Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting/Minutes
August 8, 2011

Attendees: Diane Hodges –Council Member/Chairperson
Gary Baland – Mayor
Jim Goodwin—City Manager
Satwant Takhar—Finance Director
Paula Ford—Director, Leo Chesney Center
Jan Meyer – Parks & Recreation Director
Kathleen Caldwell – Sr. Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 3:30 pm by Chairperson, Diane Hodges.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor, Gary Baland; Council Member, Diane Hodges; City Manager, Jim Goodwin; Paula Ford and Nicole Walters, Leo Chesney Center, Jan Meyer, Parks & Recreation Director; and Kathleen Caldwell, Sr. Administrative Assistant.
Absent: Finance Director, Satwant Takhar

1. Minutes of the April 11, 2011 meeting were approved,

2. Program Updates:

   A. **Soccer Camp** Paul Shanks conducted a camp for the Recreation Department in the spring to 28 youth.
   Soccer Program – We are currently taking sign-ups for this program. Participants will be divided up into three age groups in a U10 division, U8 division and a U6 division. The games will be on Saturday mornings at LOMS for 7 weeks and a tournament on the 8th week. The cost is $20 for the first child and $17 for the second. Scholarships are available. We already have 10 youth signed up and 3 coaches.
   B. **Spring/Summer Tennis Camp** – The spring program was conducted by Cassandra with about 25 youth in both sessions and 20 in the additional session.
   C. **5K Run/Walk** – This program was a huge success. We had 87 participants and brought in about $6,200 in sponsorships.
   D. **National Night Out** – We had a great turn out for our annual event. The BBQ fed 320 people and swimming was also provided for about 220. A special touch was the ice cream by the Church of the Brethren.
   E. **Zumba** – This program is still going strong. Classes are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for about 25 to 30 participants. This is the first time that we have been able to continue a exercise class during the summer. The Zumba party was a huge success with 52 people attending. Raffle prizes were given out and the money collected will go towards Breast Cancer Awareness. ($123 was collected)

F. **Aqua Aerobics** - Still going strong thru August with 12-20 participants—Tues/Thurs.

G. **Community Yard Sale / 14 Mile Yard Sale** – A Community Yard Sale was held on July 9th. We had 9 vendors and they were all invited to participate in our 14 mile yard sale which is scheduled for October 1st. The 14 Mile Yard Sale is highly anticipated by all. Gridley and Biggs are on board this year to make this a bigger event. Gridley has invited Live Oak and Biggs residents to participate in their Chili Cook Off. Biggs is looking into hosting a pancake breakfast to start off the event. We suggested providing all the vendors with stamps and having shoppers try to collect the most stamps in all three towns for a Shopaholic Award. An awards ceremony will end the day in Gridley at 2 pm in Daddow Park. Registrations are currently being accepted and the deadline for the map will be Friday, September 23rd. Our goal is to publish the map in the newspaper the Friday before the sale.

H. **Library Programs** – The Sutter County Library has reached out to us and they would like to work more closely with us. They have donated children's book which have been given out at different events and we currently have their brochures available to view online on our web site. Next Friday in the park the Library will host a reading time with prizes and Parks and Recreation will give 2 hours of free swimming for those who attend the program.

I. **Webpage and Facebook** – Our webpage is currently being updated daily with new events and programs as well as our Facebook page. These are great resources to connect with the public 24 hours a day.

J. **Cardboard Boat Race** – This event was held on Thursday the 4th to a great turn out. We had a total of 17 boats race in 10 different categories. Next year we plan on having a Pee Wee singles division per the request of the racers.

K. **Live Oak Festival** – The festival will be held on September 17th in and around Memorial Park. Jan is working with Annette Bertolini on this event.

L. **Ice Cream Night** – Over 200 people were served Ice Cream by the Council on Tuesday, August 2nd. This event was enjoyed by all and it is something the residents look forward to every year. Special prizes from the SCSO were given out.

M. **Stay Kool at the Pool/Back to School Pencil Give Away** – Local Churches will be providing a hot dog BBQ for about 300 residents. The City Council will be giving out new pencils to children in preparation for the new school year. Backpacks will be raffled off to youth that are present.

3. Leo Chesney Center Outside Crews:

A. There are currently four outside crew members working with the City. This will continue until the Leo Chesney Center Prison is closed.

4. **Discussion/Action Items:**

A. The City has received complaints from residents regarding damage from soccer balls to their fences. Jim requested Jan to get bids for a cyclone fence for that area.

5. **Adjournment at 4:30 p.m.**