



Town of Redding

Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 1, 2024, 7:00 – In person
Redding Community Center - Multi Purpose Room

Present: Tami O'Connor, Lorcan O Connor, Peter Graziano, Rob Blick, Jaymie Massaro, Willie Rook, Mary Lou Carlson, Angela Caes, Patrick Schuchard (zoom)

There were no members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

MEETING MINUTES

There was discussion on the meeting meetings from March. Ms. Caes offered several amendments for clarification regarding the community fence and Topstone. **Tami O'Connor motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes as amended from March 2024. Mr. Graziano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

There was no public comment.

ACTIONABLE LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Caes shared a comment from a resident on Redding Road noting the wetness of the 2-5 year community play area and the need for additional mulching around the entrance and areas of play. Commission members noted there is an outstanding order for inspection and a need for Spring clean up / mulching in the area. Rob Blick to follow up.

Mr. Rook shared a letter from HK Rook. The basis of the letter was a proposal to form a pickleball community group to represent the needs and on-going socials for members of pickleball play in Redding. Several members agreed there is a passion and need for further on-going input to the commission. Ms. Caes requested a group be widened to encompass all racquet / paddle sports. **Mr. Rook motioned to add the question of forming a community group to the meeting agenda. Ms. O'Connor seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

ON GOING PROJECT STATUS UPDATES

Ms. Massaro provided an update on the walking path as status quo waiting for the state approval to move forward with the chosen engineering contract.

Ms. Caes noted the Topstone project was approved in full with the final engineering work and purchase orders underway.

DIRECTORS REPORT

There were several comments and observations

Communications

There are challenges getting the brochure online as fast as it was published. The brochure was made available to the public first on email, then mail, then on the web.

Ms. Massaro noted the need for improved communications and note of “credits” for missed classes. Mr. Blick noted there was a discrepancy in emails and communications were not sent / received by several members of the community. All emails are now automatically opted-in for communications upon registration.

Facility Usage / Events

Ms. Carslon encouraged more events locally for all residents and more opportunities for visits to heritage and cultural based areas, such as the GoodSpeed Opera performances.

Ms. Caes expressed hope to see the new pavilion have outdoor programming and events in the coming months.

All commission members were delighted to see the post-program surveys, especially basketball. There was a comment about the length of the survey and a suggestion to keep it to 3-5 key questions for maximum participation.

Ms. Caes requested all commission members review the memo to coaches and volunteers in detail and provide specific feedback to Mr. Blick.

DISCUSSION OF PREVIOUS BUSINESS

There was no discussion of previous business

NEW BUSINESS OR INITIATIVES

There was a deferral of winter brochure review until the May meeting and survey data was available.

Ms. O'Connor gave an update on the May 18th Pickleball Social. Commission members noted it is a busy day for Redding with the opening of the Granite Church as well as the Glowball program at the community center.

The committee took up the issue of forming a Court Community Group with no more than 5 members. It was agreed Mr. Blick and Ms. O'Connor would represent the commission on the community group. The group is responsible for offering input to the commission. **Ms. O'Connor motioned to establish a Court Community Group to represent pickleball and tennis interests in Redding. Ms. Carlson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

Several commission members offered comments, observations and requests:

- Ms. Caes noted updated photos of recreation facilities and community centers are needed for communications and online. We have a working proposal from the Redding Done Company for consideration. Mr. Rook noted such expenditure would fall under standard Redding Park & Recreation department spending. Ms. Caes will share the opportunity with the department.
- Ms. Caes shared there is an approval of funds to support beautification and planting at the front of the community center. A small group with members of the Heritage center, Park & Recreation and the commission is forming with the instrumental help from Ms. Carlson.
- Mr. Gaziano requested updates to the google meeting calendar. He also noted several conflicts with attending in-person due to professional work responsibilities.
- Mr. Rook requested that a Check in on Annual Goals be added as a focus at the May meeting.
- Mr. Blick noted the meetings could be shortened in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Noted submitted by Angela Caes