

## CITY OF GALT

### MINUTES

#### GALT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California  
Wednesday, April 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair-Person Moore. Roll call was taken. All Commissioners were in attendance.

Staff members present: Special Projects Administrator Armando Solis, Street Superintendent Adin Selby, and Administrative Assistant Deborah Porteous-Toste.

**CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF AGENDA** – Solis requested Commission move item 8a from New Business to the beginning of the meeting.

**ACTION:** Smith moved to move item 8a from the New Business to the beginning of the meeting and the motion was seconded by Reuthinger. Vote was called for and passed unanimously.

**Subject:** Appoint two (2) Commissioners to Officer Tonn Memorial/Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee

Speaker – Dave Dogwin citizen of Galt for 20 years. He commented on the Officer Tonn Park and made gracious comments about the service of Officer Tonn to him personally and would like the Commission not rush into a decision on the memorial. Mr. Dogwin does not like the park location for the Memorial and would not like to come to the memorial to see graffiti or vandalism. Mr. Dogwin would like something nice to come out of this meeting.

Solis reported that City Council approved the Commissioner's recommendation regarding the Officer Tonn Memorial. Solis was asked to come back to the Commission to have the Commission choose the two Commissioners to work with the two City Council members (Council Member Crews and Vice Mayor Singleton) on the committee. Meetings held on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesdays at 5:30 were suggested. City Staff will also be included to answer questions so Committee will not have to wait until the next meeting for answers.

Moore expressed interest on being on the Committee. Reuthinger also expressed interest. Smith and Buchanan unable serve. Smith's home is in proximity of the proposed dog park and Buchanan is coaching two youth teams for Parks and Recreation. Steele is interested but willing act in an alternate position for Moore or Reuthinger in the event he is needed.

Moore noted that he would be unable to attend on Tuesdays.

**ACTION:** Smith moved to have Commission Moore and Reuthinger to serve on the Officer Tonn Memorial Ad Hoc Committee and the motion was seconded by Buchanan. Vote was called for and passed unanimously.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Steele moved to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2013 and the motion was seconded by Smith. Vote was called for and acceptance of the minutes passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS** - None

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Subject:** Council follow up on Officer K. Tonn Memorial Dog Park – Solis

Previously covered

- b. **Subject:** Council follow up on Non-Profit Facility Use – Solis

City Council made no changes to their previous recommendation so it will stay at one (1) rental per calendar year to local non-profit organization with the ability to make reservations one (1) year at advance.

- c. **Subject:** Youth T-Ball/Softball Practice Sign up Procedures – Lucero

Solis reported that the Department had a coaches' panel/meeting last week to discuss the rules for t-ball and basketball. Finalization of rules will go out to all coaches tomorrow. Coaches in attendance (most coach both youth basketball and softball) were Mike Tassano, Coach DePrado, Coach Athena Buchanan, Heather Nelson, Gary Halsey and Dan Lucero who oversaw the meeting.

Changes were clearly defined as they were previously gray in definition. Reduced innings (T-ball went from 3 to 2 innings or 1 hour), changed pitching in the Minis softball level how they were pitched to. Coaches will pitch the count after 5 pitches, upper division levels dropped third strike rule not all coaches know what that means so it was noted where in the rule book they could get a description and definition of the meaning.

Steele asked if there has been a meeting with coaches for input prior to the season. This year the current rules were sent out to all of the coaches at the Positive Coaching Alliance Training asking for input and explaining that the changes and suggestions would be reviewed by this group of coaching individuals to come up with a set of rules that addressed all of the coaches input.

Reuthinger asked about the practice schedule. It was extended to a month and additional practices are being offered in the order of draft position. Solis reported an increase of participation by 100 and that we almost had 4 teams in the majors division. Reuthinger asked about McCaffrey fields. Department will only be utilizing the front field for games. The other two are available for practices on a first come first serve basis.

