

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 7, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Abercrombie called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Vice Chair Abercrombie and Commissioners Arbogast, Jimenez, and Shrout
- b. Absent: Chair Lieberg
- c. Staff Present: Nilo Velazquez, Management Analyst; Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor; Lauren Repetto, Recreation Services Supervisor; Katie Akre, Recreation Coordinator; Kade Lovell, Recreation Coordinator; Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Coordinator; Amanda Jensen, Recreation Coordinator
- d. Recorded By: Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant and Norma Padilla, Administrative Assistant

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice Chair Abercrombie

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Ester Garcia Kelly, Tracy Resident and representative for South Side Community Organization. Ester mentioned that the BBQ pits at McDonald Park have been there for approximately 20 years and they have never been replaced or fixed. There is one by the playground and 1 on the far end left side. Ester is asking for someone to please take a look at them and see what can be done to replace or fix them. Ester also mentioned she would like the basketball courts looked out as there are many cracks in them.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor stated he would submit this request to the Operations Superintendent as well as he mentioned she is welcome to submit a GoRequest online.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. Reviewed and Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes from **February 13, 2024**

ACTION: Vice Chair Abercrombie tabled item 5.a to the next meeting as there was not a quorum to approve the minutes from 2.13.2024 as Chair Lieberg was absent. Chair Lieberg and Commissioners Arbogast and Shrout were the only commissioners at the 2.13.2024 meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **HEAR APPEAL OF FACILITY PERMIT SUSPENSION FOR S&H ATHLETICS AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO UPHOLD THE SUSPENSION.**

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor presented the staff report to the commission.

Commission questions followed.

Vice Chair Abercrombie mentioned he contacted the Franchise Tax Board to check on the status of S & H Athletics non-profit status and reported back they do not have report of them being a non-profit. Vice Chair Abercrombie stated neither does the Secretary of State.

Jeremy Harrison stated he did send over proof. He stated the “&” symbol that messes people up in finding it. He stated he submitted the paperwork over in his appeals email.

Jeremy Harrison stated he wanted to appeal as he has been working with Premier Girls Fastpitch (PGF) who is a tournament host. He stated that if he doesn't work with a host, he has no way to run a tournament. Therefore, he partnered with PGF 3 years ago and they allow him to host as a regional director, even though it's a PGF tournament, he is the one hosting it and all profits benefit S&H Athletics. Chris Kappmeyer is the director of for Northern California and he has joined the board of S&H Athletics. Chris assigned me to signage.

Jeremy Harrison apologized for not being clear or adding Chris as an authorized user as he (Jeremy) runs all the tournaments in Tracy. S&H is responsible for these tournaments as it goes through the insurance of S&H Athletics and not PGF.

PGF has the teams and the names to draw people, while S&H Athletics have the fields and run the snack shacks. Jeremy stated he did nothing to hide it. It was a claim of ignorance if any wrongdoing by not adding Chris.

Jeremy Harrison stated he hangs banners, forwards emails to the city directly from Chris with our schedule of the teams. He reiterated that there was nothing he did to hide his affiliation with PGF.

Jeremy Harrison stated he is a new non-profit and he just filed for non-profit status and got his EIN number and 501(c)(3) status. Jeremy mentioned that Chris is helping him get started in this business so he can have a tournament director he can rely on to successfully host events.

Jeremy Harrison also mentioned that he has been trying to get their foot in with the city for some time and when they host their events, they are successful, they pay on time, and they bring teams from out of area that stay in our hotels and eat in our restaurants. He stated they host approximately 30 teams which is 4-5 fields. He has been working to host larger events that can accommodate more and bring more people to the city.

Jeremy Harrison stated they have brought the city over \$15k with the (5) five tournaments they held this fall.

Jeremy Harrison stated the biggest reason this was brought up was because a competitor of PGF asked him to rent fields and Jeremy told him he would not rent to him, so he filed the claim with the city against him. Jeremy stated they offered him money and gate fees.

Jeremy Harrison stated he can work on providing the city with his non-profit status paperwork as he is working with Swyft, a 3rd party to get all his filing completed.

