



Minutes
Park, Arts & Recreation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, November 9, 2016
6:00 P.M. City Hall, Yosemite Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Brent Bohlender, Larry Yeakel, Lakneshia Diaz, Michelle Morse, Michael Foster, Nicole Larson and Robert Holley

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Erik Schulze and Carla McLaughlin

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Bohlender at 6:00 pm.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS / INTRODUCTIONS / CORRESPONDENCE: None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2016 Regular Meeting Lakneshia Diaz and made by a 2nd by Michael Foster. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to accept November update on Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Report made by Lakneshia Diaz and 2nd by Michael Foster. Motion passed unanimously.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATION: None

5. STAFF COMMENTS:

A. Turkey Trot and Christmas Parade – Erik Schulze

The “42nd Annual Turkey Trot” will be held on November 19, 2016 at Donnelly Park. The “38th Annual Christmas Parade” will be held on December 2, 2016 beginning at 6:30 pm. This year’s theme will be “Super Hero Style”

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

7. PUBLIC HEARING: None

8. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

Discussion / Action Items

A. Action: Evaluate and score the 2016/2017 Community Events and Activity Grant Program funding requests for the following organizations: 2017 Central Valley Brewfest and Turlock Junior Rodeo (Exhibit A) – Erik Schulze

1. 2017 Central Valley Brewfest – Veronica Camp

This event takes place at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds and features a craft beer festival, art show, and live music. They partner with Art Expression of San Joaquin and as a result of this partnership, the foundation was able to open a brick and mortar location on the Miracle Mile. The event tries to stay with local vendors and breweries.

In 2016 they had 2,250 attendees at the event. The event will be held on May 13, 2017 and they are expecting between 2,000 – 2,500 attendees. This funding will be used for advertising, facility rental, purchasing supplies, print materials, additional security, and additional restrooms (if needed).

2. Turlock Junior Rodeo – Tony & Barbara Silva

This junior rodeo has been in existence for over 60 years. It started out as a small local rodeo and has become one of the largest in the state. Participants are from ages 1 – 18. Funds will help to defer the costs of running the rodeo. The event will be in June 2017 and all of the children that participate are required to keep their grades up in order to compete in the rodeo.

Motion to transmit the scoring sheet information for the 2016/2017 Community Events and Activities Grant Program funding request for the following organizations: 2017 Central Valley Brewfest and Turlock Junior Rodeo to the City Council for action by Nicole Larson and a 2nd by Lakneshia Diaz. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion: Nominate a chairperson and Vice Chairperson to fill the 2017/2018 term – Erik Schulze

Election of officers is held in December of even numbered years and the officers will take office in January.

Lakneshia Diaz and Larry Yeakel nominated Brent for Chair and vice chair Nicole Larson. The Commission will vote at the December 14th meeting.

C. Action: Create an Ad Hoc committee to research the possibility of creating an urban garden in the City – Erik Schulze

Brent Bohlender, Nicole Larson and Bob Holly volunteered to be on the committee.

Motion to create an Ad Hoc committee consisting of three Commissioners, Brent Bohlender, Nicole Larson and Bob Holly, to research the possibility of creating an urban garden in the City. Brent Bohlender made the motion and 2nd by Lakneshia Diaz. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:** None

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.