Buchanan stated the month out scheduling for practice has made it easier for the coaches and the parents are pleased as they are able to plan and schedule better.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Subject:** Appoint two (2) Commissioners to Officer Tonn Memorial/Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee

Previously addressed

- b. **Subject:** C Street Landscape Responsibility – (Informational ) Selby

Plans for landscape are in the works for the interchange.

c. **Subject:** Independence Day Celebration Sponsorships – Solis

Solis will be forwarding information packets out to all of the Commissioners in hopes to get one or two sponsorships to offset the cost of the event.

The Officer Tonn 5K run for the badge has been added to the event this year with all proceeds will be going towards the Memorial. Sign ups are currently being taken.

Robin Nelson updated the Commission on the 5K Officer Tonn run. She has already received some sponsorships and are publishing it aggressively in hopes a large turnout. Posters and cards will be provided to the Commissioners. Moore will give contacts to Robin for possible advertising on the schools' marquis. Donations can also be made for t-shirts or just for the Memorial even if you do not participate in the run.

d. **Subject:** T-Ball/Softball Opening Day April 13, 2013 – Solis

The Department would love the Commissioners to attend. Ceremonies are at 10:00, 12:30 and 3:00. Please make your presence known to staff as we would like to introduce you. Names were chosen by Coaches and players and they came up with some very unique names. Just a few examples are Goofy Girls, Cupcakes, and Diamond Divas. Colors expanded to include hot pink, lime green, teal, etc.

e. **Subject:** "I Love Galt" Event, April 27, 2013 – Selby

Selby gave some history on the I Love Galt event. Last year was Galt's first year participating. It began in Modesto in 2009 and today many cities participate. The organization asked for projects to do and the Department came up with a list, said they could do them all, 300 volunteers and \$38,000 later. Well it was a huge success with projects including planting 4000 plants on Carrilion, roofing repairs, bathroom remodels, Market sound wall, landscaping, etc. It is a bi annual program but due to the lack of funds the City passed on the event in September 2012. So, the City came up with \$12,000 to work on some or the projects including adding the permanent horseshoe pits and Bryan Grace (citizen volunteer) helped flag it off and hope to bring in 20 volunteers for it.

**UPCOMING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS**

- No upcoming agenda items

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **T-Ball/Softball Opening Day – April 13th**
  - **Shred It Event – April 7<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Bus Rodeo – April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> - Market Grounds**
  - **Cherokee Truck Show – May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - Market Grounds**
- Gate fees go towards our scholarship funds. So please let everyone know
- **Safety Fair – May 11<sup>th</sup> - Community Park**
  - **Strawberry Festival – May 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

Also hosting the State Bus Rodeo – May 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS/COMMENTS**

a. Chairperson Moore – Ask about the Skate Park and if there were any plans for the redesign of the Park. Solis stated that he and Adin are discussing the redesign of the Skate Park. Hopefully in the 30 – 60 days. Moving things around for safety reasons.

b. Vice- Chairperson Buchanan – Asked about sponsorships for our recreation programs for our youth teams. We are much lower than other cities due to the Market income and our fees cover our costs.

c. Commissioner Reuthinger – Thank you for putting me on the Ad Hoc Committee and looking forward to working with Brendan.

d. Commissioner Smith – none

e. Commissioner Steele – Would like to have a reminder sent out on these upcoming events so that they can remember and try to attend. Will put events on an Outlook Calendar.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Solis offered any other training that may be helpful to the Commission. Just let him know and he will do what he can to set it up.

Adin told the Commission about Creek Week on Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 – Staff and volunteers will be working on cleaning up Deadman’s Gulch and Canyon Creek.

Next week going to Adin and staff will be doing the layout of the Natural Turf fields. Adin would like to meet with and go over them with him for the Adult Soccer teams.

May 1<sup>st</sup> Natural Turf will open up for practices. Player benches have been purchased. The Jr. Hawks have joined the Department and will be hosting their home games at Walker.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Report back on the Officer Tonn Memorial

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Porteous-Toste, Administrative Assistant

