PRT MEETING January 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER 6:02PM

ROLL CALL

Elizabeth Yerxa, Here Jamie Davis-Meyer, Here Patty Hickel, Here Madison Martin, Here Cynthia White, Here Thomas Roach, Here Leslie Poland - EXCUSED

SUBJECT

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Patty moved to approve the minutes Elizabeth seconded. 3 Yes 1, Jamie Davis-Meyer recused.

Minutes to be put on the website were suggested.

2. WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER - JAMIE-DAVIS MEYER

3. Certificate of Appreciation - Joseph Berger

The certificate for Joe was made, signed from Mayor Greg Ponciano and will be mailed out to Joe.

4. State of Parks report

King Vale Park is in very good condition. Commissioner Jamie Davis-Meyer was assigned to King Vale Park. Country Club Park filled by Jamie Davis-Meyer as well.

C.D. Semple Park : Park is clean; some graffiti and water fountain issues.

A.B. Davision Park: Very good condition.

Will S. Green Park: New Trees! Thank you, Colusa Rotary Club!

Veterans Memorial Park: Condition Very Good!

Levee Park- very soggy with the river rising; still in need of a long term plan for the homeless.

There is no funding available, the county does not qualify for "low count of homeless." Vouchers are available at one stop. The fairgrounds are also available for the homeless.

Discussion of possible porta potties for the homeless.

5. Heritage Tree Program update

The Trees on the Heritage Tree Program were suggested to be in public spaces, in the Colusa City Limits.

16 different locations of trees were suggested to be put in the Heritage Tree Program.

There is one palm tree missing on main street by the bowling alley. City Manager Jesse Cain is going to reach out to PG&E to get an update of where one of the palms went, possible removal from PG&E.

It is suggested for the Heritage Trees to be added to a website for the viewing of the public. Discussion of small plaques being added to the trees and identified with the names.

6. New Recreation Department Director and how PRT can provide support

Welcomed new recreation department director, Cliff Burrious. Cliff lives in Colusa and has children in the programs. He is busy wrapping up basketball season and is looking at summer programs and preparing a budget.

Cliff is focused on working on quality programs and is working on intermediate programs between seasons of baseball and basketball.

There was also discussion of reaching out to Rotary and Lions Club to replace the horseshoe pits with bocce ball.

7. Status of Pruning/Planting Workshop

Richards tree service is not available to do the workshop. Next the plan is to reach out to Big T's or Mike Ferriolo to do the pruning workshop.

Gerry Hernandez and Master Gardeners were suggested to do the planting workshop.

Suggested to hold a workshop during a weekday during work hours.

A mulberry tree is suggested to do a pruning workshop practice on.

8. Recap of Rotary Tree Planting

Rotary and everyone involved did a great job.

Approximately the next planting date may be February 16th, if possible through early March.

The forms for the next Rotary tree planting are in the office.

Forms for tree planting are not yet on the website.

9. Update on inclusive parks

Inclusive park recommendations were emailed out to commissioners for recommendations for inclusive adaptations.

The suggestions were to change to rubber floors to be ADA accessible and adding an inclusive swing.

City Grant Writer Fernanda Vanetta is looking into grants to fund the inclusive improvements.

Future Agenda Items

Article in newspaper welcoming new Recreation Coordinator, Cliff.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45pm

NEXT MEETING: April 11th, 2023