

**CITY OF GALT AGENDA  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 380 CIVIC DRIVE, GALT, CA  
December 9, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Roll call was taken. Commissioners present were Janice Reuthinger, Kelly Keagy, and Bill Parkin. Joe Bitondo and Wesley Cagle were absent. Staff members present were: Parks and Recreation Director Armando Solis and Administrative Assistant Laura Sumner.

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF October 14, 2015.** Parkin motioned to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting. Keagy seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the minutes were accepted.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Subject:** Walker Park – A power point presentation was given going over the next phases of Walker Park. A legend was included detailing this. Phase 1A is complete. Phase 1B will include 2 youth softball/baseball fields, more restrooms, a maintenance room/concession stand, additional parking, adding lights to the 2 natural turf fields, and completing the roadway to Sargent Ave.

The commissioners were asked if they had any questions or concerns that they would like brought up. Keagy asked where the skate park might be if it is agreed to move it there. Solis said he will talk about a possible area for the skate park at Walker. Another idea would be to purchase land from the school district to build a skate park. Parkin asked if the softball fields would be all dirt. Solis said yes. Parkin asked if it would be a closed facility, and yes it would be. There was discussion about the 100 year flood zone, if it will be lower and a recovery basin (like Greer), but no, it is not. It is an open area because it backs up to the houses, to give a little barrier. Parks asked how many drinking fountains? But Solis was not sure. Reuthinger asked if there will be a concession stand. Solis said yes, in the maintenance room, like the Sports Complex. Keagy asked about the sizes of the baseball fields. It will be like Harvey, with 60 – 70 foot bases. Solis said he would plan to move our Parks and Recs youth softball program to Walker Park.

Information was given regarding weekend tournaments – rentals at our fields. The fee was raised to \$1100. The goal is to bring out of town people to come and spend money in the city at our hotels, restaurants and stores. We are not making money with the tournaments.

It was requested to have more than one stall in the restrooms.

Parkin asked if the new facility will have anything green powered. Solis said we're trying to move that direction. One thing they're doing is slowly changing over to LED lights, but because of the cost it is only being done as fixtures need replaced.

Reuthinger asked if there will be security cameras, and Solis said yes, it is included now and should expand.

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They hope to get the estimates by February and the money would be available to start work July 1<sup>st</sup>. Solis hopes the fields will be ready by 2017.

**Recommendation:** Informational Only

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Subject:** Park Lighting – Keagy asked about the many lights that are out right now at various parks (35 in total). Solis said they are now getting a quote and it should be scheduled next week to take care of the lights that are out. The contract we had did not cover the 90 foot sports lights, so they had to take it out to bid. With the split with Parks moving over from Public Works, it took time for the transition, as they previously handled this. Solis said as long as there's money, this will not happen again.

Solis mentioned that an auditor is now checking to make sure that all funds are going to the right places, 032, 033, 037, for example (L&L districts). They want to raise the taxes in the Greer area to help cover lights, bathrooms, and landscape, as there is not enough right now. Citizens will be notified by mail.

**Recommendation:** Informational only

**UPCOMING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

**Subject:** Commission Elections – January 13, 2016. This is the yearly presentation given to council by the Chairperson. Reuthinger said any date is okay with her.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Winter Bird Festival – January 22 & 23, 2016 – The Parks and Recreation department will be taking a bigger role in running this event. Solis welcomed the commissioners to come and visit the Winter Bird Festival. Some comments were made about the tours and presentations. Parkin really enjoyed previously going. He said the acoustics at McCaffrey made it hard to hear the speakers. He also suggested healthier food as many older, health conscious people attend.

**STAFF COMMENTS** – Solis gave an update on the Lighting of the Night event that took place December 5. It was very well attended. They used a new tree and were happy with the results. Anthony Cabrera was commended for taking the initiative on improving the tree.

The youth basketball opening day and picture day is next weekend.

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Sumner, Administrative Assistant