

**CITY OF GALT  
GALT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING**

**Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California  
Wednesday, November 12, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice - Chair Person Reuthinger. Roll call was taken. All Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioners Buchanan and Moore. Moore arrive at 7:10 p.m. Staff members present: were Armando Solis, Parks and Recreation Director and Administrative Assistant Deborah Porteous-Toste.

**CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA** – none

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Commission Smith moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of August 13. Commissioner Steele second the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed 3 – 0.

**1. OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Subject:** Harvey Park Housing Related Grant Project Update – Solis Reported that the City has a contract with the State for the Grant that is in the process of being signed. Solis was not sure on how long the process would be with the state in receiving the funds but it should be soon to start the project.

Commissioner Moore asked about the final grant amount and the timeline on the proposed improvements. Solis responded that the City was awarded \$184,000. Solis reported that aside from moving the security lights in priority due to cost, the City Council approved the recommended priority list brought forth by staff and the Commission.

Community Garden has begun. Fence has begun with Home Depot donations and some of the volunteer work has begun.

b. **Subject:** Park Use, Skate Park and Camping Ordinances Update – Solis Solis reported that this item went to City Council and was sent back to staff to elaborate. There has been some debate as to who should approve the rules at the parks. The City Council wanted to ensure that all rules were posted and are reflected in the ordinance so that they can be enforced. The new ordinances have incorporated all of the rules from all of the parks and will allow action to be taken immediately. By putting into an ordinance the Police Department will be able to enforce the rules.

If a rule is not covered and found to be needed, then the Department head can post the new rule and it will be enforceable for 45 days during which time, the new rule will be brought to the City Council to either be accepted and added to the ordinance or rejected.

Commissioner Steele asked if this came about because of the Skate Park. Solis reported that it was actually an incident at the Sports Complex with a spectator bringing a dog into the facility. When asked to remove the dog the individual refused and although it was posted on the sign it was NOT in the ordinance therefore when the police were called they were unable to enforce the posted rule. This will not pertain to service animal.

Commissioner Reuthinger asked about the Camping ordinance if it came out of the homeless society. Solis says it applies to a lot of things. For example an RV's parking for long periods of time while visiting family or friends in residential areas (streets) would be an incident that could be sitable offense under the Camping ordinance as it is not allowed.

## 2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Subject:** December Parks and Recreation Meeting  
**Recommendation:** Discuss whether to hold the December Parks and Recreation Commission meeting or cancel and provide staff a recommendation.

The Commissioners discussed whether to hold the regularly scheduled meeting in December and the alternative if they chose to cancel the December meeting and later decided to meet (a Special Meeting). And although currently there is no new business that needs to be attended to the Commission chose to keep the regularly scheduled meeting in December.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Steele moved to keep the regularly scheduled meeting for December 10, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. A vote was called for and the motion passed 4 – 0.

**STAFF COMMENTS** Solis also announced that the Lighting of the Night event is being held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Solis explained that the event was going to begin earlier at 4:00 p.m. due to the increase of choirs in the elementary schools and increased participation.

Solis also explained that this year all activities would be indoors. The Littleton Community Center the City Council Chambers (pictures with Santa), Council lobby and the Community Meeting room would all be used. The parade would begin at 6:30 p.m. after the 6:00 p.m. tree lighting. Solis asked the Commissioners if they attend to please find him as he wants to ensure that they are included.

Solis also reported that the Department has a record number of Youth Basketball participants this year – over 530 participants and 51 teams. Each level were assigned to a specific gym by size and age group. Commissioner Moore asked if and what methods did the Department used to recruited participants. Solis explained that the Department staff during the last week of sign-ups went to the schools at the end of the day holding a sign basically saying “Last week for Youth Basketball sign ups”. Commissioner Moore was happy that that initiative was taken.

## COMMISSIONERS REPORTS/COMMENTS

- a. Chairperson Buchanan - absent
- b. Vice- Chairperson Reuthinger - none
- c. Commissioner Moore – asked about what Solis thought about the Education Summit. He and Solis highlighted a few items that they felt were brought up and felt were important. Commissioner Moore questioned the comment that not all families

have a computer. Solis reported that we have extended hours and a drop box.  
d. Commissioner Smith - none  
e. Commissioner Steele – absent.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** - none

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Porteous-Toste, Administrative Assistant