

**I. OPENING**

Regular meeting called to order 7:00 p.m. Roll call taken.

**Commissioners Present**

Harry Pritchard / Laura Angelel / Tony Machado / Todd Dunaway / Dave Nicholson

**Staff Present**

John Crotty / Christina Boone

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 28 – Approved as written. M/S/C Nicholson/Angelel

**III. BUSINESS**

**A. Caboose Committee**

Director discussed Rodeo Boards \$5,000 donation to the Caboose Restoration Project and asked if any of the Commissioners were interested in serving on the steering committee, no one elected to serve.

**B. Adult Basketball**

In the third week, usual phone calls about refs calls. Had a broken window, team is paying to have replaced. The League runs for seven weeks.

**C. Newburg Park Playground Equipment**

Rohner Community Recreation & Park District, started in 1969, applied for a grant 5 to 6 years ago. They have no property, or ability to prove they can sustain a project so they entered into a lease with the City. Able to purchase new playground equipment: slides, swings, climbing wall, geo dome. Engineered wood fibers placed down to make it ADA compliant. Project must be completed by March 31<sup>st</sup> to receive funding, still need to do signs and turn in paperwork.

**V. REPORTS**

**A. Chairman Report**

The City wants to fall one acre of Redwood trees to build a water tower. Only have 18 acres of trees in park. We need to stand strong and tell the Council how we feel about this. Chairman has taken Mayor Campbell behind the park. The public will have a fit if this is allowed to happen. (Discussion of moving tower to a different location.) Commissioners will receive date & time for public hearing, get more info on the plans and decide what to do then. – Went to Newburg Park with John & crew, doing a great job. – Thankful for Commission looking ahead, not backwards.

**B. Department Monthly Report**

Replacing old picnic tables with 30 new ones in time for Rodeo. – Ground dug for new BBQ. – E-waste day set for April 13 – 14, the 13<sup>th</sup> is set up for the public, the 14<sup>th</sup> for businesses.

**C. Commissioner Reports or Comments**

Commissioner Dunaway – Approached by a gentleman who is with Calvary Christian & Rio Dell Church, want to hold summer outdoor Christian concerts in the Rodeo Grounds, directed him to the Park. – Discussed opinion of water tank being visible to the Public, not a big deal, better than losing timber.

Commissioner Angelel – Mary Ann Banson with Senior Services has land to bring Community Services to Fortuna. – Discussed someone had donated private land for a skate park.

Commissioner Machado – Would like to see Rodeo Grounds worked up. Ferndale lost school rodeos, would like to see them come to Fortuna. Next year, plan earlier in season.

Commissioner Nicholson – Rodeo Board wants to get grounds opened up. Has the equipment just not the man power, would allow City to use equipment. – Discussed placing water tank where cross use to be. Definitely wants more info on this topic.

**IV. ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None in attendance.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 7pm. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.