

CITY OF UKIAH
PARKS, RECREATION AND GOLF COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Link

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12/15/2020 5:30 PM

1. ROLL CALL

The Parks, Recreation and Golf Commission met at Meeting Date of December 15th, 2020 having been legally noticed on December 11th, 2020. Jake Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Roll was taken with the following **Commissioners Present:** Susan Knopf, Roger Vincent, Henry Sadowski **Commissioners Not Present:** Vicki Bitonti-Brown **Staff Present:** Jake Burgess, Recreation Supervisor

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Mo Mulherren, City Council Member joined the meeting and introduced her self and touched on the Holiday Lighting Competition; Let it Glow.

3. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None Received

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Motion/Second: Vincent/Knopf moved to approve Minutes of November 17th, 2020. Motion carried by the following roll call votes: AYES: Vincent, Sadowski, Knopf, NOES: None. ABSENT: Bitonti-Brown. ABSTAIN: None.

5. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None Received

6. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

-Knopf asked if the parks would be staying open with new health order. Burgess let the commission that they will stay open and so will the bathrooms

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Services Staff Reports

- Community Services Department staff reports

- **Events**

- Burgess talked about how successful the Santa and Sirens event was in front of the Civic Center. Over 150 Families came to the event after pre registering. The Ukiah Police Dept, Ukiah Valley Fire Authority, Medstar and Mendocino Transit Authority joined in on the event and made it a great socially distanced event for the Holidays.

- Burgess also let the commission know how Let it Glow, the first Holiday lighting competition was a hit in the community with 70+ houses entering to compete. He stated that the Recreation Dept is excited to keep this tradition going in the coming years.

- **Parks**
-Burgess talked about the Skate Park Lights and how we are having them on later so people can enjoy the Skate Park later into the evening.

- **Golf**
-None Given

- **Building Maintenance**
-None Given

- **Museum**
-Burgess talked about how any and all events that the museum is hosting, which are mostly virtual are going great.

- **Recreation Programs -**
Burgess talked about how classes are continuing to go well, and parents are thankful for the opportunity to get their kids out of the house to safely socialize and stay active.

- **Property Management**

-None Given

- **Financial Matters**
-None Given

8. NEW BUSINESS

-Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager, joined in on the meeting to thank the commission for their participation during this time

-Neil Davis, Program Administrator Davis updated the group on the current state of volunteer support for Observatory Park. The Friends of Observatory Park does not have non-profit status but collects donations under the fiscal umbrella of North Coast Opportunities. Martin Bradley has been a driving force in developing the Park and organizing the Friends group but is now interested in pursuing other interests. So far another strong leader has not emerged. The Park has a good Master Plan but the City does not currently have the resources to implement all of the plan. The current volunteer members of the Friends group are more interested in educating the public about the study of astronomy than the preservation and development of the observatory as a place of historical interest. Davis is preparing plans for the City to take a more active role in volunteer recruitment including assigning staff to act as a volunteer coordinator. The Volunteer coordinator would not work exclusively with Observatory Park and will help recruit a communicate with volunteers but likely not lead volunteer work. Davis suggested it may be beneficial to have the PRGC take a more active role in the development of Observatory Park.

9. CLOSED SESSION

-None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Sadowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 pm Knopf Seconds