

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2015

Facilitator: Recreation Advisory Board (RAB)

Type of meeting: Workshop followed by regular mor

Timekeeper: Isabelle Sheele, RAB secretary

Note taker: Isabelle Sheele, RAB secretary

Attendees: Greg D'Amour, RAB chair; Destiny Mitchell, RAB co-chair; Isabelle Sheele, RAB secretary; Pat Freemyer, RAB member; Peter Baca, T or C Parks and Recreation director; Chuck Wentworth, Sentinel reporter; Rick O'Neill, T or C Softball (Co-Ed, Men); Bob Culpepper, T or C Softball (Co-Ed, Men); Annette Garcia, Sierra Womens Softball; Rene Guaderrama, Sierra County Youth Soccer Association; Matt Felts, Sierra County Little League president; Todd Lindsey, Hot Springs High School assistant principal and athletic director; Buddy Montoya, public

5:37 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegience

Please read:

Please bring:

Minutes

Agenda item: Community Athletic Workshop

Discussion: The purpose for this workshop is to create a calendar of all community athletic events to maximize on public participation. There has been some overlap in schedules in past making participation from community difficult as well as some venue issues.

Conclusions: Sierra County Youth Soccer Association will begin practices on February 23rd and games will begin on March 7th. The last day of soccer season will be on April 18th. Practices would be held during the week with games scheduled for Saturday mornings. Practices and games will be at the Louis Armijo Sports Complex.

Sierra County Little League will start practices April 20th and games beginning on May 11th. Practices will be held during the week and possibly a few on weekends. There will be games 2-3 times a week dependent on number of teams. All regular season games should wrap up by June 20th. An additional two weeks of practices and games for all-star players. The league will have t-ball, minor, and major baseball at the Louis Armijo Sports Complex. This year they will have a senior baseball/softball which will practice and have games at Hot Springs High School.

The T or C Softball and Sierra Womens Softball Leagues will start with co-ed practices and games in April thru June. The men and women will start practices and games following co-ed July thru October. All parties have worked in past with coordination of events. Practices and games will be held at Louis Armijo Sports Complex.

Unfortunately there was no representation from the T or C Basketball. It was unclear to attendees who would run the basketball activities now that Nathan and Denise Gustin are no longer running the organization. The season in past was in conflict with soccer and baseball due to venue issues. A possible solution was introduced and discussed.

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Agenda item: Basketball/Venue/Schedule

Discussion: Because of school athletic schedule for basketball the city basketball season would conflict with other sporting activities. The middle and high school gyms use are prioritized by the school's basketball girls and boys basketball teams and cheer teams for practices and hosting games. Therefore the city basketball would not be able to use the middle or high school gyms until March when the school use of gyms no longer a priority.

Conclusions: It was suggested that the city basketball practices could be held at the elementary school gym and games coordinated with the use of middle school gym during the normal basketball season. In doing so the season can begin earlier January thru March. It was also suggested that if games were needed in March to coordinate with soccer for games held on Saturdays.

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Agenda item: USSSA Tournament

Discussion: Mr. Montoya informed the board of interest from public to host an USSSA softball tournament here in T or C when we have the annual Fiesta. He has already received approval from the Fiesta committee to have tournament on the weekend of April 25th and 26th.

Conclusions: RAB vice/co-chair, Destiny Mitchell suggested to Mr. Montoya to put in a formal request for use of the Louis Armijo Sports Complex ballfields at the city office. The city would benefit from a tournament held here economically from visiting teams and their families.

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**Agenda item: Recreation Department Needs Assessment/Update
Pool Update**

Discussion: Field conditions at the Louis Armijo Sports Complex : preparation of fields for youth soccer; issue of puddling, turning, and leveling of Field C for adult softball; addition of another pitching mound for Field A.

Ms. Mitchell informed the board the need to have the pool resurfaced. The pool needs to be resurfaced once every ten years and an inspection should be completed by the end of the month. Ms. Mitchell also stated that this will be a busy month for the pool since the swim team has started practices and meets as well as some free activities being offered.

Conclusions: Mr. Baca states that the department is preparing the ballfields for the soccer season. He and the adult softball leagues will be seeking for donations of dirt and possibly some kind of absorbing compound for the ballfields. With a lack of manpower in the department, the leagues have decided to help with the maintenance of the ballfields. The little league will look into cost for a portable pitching mound.

The enclosure for the pool should be coming down in late April or early May. There will be a free adult swim class on February 7th at the T or C Pool. There is still free swim admissions every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month and soon some free baby swim classes to be conducted.

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Other Information

Observers:

Resources:

Special notes:

6:27p.m. The meeting was adjourned.
