



TWIN FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION

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TWIN FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

January 8, 2013
11:30am

Twin Falls City Council Chambers
305 3rd Avenue East

AGENDA

11:30 a.m. Call to Order

- 1. Approve minutes of the December 11th, 2012 meeting**
- 2. Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**
- 3. Shoshone Falls Dierkes Lake Master Plan**
- 4. Discussion of Facilities Tour**
- 5. Other Items from the Commission**

**Any person(s) needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact Nikki Miller at (208)736-2265 at least two working days before the meeting.*

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STAFF REPORT

1. Approve minutes of the December 11th, 2012 meeting – Commission
The Commission needs to approve or amend the proposed set of minutes

2. Parks/Recreation Staff Reports - Staff
Enclosed are the Parks & Recreation Staff Reports

3. Shoshone Falls Dierkes Lake Master Plan – Staff & Commission
Back in 1991, the first master plan for the Shoshone Falls Dierkes Lake complex was completed as a precursor to the relicensing of the power plant owned by Idaho Power at Shoshone Falls. The re-licensing of the power plant was delayed for a few years; it was decided to update the master plan, which was completed in 1997.

In 1999, the City and Idaho Power signed an agreement stating both parties would commit \$500,000 each to renovate Shoshone Falls park and use the master plan as a guideline.

There were three major projects the \$1,000,000 went to:

Phase I – Renovation of the main parking lot near the overlook, renovation of the overlook itself, re-paving of the road from the small lake to the main parking lot, and the fencing along the canyon edge. This project was completed in 2001 at approximately a cost of \$415,000.

Phase II – The Centennial Trail from the upper area of Shoshone Falls to the Evel Knievel Jump Site. This project was completed as part of the City's Centennial in 2004. Idaho Power contributed \$150,000 out of the total cost of \$400,000 for the trail and overlooks.

Phase III – The parking lot at the admission booth, the renovation of the admission booth itself and the kiosks at the main overlook. This project was completed in 2008 at a cost of approximately \$310,000.

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Idaho Power contributed their \$500,000 and the City contributed above the \$500,000 as the admission parking lot went above the balance of what Idaho Power had to contribute as part of the agreement.

Several improvements listed in the 1997 Master Plan never came to fruition. Shelters, additional restroom for Shoshone Falls, stairs to the bottom of the river, reconstruction of the upper road area, rehabilitation of the Kiwanis Nook area, trail system in the park area at Dierkes Lake, and an amphitheater at Dierkes also.

Staff is requesting that three members of the Commission to volunteer to review the 1997 Master Plan and making recommendations to the full Commission on how the master plan should be updated. This review should take 4-6 months.

4. Discussion of Facilities Tour

On Tuesday October 30th, members of the Commission and staff toured many of the Parks & Recreation facilities. Staff would like to hear the Commission thoughts, ideas, and suggestions on the facilities they toured. The Commission did not have time to discuss this at the December meeting, so it was asked to be on the agenda for January.

5. Other Items from the Commission

Other items that the Commission may have questions about or issues the Commission wants to discuss. YMCA's annual report is being presented to City Council on Monday January 14th.

Attachments:

1. Staff Reports