S&H Athletics provides scholarships to girls of minority and low-income families. They have given over 15 scholarships out along with providing uniforms, helmets, cleats, bats, and gear. This allows the girls to be able to travel to places such as Colorado, LA, Indianapolis and it helps with flights and hotels as it can be very expensive. That is whole reason behind his non-profit.

Jeremy Harrison stated he respects the rules as he has been the President for Tracy Express and has worked with Justin, Thien, and Brian MacDonald for years and always respected the rules. Therefore, this was not an intentional skirt of the rules as that not what he is about. Jeremy stated it was a mistake to not include PGF, but it wasn't a flagrant violation to make money by subleasing the fields.

Commission questions and comments for staff followed.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor answered the questions of the commission.

Commission questions for Jeremy Harrison followed.

Jeremy Harrison answered the questions of the commission.

Commission discussion occurred.

ACTION: Commissioner Shroud motioned to approve the staff's recommendation to uphold the suspension for S&H Athletics. Commissioner Arbogast seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 4,0,0 vote. Passes and so ordered.

b. REVIEW AND APPROVE SUPPORT OF STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 RECREATION PROGRAM AND FACILITY USE FEE SCHEDULE

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor presented the presentation to the commission.

Commission questions and comments followed.

Justin Geibig and Lauren Repetto, Recreation Services Supervisors answered the questions of the commission.

ACTION: Commissioner Arbogast motioned to approve the staff's recommendation to City Council regarding the adoption of the FY 2024-2025 recreation program and facility use fee schedule. Commissioner Shroud seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 4,0,0 vote. Passes and so ordered.

7. STAFF ITEMS:

a. RECEIVE THE SPORTS FIELD QUARTERLY REPORT

Katie Akre, Recreation Coordinator presented the report to the commission.

Commission questions followed.

Katie Akre, Recreation Coordinator and Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor answered the questions of the commission.

b. RECEIVE THE YOUTH & TEENS REPORT

Amanda Jensen, Recreation Coordinator presented the report to the commission.

Commission comments followed.

c. RECEIVE THE SENIORS QUARTERLY REPORT ON NEEDS AND CONCERNS

Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Coordinator presented the report to the commission.

Question of the commission followed.

Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Coordinator and Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor answered the question of the commission.

8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Jimenez reports that Tracy Seniors Association President, Kathy Bergthold was recognized at the March 5, 2024, city council meeting with a certificate for Women's History Month. It was for her dedication and work with the Tracy senior residents.

Commissioner Jimenez mentioned that the Tracy Senior Association is looking for a volunteer to staff their Comfort at Home program. This volunteer will coordinate the request for service with their handyman.

Commissioner Jimenez reported that the Tracy Friends for Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Foundation received funds that they are willing to donate. Commissioner Jimenez reached out to the Tracy Senior Association, Golden Agers, and Bike Life to advise them to reach out with their needs to the Tracy Friends Foundation.

Commissioner Jimenez requested to continue as the liaison for the Tracy Senior Association along with Tracy Friends Foundation.

Commissioner Jimenez asked that an item regarding an update on the BMX Pump Track be brought back to the commission. Commissioner Arbogast seconded the request.

Commissioner Jimenez thanked the council on her re-appointment to the commission and stated it is a privilege to serve with her colleagues who do a fine job as well as working with staff who do a tremendous job.

Commissioner Shroud stated the ribbon cutting was a nice event and asked if there were any future plans to move west at Legacy Fields.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor answered the question.

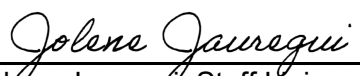
Vice Chair Abercrombie stated there will be a Tracy clean-up day on Byron Rd. from 9am until 11am. Tracy D.A.R.E has partnered with the United Sikhs. Vice Chair Abercrombie said there will be approximately 50 students helping and it is unfortunate that there is always a need to pick-up trash.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Time of Adjournment: 7:49pm

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Shroud and seconded by Commissioner Abercrombie to adjourn the meeting at said time of 7:49pm. Roll call found all in favor, passed and so ordered with 4,0,0 vote.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on March 1, 2024. The above are action minutes. A recording of the meeting is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.



Jolene Jauregui, Staff Liaison

Interim Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Director