



CITY OF RIDGECREST
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Parks, Recreation & Quality of Life Committee

KERR MCGEE COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING ROOMS

March 20, 2008 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members: Chairman Ron Carter, City Councilman Dan Clark,
Planning Commissioner Howard Laire & Planning Commissioner Jerry Taylor

1. CALL TO ORDER -

An official meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Carter at 5:09 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Dan Clark, seconded by Jerry Taylor.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –January 24, 2008

Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Jerry Taylor, second by Dan Clark.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

5. NEW BUSINESS –

a. Arts Council Recommendation – 1. Art in Public Places Proposals Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Director Jim Ponek reported that the Arts Council met on March 19. The Arts Council recommended nine art proposals out of sixteen submitted proposals. Director Ponek presented these proposals to the Quality of Life Committee. After discussion the nine proposed art proposals were accepted with a recommendation to City Council to approve with a motion by Dan Clark, second by Jerry Taylor, vote was four ayes. See attachment A.

b. Ridgecrest Signs – Promoting the Ridgecrest Community and surrounding attractions Jerry Taylor asked to committee to table this item until he can get more information regarding the subject.

c. Downtown Ridgecrest Property – Eric Kaufman is proposing that the city acquire the lot next to the Coyote radio station on Ridgecrest Blvd. He said he believed the current owners would entertain land swap. The vision is to add a passageway to city hall, a small park area and create additional parking for downtown. Ron Carter motioned to send this item to Harvey Rose for research and then send to appropriate committee, Jerry Taylor seconded the motion, vote was four ayes.

d. DART - Insurance/Medical Concerns - Gail Vanderpoole gave an overview of the services and programs provided by DART. She stated that her purpose for her presentation to the committee was to ensure that they were aware that Medi-Cal is not accepted by many local doctors as well as dental visits and that there could potentially be a problem getting those who DART provides services to, to appointments as they will have to travel out of town.

6. OLD BUSINESS -

a. Financial Assistance- 1. Funding Available Jim Ponek updated the committee that there is \$6,680 in financial assistance available.

7. COMMUNITY BUSINESS -Collaboration with Other Organizations

This is the time during the meeting for any community committee, service group, or sports association present to promote their programs, discuss their needs, and discuss concerns to the Quality of Life Committee.

Youth Advisory Committee – Strand/Ponek
Boys & Girls Club –Elaine Bierman
Policing Activities (info) – Deputy Chief Strand
Arts Council
Senior Advisory Committee – Harley Baker
IWV Youth Football
IWV Collaborative
Concert Under the Stars Series
Boy Scouts

Churches
United Way
China Lake Tennis Club
100 Voices for Women
IWV Youth Baseball
IWV Youth Softball
Four Winds Intertribal Council
CLOTA
Girls Scouts

100 Voices for Youth
Kern County Tourism Board
AICITMA
Service Clubs
Family Resources
Women's Center
Desert Planters Assoc.
Farmers Market
TANF

YAC – Deputy Chief Ron Strand reported that the youth are working together to support Mr. Rose retirement party. The committee will be assisting with set up, serving dinner and clean up. He also reported that CERT made a presentation to the committee and that they would like to possibly incorporate CERT into the program next year.

8. ITEMS FROM DIRECTOR –

Jim Ponek reported that Recreation Coordinator Greg Clark had a bad accident and broke both of his hands. With Mr. Clark being out he is appreciative of other departmental city staff stepping up and assisting with background and live scans checks on volunteers, as this was one of the duties of Greg Clark.

9. COMMITTEE COMMENTS -

None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Next Meeting April 24, 2008

11. ADJOURNMENT

An official meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm by Chairman Ron Carter.