for review.

Chairman Sperry commented that it would seem to be the consensus of the Commission to have this item agenzized for future discussion.

## 6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Obelleiro, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call was taken as follows:

Ayes:	Carrasco, Forster, Kelly, Obelleiro, Schultz, Sperry
Noes:	None
Absent:	Haney
Abstain:	None

## 7. **BUSINESS**

### 7.1 **Minutes from the August 5, 2008, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.**

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Obelleiro, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, to approved the Minutes as presented. Roll call was taken as follows:

Ayes:	Carrasco, Forster, Kelly, Obelleiro, Schultz, Sperry
Noes:	None
Absent:	Haney
Abstain:	None

### 7.2 **Project ASPIRE program for the 2008-09 school year.**

Director Matheson introduced Janet Glide, Recreation Coordinator, to discuss Project ASPIRE.

Ms. Glide discussed the City's partnership with Dixon Unified School District (DUSD), site locations, program funding, and functions, including physical

activities, arts & crafts, and homework help. She discussed her role as the City's coordinator and City staff's participation in the program, grade levels of eligible participants, and hours of operation. She also noted that participation at both sites is at full capacity with waiting lists and that there is no charge to participants. Ms. Glide answered the Commission's questions.

The item was filed.

**7.3 2008 summer aquatic season.**

Director Matheson requested Janet Glide, Recreation Coordinator, to review the summer aquatic programs.

Ms. Glide discussed the current pool use by the Dixon Dolphins and the Dixon High School swim teams, use for aqua aerobics, swim lessons, adult lap swim, recreational swim, and rentals of pool facilities. She also discussed that after the initial "mass" registration for swim lessons, the ability to register on-line and at City Hall on the following work day had streamlined the lesson registration process. Ms. Glide answered the Commission's questions.

Mr. Matheson noted that there is limited time available for pool rentals due to the volume of use for City aquatic schedules. He added that the City is a significant employer of youth during the summer for lifeguards and swim instructors.

The item was filed.

**7.4 Appeal regarding the suspension of Manual Mata from the adult arena soccer program for violations to the City of Dixon Players Code of Conduct.**

Director Matheson discussed the Players' Code of Conduct and that the Parks and Recreation Commission serves as an Appeals Board when necessary. He recapped the incident regarding Mr. Manual Mata, appellant, noting that Mr. Mata's reaction to a situation led to an altercation, resulting in four players being ejected from the game, and that Mr. Mata had submitted a letter of appeal to the Commission/Appeal Board for consideration and ruling.

Chairman Sperry asked Mr. Mata to come forward.

Mr. Mata was not present.

Chairman Sperry, to clarify, noted that Mr. Mata's suspension for the remainder of his league's season had already been served, but he was requesting that the probation resulting from the penalty be appealed. Mr. Matheson replied yes.

Commissioner Obelleiro asked if the other players involved had been penalized. Mr. Matheson replied they had been suspended, as well.

Commissioner Kelly asked if Mr. Mata had been verbally or physically aggressive. Mr. Matheson replied there had been physical contact, that it was unknown if Mr. Mata was the aggressor, however it had been Mr. Mata's action/reaction that initiated the altercation. Mr. Matheson added that the suspension letter had been sent to Mr. Mata as both an individual and as the manager of the team for which he played.

A motion was made by Commissioner Forster, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, to deny the appeal and uphold the suspension in its entirety . Roll call was taken as follows:

Ayes: Carrasco, Forster, Kelly, Obelleiro, Schultz, Sperry  
Noes: None  
Absent: Haney  
Abstain: None

**7.5 Subcommittee to review options for future off-leash dog park facilities in Dixon.**

Director Matheson recapped the history of the existing, temporary off-leash dog park, discussed its use, how interest has grown since its inception, and noted the minimal maintenance the facility requires. He suggested formation of a subcommittee which would act as a planning tool to develop goals and guidelines, and to research site locations for a future, permanent dog park(s), although site development would not occur until funding becomes available. Mr. Matheson answered the Commission's questions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Obelleiro, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, to form a subcommittee to review options for future off-leash dog park facilities in Dixon. Roll call was taken as follows:

Ayes: Carrasco, Forster, Kelly, Obelleiro, Schultz, Sperry  
Noes: None  
Absent: Haney  
Abstain: None

Commissioners Kelly, Obelleiro, and Schultz volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Two audience members also expressed interest in serving on the subcommittee; Chairman Sperry asked them to contact Director Matheson.

**7.6 Subcommittee to evaluate options and establish goals for a future nature trail around the Pond A drainage facility.**

Director Matheson discussed formation of a subcommittee to re-visit the potential of the Pond A drainage facility. He recapped a previous study performed by an

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) consultant that addressed Commission concerns regarding ADA accessibility. The consultant had presented the Commission with various options however, the project would need to be added to the Capital Improvement Project list and the Parks Master Plan, and funding was not available to pursue development at that time. The purpose of a subcommittee would be to establish goals, consider the possibilities of including a BMX and/or dog park, and to generally give some direction regarding Pond A at such time as funding becomes available for its development. Mr. Matheson answered the Commission's questions.

By consensus of the Commission, a subcommittee was formed to evaluate options and establish goals for a future nature trail around the Pond A drainage facility.

Chairman Sperry, Commissioners Obelleiro, and Schultz volunteered to serve on the subcommittee; Commissioner Kelly volunteered to serve as an alternate.

Chairman Sperry suggested inviting Mr. Randy Davis, a proponent of the trail, to serve on the subcommittee, and any interested persons wishing to serve could contact Mr. Matheson.

#### **7.7 Update on Parks and Recreation facilities maintenance.**

Director Matheson discussed the graffiti that has been prevalent throughout town and is an on-going challenge. Valleycrest Landscaping has addressed the City's concerns regard the athletic fields at Hall Park, and City facilities are preparing for the upcoming soccer season.

Commissioner Forster commented that Veteran's Park has become the "party place" for teens and asked if the Police Department could increase their "drive-bys". In addition, she commented on the lack of parking at Northwest Park and the resulting intrusion on area residents. Mr. Matheson replied that Northwest is a very popular community park that happens to be in the middle of a residential area; future discussions could include adding additional parking and/or changing the uses of the park.

### **8. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

#### **8.1 Recreation Activity Participation Update.**

Director Matheson noted Project ASPIRE and the summer aquatic programs had been reviewed earlier in the meeting and that the pool would close at the end of the season until February 2009. He added that the second session of indoor soccer had begun. Also, brochures for the Performing Arts Theater are available and performances will commence soon. Mr. Matheson answered the Commissioners' questions.

Commissioner Obelleiro inquired if there would be any new programs introduced for the winter season. Mr. Matheson replied that would depend on instructor availability and appropriate facility space(s).

9. **ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Obelleiro commented that soccer for small children will commence this evening and inquired if mow patterns in the field(s) would be changed to accommodate Tuesday and Thursday play. Mr. Matheson replied adjustments would be made to accommodate various schedules.


Commissioner Schultz asked that park rules and regulations, specifically Northwest Park, be reviewed regarding parking, music, and other uses.


Commissioner Forster thanked Mr. Stumberger and Mr. Anderson for their interest and information regarding a BMX park.

Chairman Sperry also thanked Mr. Stumberger and Mr. Anderson for their input.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at the hour of 8:25 p.m.

  
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Dianna Camara  
Secretary

  
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Robert Sperry  
Chairman