



CITY OF OAKDALE
Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes
Special Meeting Tuesday, March 24, 2015
5:00 PM
277 North Second Avenue
Oakdale, CA 95361

1-2. CALL TO ORDER/COMMISSIONERS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Chairperson Hanley called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

Present: Natasha Hanley, Chairperson
 Don Duke
 Angie Gutierrez
 John Lane

Absent: Jim Cates
 Michael Eggener

Staff Present: Bryan Whitemyer, City Manager
 Linda Royalty, Recreation Supervisor
 Nancy Smith, Administrative Clerk

3. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION SCHEDULED MATTERS:

A. New Business

1. No smoking in City of Oakdale Parks Ordinance

Bryan Whitemyer commented that this special meeting was necessary because the initial presentation at the March 24, 2015 Commission meeting was not an agenda item. The Commission can propose an ordinance, or not, to ban smoking in the City Parks.

The meeting was then turned over to Ken Fitzgerald, Regional Health & Safety Planning Coordinator for the Stanislaus County Office of Education, Prevention Programs and members of the PHAST (Protecting Health and Slamming Tobacco) club from Oakdale High School.

Ken provided an overview of the presentation he made at the March 10, 2015 Commission meeting including additional information on the grant money available to Cities who adopt tobacco free parks which will be gone in June 2015. He also commented that he was very excited about participating in Spring Fest. With the help of PHAST, they will do face painting for the children and have petitions and surveys for the adults.

Sara, a member of PHAST, commented that she has four younger siblings that pick up cigarette butts off the ground and knows a lot of people who oppose the smell. She was able to obtain over 150 signatures of high school students who support tobacco free parks. Ed Rapinchuck, PHAST faculty advisor, commented that students want change for the future and make Oakdale a better place.

Chairperson Hanley asked how the grant money will be used. Ken Fitzgerald told the Commission that the grant funds are used for park signage, advertising in recreation guides and newspapers and promotional items.

Chairperson Lane reported that he had posted a poll in the Burchell Hill Neighborhood Next Door internet site and out of the 18 responses to the survey, 66% supported the tobacco ban at the park.

After some discussion, meeting attendees and Commissioners encouraged the development of a no smoking ordinance in the City.



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MOTION

To recommend that City Council approve the development of an ordinance that would prohibit smoking in City of Oakdale parks.

Moved by Commissioner Lane, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez and **CARRIED.**

AYES: Cates, Gutierrez, Hanley, Lane
NOES: None
ABSENT: Duke, Eggener
ABSTAIN: none

4. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Bryan Whitemyer will provide copies of no-smoking ordinances that other cities have adopted. Chairperson Henley and Commissioner Lane offered to help put together the wording for a no-smoking ordinance for the City.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairperson Hanley adjourned the meeting at 5:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Smith
Administrative Clerk