

**CITY OF GALT**  
**MINUTES**  
**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 380 CIVIC DRIVE, GALT, CA**  
**August 12, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll call was taken. Commissioners present were Janice Reuthinger, Bill Parkin, Kelly Keagy, Joe Bitondo and Wesley Cagle (who came in at 7:24 p.m.) Staff members present were: Parks and Recreation Director Armando Solis and Office Assistant Laura Sumner.

**CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF AGENDA:** None

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF April 8, 2015.** Parkin motioned to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2015 meeting. Keagy seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the minutes were accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Subject:** Harvey Park grant update – Solis updated everyone on the progress of the Harvey Park improvements. The playground will be finished by August 29<sup>th</sup>. The restrooms will be replaced and will be ADA compliant. They will not be started until after the Heritage Festival on August 29 and will take 4-6 weeks to complete. Parkin asked how close the playground will be to the foul line. Solis said about 50 feet and that it will be closer to the street. He said some Council members and department heads had met there to determine the location. The restrooms will be similar to the ones at McCaffrey. The playground surface will be like the new one at Walker Park.

**Recommendation:** Informational only

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Subject:** Skate Park Renovations. This will be taken to the Council on August 18. Solis read the staff report. He said they are recommending not to go forward with the Skate park renovations because it would take funding that's needed to finish the first stage of Walker Park. He's suggesting to ask City Council to defer the skate park until Walker Park is done.

**Action:** The recommendation is to defer a decision on the skate park improvements and expansion until Walker Park's Phase 1B is complete and funds are available. The motion to accept this was made by Parkin and seconded by Reuthinger. A vote was called for and all were in favor. It passed 4-0 (Cagle was absent for this vote).

**Subject:** User Fee Study Report. Solis went over a power point presentation of the Master Schedule of User Fees and Regulatory Fees. There are rate increases suggested based on the Consumer Price Index, which is 2.436%. The new minimum wage price increase also affects many of our programs which are staffed by those who will be affected by this starting January 1, 2016. Solis explained about recent price adjustments that were already made, therefore it was decided to not to raise those prices again. Parkin asked if there was a comparison made with other nearby cities. Solis said yes, that our programs were cheaper and that our facility costs were comparable. Bitondo asked if the main reason we're raising costs is to recover the costs due to the minimum wage increase to \$10, and Solis said yes. The recommendation is to approve the User Fees report for City Council.

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**Action:** Parkin motioned to accept the recommendation that City Council approve the user fees update for the Parks and Recreation Department. It was seconded by Bitondo, and the motion was passed 5-0 (Cagle was present for this vote).

**UPCOMING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS**

**Subject:** Revised Definition of a Galt Based Youth Sports Organization This will be taken to Council on August 18. There was a delay in getting this on the City Council agenda, but there have been no changes in this report. Keagy asked if everyone met the 80% requirement. Solis said he thought Galt FC was just short of the 80%, but that this won't go into effect until January 2016.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Heritage Festival on August 29 at Harvey Park – This is an event sponsored by the Community of Character Coalition and all are welcome to attend. Reuthinger gave more information about activities they will have including tours of the city at Rae House and McFarland. It is a multicultural event with food, dancers and activities. This is the first Heritage Festival being held here.

Food Truck Event – There is an event planned at the end of September or early October to hold this at 4<sup>th</sup> Street between C and D Streets. It will have about 10 food trucks and be run by a company holding these events in Lodi and Elk Grove. It's being worked on together with the Galt Chamber and the City who will loan 200 of our chairs.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Solis wanted to acknowledge and thank Hannah Bulloch whose senior project included collecting money for the Parks and Recreation scholarship fund. She came in with \$100 as a donation. Parkin asked if she would be presented with a thank you or certificate, and Solis said yes. There was a question about the scholarship fund, and an explanation was given.

Solis informed the Commissioners that Steve Rudolf will be the interim City Manager until a new one is hired. An interim City Attorney was hired during his absence. It was asked if we have an Assistant City Manager, and explained that no, the position was frozen back when the current City Manager took the position. A new Police chief will not be hired until the new City Manager is hired.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Commissioner Bitondo – He is asking if we can hold swim lessons in the fall. Solis said he is discussing this with Lopez. He also asked about the expansion to Cherokee Lane and if there is a plan for more parks. Solis said there are 2 small parks in the plan which share use of the school (like at McCaffrey). There is also a plan to expand Dead Man's Gulch and make bike and hiking trails throughout the area. Bitondo expressed concern about soccer field use with 2000 more homes. Solis said the Walker Park improvements should help as it includes putting in lights on the Walker Grass soccer fields. The new parks will be funded by the developer.

Commissioner Keagy

Commissioner Parkin

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Commissioner Reuthinger – She was concerned about a corner lot at Carillion and Walnut that is very overgrown with weeds. Solis said that would be directed to code enforcement and asked Sumner to do a maintenance request for it.

She also had a question about the free rentals for non-profit groups at our facilities. She asked if they have to supply their financial records to us. Solis said no.

Commissioner Cagle – He asked if it would be possible for the city to team up with Liberty Ranch High School to finish their sports fields. Solis said we have no programs that we need to run there. The youth sports groups could benefit, but not Parks and Recreation. Oakview is not allowing practices anymore.

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Sumner, Office Assistant