



## Blue Lake Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, July 10th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Skinner Store - 111 Greenwood Avenue, Blue Lake CA 95525

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***Unless Otherwise Noted, All Items on the Agenda Are Subject to Action.***

1. **Establish a Quorum of the Commission at \_\_\_\_pm**

2. **Motion to Approve Agenda**

Motion:

Second:

3. **Public Input** *The Public is invited to present petitions, make announcements, or provide other information to the Commission that is relevant to the scope of authority of the City of Blue Lake that is not on the Agenda. The Commission may provide up to 15 minutes for this public input session. To assure that each individual presentation is heard, the Commission may uniformly impose time limitations of 3 minutes to each individual presentation. The public will be given the opportunity to address items that are on the agenda at the time the Commission takes up each specific agenda item.*

4. **Upcoming Events**

- Bill Nessler Car Show - July 13th/14th from 9am-5pm
- Annie & Mary Day - July 14th, 2024 from 11am-5pm
- Humboldt Folklife Festival - July 16th-20th
- Humboldt Folklife Barn Dance - July 19th, 2024 at Prasch Hall (7-10pm)

5. **Approve Minutes**

June 2024

Motion:

Second:

6. **Bill Nessler Car Show/A&M Day Update**

- Friends of the Park Volunteer Booth/Other Booth Help

7. **Bike Park Fundraisers/Work Days/Promotions - Discussion**

8. **Announcements**

9. **Future Agenda Items**

- Ivy Lane - Discussion for August Meeting
- Next Meeting August 7th, 2024 at 6:30pm

10. **Motion to Adjourn at \_\_\_\_pm**

Motion:

Second:

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**Blue Lake Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Draft Minutes**

**Date: Wednesday, June 5th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Location: Skinner Store - 111 Greenwood Avenue, Blue Lake CA 95525**

***Unless Otherwise Noted, All Items on the Agenda Are Subject to Action.***

**1. Establish a Quorum of the Commission at 6:30pm**

**Commissioners Present:** Jan Henry, Bettina Eipper, Jeff Bird, Chris Firor, James Brown

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Emily Wood - Director of Parks & Recreation, Elise Scafani - City Council Liaison, Charis Bowman - Staff, Kent S., Julie Christie, Anna Brown

**2. Motion to Approve Agenda with correction to Chris' last name - "Firor"**

Motion: Chris Firor

Second: James Brown

Motion passes unanimously.

**3. Public Input**

*Kent S: Would like the Parks & Recreation Commission to further explore the possibilities of utilizing City owned land on Ivy Lane for recreation; possibly connecting to other trails or a pocket park. Thinks it's a prime and safe area for families and children to access Taylor Way and the Bike Park/proposed RV Campground Site.*

*Julie Christie - Would like to give a shoutout to Justin, owner of Blue Lake Community News, and appreciates the meetings being recorded. Would like a greater in-depth presentation shown to the public about the Powers Creek District Master Plan. Wants to advocate for green spaces and is concerned about creating too many concrete spaces and desires the Commission support our green space.*

*Anna Brown - Suggests consulting with other City's events and creating a master event calendar to ensure our programming does not compete with other City's big events (Fortuna Rodeo & Orick Rodeo). Suggests more physical fliers around town and outside of Blue Lake to spread the word. Look at strongly increasing visibility online and in person to advertise events effectively and ahead of time.*

**4. Upcoming Events**

- Bike Rodeo Giveaway & Lawn Day - June 14th, 2024 from 4-6pm at Perigot Park
- Bill Nessler Car Show - July 13th/14th from 9am-5pm
- Annie & Mary Day - July 14th, 2024 from 11am-5pm
- July 19th - Humboldt Folklife Barndance (All Ages at Prasch Hall)

**5. Approve Minutes with correction to Chris' last name - "Firor"**

May 2024

Motion: Jeff Bird

Second: James Brown

**6. Bill Nessler Car Show/A&M Day Update**

*Kent S: Suggests adding Annie & Mary Day to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Agenda for free promotion.*

**7. Commission Ad-Hoc Update - Friends of the Park Volunteer Program**

*Chris and Jan reviewed the binder and found useful past documents and objectives to relaunch the program. Staff to work with the Commission to further develop and relaunch the program and community suggestion box.*

*Next steps: categorize jobs and tasks, go through and contact list of past volunteers, relaunch with new and refreshed information and graphics, host a monthly or bi-monthly picnic in the park for volunteers. Commissioned suggested hosting a work party from 10am-2pm and having lunch and live music after for volunteers at the park. Parks & Recreation Commission can possibly table and host a volunteer awareness booth at Annie & Mary Day; adding a suggestion box.*

*Past categories for the program were 1. Event Volunteers, 2. Outside Beautification, 3. Building & Maintenance, 4. Activity Additions, 5. Trash Removal/Pickup*

*Bettina Eipper: States the Blue Lake Saddle Club has a work party at the beginning of the year with good templates to delegate tasks to volunteers and will share with Emily.*

## **8. Mad River Access/Disc Golf Course - Discussion**

No property has been identified as being suitable and large enough for a disc golf course; however private property may be ideal for development of a course if there is support from private landowners and additional funding. Commissioners discussed that disc golfing is an activity that brings people to play year round and would encourage others to visit Blue Lake and stay for other amenities.

Kent S: States that he is aware of the private river property being discussed between the County and City and notes the private owner has no interest in selling or negotiating a sale of the property at this time. Kent notes that the Sheriff went to inspect the property for illegal activity, code enforcement, dumping, camp sites and other concerns however did not find the amount of illegal activity they expected to be on the premises. States the property has an abundance of poison oak and would not be ideal for the Course.

Questions from Commissioners about this topic include: 1. How many acres of land does a disc golf property require? 2. What other properties may be suitable for a disc golf course? and 3. What funding would be available to create this amenity? Commissioners state they will check out Ivy Lane as a possible space for this or another project.

## **9. Bike Park Fundraisers/Work Days/Promotions - Discussion**

Staff met with members of RCMBA and other stakeholders of the Blue Lake Bike Park to discuss fundraising for material costs from Stage 1; including equipment, materials, and labor. A Bike-A-Thon, Tough Mudder Bike Rodeo, and Pro-Bike show were discussed.

Julie Christie: Suggests looking to add a Marquee to City Hall for Advertising

James Brown: Suggests adding events or fundraisers to the water bill

Kent S: Suggests marketing events and fundraisers to the Times Standard and Lost Coast Outpost; and possibly collaborating to have a News Story for the Front Page

Elise Scafani: Suggests setting aside a time/day of week to dedicate to advertising and promotions - increasing consistency and visibility of advertisements

Bettina Eipper: Suggests renting out space on the Roundabout from the School or other high visibility locations like Humboldt Pawn Shop or the Christie Ranch

## **10. Announcements**

1. Bocce Ball fields need a replacement of crushed oyster shells to top off the courts.
2. Prasch Hall Skate Floor - Mopping

## **11. Future Agenda Items**

Commissioners ask to move next meeting to July 10th, 2024 at 6:30pm due to the holiday (4th of July) being near meeting

- Next Meeting July 10th 2024 at 6:30pm

## **12. Motion to Adjourn at 7:06pm with P&R Commission's Next Meeting on July 10th, 2024 at 6:30pm due to the upcoming holiday**

**Motion: James Brown**

**Second: Chris Firor**

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