

**MINUTES OF THE
RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008, 6:30pm

CALL TO ORDER: MEMBER GLEN FOTH called the meeting to order. Members present were ADRIANA OLALDE, BETTY ROBERTS, GLEN FOTH, PHILIP GALLEGOS and ROSALIE MADRID.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: GLEN FOTH made a motion to approve the December 2007 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by BETTY ROBERTS. The minutes were UNANIMOUSLY approved by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: The agenda was UNANIMOUSLY approved by the Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION:

Senior Center newsletters and Friday Night Teen Scene flyers were available for Commission.

Only Kerman students will be allowed to attend the new Friday Night Teen Scene program at the Scout Hut. School IDs are required. PHILIP is considering implementing additional teen programs, such as a week-day program at the Community Center, since the Youth Center Project has been delayed.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Youth Sports:

Little Lions Basketball - Program is underway. Little Lions (4 years-4th grade) play on Saturdays at Kerman Middle School. Junior Lions (5-6th grade) is more competitive and plays during the week.

T-Ball/Youth Baseball - Sign-ups are taking place right now through March 4th.

Kerman Girls Softball and Cal Ripken Baseball - Sign-ups are on-going. Cal Ripken League added 6-8 year olds last year, and Girls Softball may also be adding a 6-8 year league this year. Despite the additions Girls' Softball and Cal Ripken, PHILIP believes that the Recreation's Department's T-Ball program will still have a market with parents/children who are not yet prepared for competitive ball.

After School Programs:

PHILIP is working with FCOE on revamping the KFRESH program at Kerman Middle School. PHILIP is also working on recruiting more Kerman employees for KFRESH job positions. Yvonne Gonzalez, a Kerman KFRESH employee, will be promoted to Site Leader at the Kerman Middle School site. Due to the students' ages, the Middle School

site is the most difficult to manage. PHILIP hopes to have it running effectively by March.

Teen Programs:

The Friday Night Teen Scene will begin in February. If the program goes well, PHILIP will look into offering additional teen programming.

Adult Sports:

Currently, there are no leagues underway. PHILIP is considering adding a Spring Softball League if teams are interested.

Seniors:

Staff is preparing for the March 2008 “Country Roundup” Senior Prom and Volunteer Recognition. Festivities include a volunteer recognition, sit-down dinner, entertainment, door prizes, and dancing. Commission members are encouraged to attend.

The Senior Center recently purchased new chairs for the dining area and bingo room. The chairs have been well received by the Kerman Seniors.

KCSO:

A “wrap-up” meeting was held in January. The 2007 Holiday Food and Toy Drive went smoothly

Seniors:

The Senior Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 21st at 11:00am and will feature a turkey dinner, entertainment from the Westside Dance Studios, and a stocking delivery from Santa himself. Commission members are invited to attend the event.

KCSO:

The food distribution of the Holiday Food and Toy Drive is scheduled for Friday, December 14th. Food boxes will be packed by volunteers from 9:00am-12:00pm, and food will be provided to needy families from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. The Marine Corps’ Toy for Tots program has changed their method of toy distribution, and larger toy requests, such as the request from KCSO, will be filled last. Therefore, toys will not be available for the December 14th food distribution, but will be given out the following Thursday (December 20th). Due to abuses of delivery services in the past, all food and toys must be picked up by the families themselves at the Community/Teen Center on the designated dates.

Parks:

Lions – New drinking fountains installed.

Kerckhoff Park – A new drinking fountain has been installed near the Skate Park. The new security lights at the park have cut outside vandalism to almost nothing.

Kiwanis - Half court basketball court was installed as part of Serve Kerman Day and the Kiwanis Club basketball court donation.

Rotary – ADRIANA OLALDE mentioned that the sensor light in the restroom is not functioning properly. PHILIP will have the sensor light replaced. PHILIP has talked to KUSD about adding security lights at Rotary Park.

Community Park – The potential park properties have been narrowed down to four sites, and will be submitted to CITY COUNCIL for further analysis before purchase negotiations begin.

Soroptimist – The Accelerator, a piece of the playground equipment, has been re-manufactured and properly installed.

NEW BUSINESS:

California Parks and Recreation Society Award of Achievement:

The City of Kerman received the Award of Achievement from the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) for the planning and design of Soroptimist Park.

Playful City USA:

PHILIP GALLEGOS attended the National League of Cities Conference in New Orleans in lieu of the MAYOR RODRIGUEZ. Approximately 5,000 representatives from cities around the United States were in attendance. The Conference displayed the 31 Playful City USA signs. KaBOOM! hosted a circus themed banquet to honor the Playful Cities. The uniquely playful banquet featured stilt walkers, clowns, mimes, magicians, great food, and a presentation to recognize the playful cities. The following day, PHILIP participated with 200 other volunteers in a park playground build in one of Hurricane Katrina's hardest hit areas.

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Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Gailey, Community Services Secretary