

5. Commission Announcements, Introductions and Presentations – Information Only

5.1 Dick gave an update on the County Parks and Recreation Commission upcoming public workshops. He encouraged everyone to attend and be a part of the park plan. Next Dick requested clarification on the government process regarding the Cell Tower within the Veterans Park. Steve explained that Cell Tower revenue does go into the general fund which in turn funds a great majority of the parks operations and maintenance. Steve continued with the fact that staff is in the process of using these public workshops in the grant applications for county parks including Veterans Park.

5.2 Jaime announced the park dedication ceremony of McCarthy Park this Saturday. He highlighted this as an example of working partnerships between the City and County.

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Park Projects Update

Staff presented an update on the successful Proposition 40 projects completed within the Veterans Park area. Following the presentation questions arose regarding the water supply to the park and what the cost impact would be on each user group. The chairman requested staff place this topic on the next meeting agenda and invite all organizations involved to attend. The chairman next requested a special meeting be called for June 6, 2011 to hear only this topic.

6.2 Bertha Briggs User Groups

Steve updated the commission that on April 20, 2011 all Bertha Briggs User Groups were invited to a mandatory meet regarding the continued upkeep and use of the facilities for no charge. The focus of the meeting was a joint effort on dealing with the security and cleanliness of the building after usage by organizations. During these challenging budget times, county has very limited staff to clean and maintain after usage. Proposed were quarterly Work Days where each user group would be required to participate. Staff asked for the commission's direction in dealing with user groups that did not respond or did not participate in the Work Days. Direction was given to 1. Implement a check list with signatures and deliver to Public Works after each Monday thru Friday use, 2. User groups must attend 2 of 4 Work Days to be eligible for no charge usage, and 3. User groups may use this commission to present objections to this direction.

6.3 Proposition 84 Grant

Staff is in the process of preparing grant applications for four parks within the county. One application will be focused on Veterans Park for a major renovation of utilities, parking, space utilization, turf, swimming, improved community center, and possible relocation of ball fields. The total grant request amount will be \$5,000,000. Final grant application request will prioritize community feedback.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Veterans Memorial Park Commission, Commissioner Muenzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Commissioner St. John. Motion passed 4-0.

A special meeting of the Veterans Memorial Park Commission will be held on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Park Commission will be held on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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