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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE SCHEDULED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2003, IN THE LIBRARY BASEMENT, CLARKDALE, ARIZONA.

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Monday, February 10, 2003 at 1:00 pm in the basement of the Clarkdale Memorial Library.

Parks and Recreation Commission:

Chairperson:	Tom Evans
Vice Chairperson:	Elizabeth Rose Augusto
Commissioners:	Rodney Fielitz (absent)
	Ed Knight
	Dewey Reiersen
Staff:	Beth Escobar, Grants Administrator
Members of the Public:	Mr. Jess Valdez

Chairperson Evans called the meeting to order at 1:05.

Vice Chair Augusto moved that the Commission change the order of agenda, taking item #3 next. Commissioner Reiersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation from Jess Valdez:

Mr. Valdez informed the Commission that he was able to uncover a lot of historic information regarding use of trails in the area. The area between Clarkdale and Centerville was referred to as the Llano, and several trails crisscrossed between the two settlements. Some of these trails are still visible and still used, some have disappeared.

Mr. Valdez used a visual aid which showed the trail system between the two neighborhoods. Three trails were discussed; The trail between the Orrantia homestead and upper Clarkdale, the Randal trail which bisects this trail and starts in the Palisades area, and the Centerville trail, currently delineated by Centerville Rd. Trails were always functional, providing transportation between home, work, school and relatives.

Commissioner Reiersen asked who owns the land that the trails cross. Chairperson Evans responded that Mr. Conlin owns most of this land, and has given verbal support to development of the trail from Centerville to the back of the Clarkdale fire department.

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Chairperson Evans inquired whether Mr. Valdez had found any evidence of structures along these trails. Mr. Valdez stated no, that they were for foot traffic only. Mr. Valdez showed the Commission an aerial view of the area dated around 1940. He will get copies made for the Commissioners.

Vice Chair Augusto moved that the Commission consider development of all three trails:

1. Orrantia Trail
2. Randall Trail
3. Centerville Rd. Trail

Chairperson Evans seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Valdez concluded his report. Chairperson Evans thanked him for his time.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Evans moved the minutes from January 13, 2003 be approved, Chairperson Evans seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reiersen moved that the minutes from the special meeting on January 22, 2003 be approved. Vice Chair Augusto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson's Report:

Chairperson Evans had nothing to report.

Staff Report:

Grant Administrator Escobar reported on the staff work session regarding the Summer program. She stated that staff would like to recommend that the Town does not offer its own summer program, but supports the ASAP! program being offered through Buena Vista Children's Service. The Commission discussed this option, including whether to support the ASAP program financially. Commissioner Reiersen stated that he would like to see Clarkdale's contribution recognized if financial support is given to the ASAP! program.

Chairperson Evans moved that the Town does not offer a separate program this summer, that staff should decide whether to financially support the program and if so, Clarkdale should be recognized, and that the success of the ASAP program be

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reviewed and evaluated every summer. Commissioner Reierson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items:

Budget Plan:

The Commissioners combined this agenda item with # 7 and created a prioritized list of budget recommendations to submit to Council based on their recent tour of Town parks and trails:

Item	Approximate Cost
Climbing apparatus for Caballero Park	\$6,500
Covered picnic table for Caballero Park	\$4,000
Restroom for Mongini park	\$5,000
Improvement of Clarkdale-Jerome School's nature trail.	\$2,500
Covered picnic areas and benches for Town park.	\$5-7,500

Vice Chair Augusto moved these seven items be presented to Council as priority items to be considered for budget allocation for the next fiscal year. Chairperson Evans seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Evans also moved the historic renovation of the Gazebo in Town Park be considered a priority. Commissioner Reierson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Evans also moved that assisting Clarkdale-Jerome School with improvement of their recreation area not be considered a priority this year, since there are so many other pressing items. Commissioner Reierson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items #5, discussion of type of trails and #6, Event for Caballero Park were

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tabled until a future meeting.

Future Agenda Items:

The following agenda items were identified for the January meeting:

- Discuss renovation of Clarkdale Mansion
- Obtain maps for Commissioners of trails and park system.
- Planning an event for Caballero Park

Adjournment: With no further discussion items, Commissioner Reiersen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Knight seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned the 2:53p.m.

Submitted:

Approved:

Beth Escobar, Grants Administrator

Tom Evans, Chairperson