

motioned to maintain Kevin Dane as the Chairperson for the remainder of the year, Tony Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Tennille Adams said she would remain on as Co-Chair as well. Tony Brand moved to retain Tennille and Craig Manning seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item #3 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Dennis indicated that this is the busy time for our Parks staff. He also reviewed what the Parks staffs have been working on as indicated on the staff report.

Stacy reviewed the Recreation Reports. Spring Soccer will be starting Monday, April 15th, baseball/softball is in registration, and we will be taking rosters for Men's and Co-ed softball. Adult basketball league tournaments will end on April 11th. The Spring/Summer Recreation Guide is currently out and located in various locations throughout the valley and online. Other activities such as Sporties for Shorties, Tiny Tykes and Success Martial Arts are in registration. Ball field for Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth are being prepped and new scoreboards at Harmon Park and Oregon Trail Youth Complex are being installed. Dr. Ward from Ward Orthodontics will be sponsoring the baseball/softball shirts this year.

Item #4 Dog Off Leash Sites Meeting Report

Dennis briefly reviewed his staff report on the dog off leash trial sites and the responses from the community. There were concerns in the meetings for each of the sites in consideration as indicated in the staff report. There was a recommendation to take a look at the north end of Vista Bonita Park. Dennis is recommending that we send out letters to the residents and see what their feelings are and to have a neighborhood meeting if the Commission is on board with that.

There are enough funds to start the irrigation at Baxter's Park and to get it seeded so we couldn't use that site if the irrigation and seeding is done. Kevin spoke in regards to the light attendance at the meetings and indicated that we would need to talk to the residents at the north end of the Vista Bonita Park as they were probably not notified previously. He thought maybe we could use the Frontier Field or Harmon Park again. Tennille indicated she would like to see us go forward with the Vista Bonita Park. Stacy McClintock indicated that they would need to fence off the infields as it has taken a lot of work and time to get those fields back in shape. Kevin asked about the fencing and Stacy indicated that we have a temporary orange fence and that they would only be able to be in the outfield grassy areas. The fields would not be available until after October due to activities being ran in these parks. Kevin gave the go ahead to set up a final meeting for the Vista Bonita Park. Once this meeting is done and the neighbors have given their input and we will report back to the Council and direction from them on what to do after that. Dennis indicated that we may still look at Auger Falls after Baxter's Park is completed. Kevin indicated that this is probably the last option for the temporary park.

Dennis updated the Commission on fund raising efforts by the Magic Valley Canine Social Club (MVCSC). Dr. Marty Becker donated \$15,000 for the park and donations can be made through your water bill and the City has collected \$1,000 through that. All funds are being held by the Twin Falls Community Foundation. They have around \$30,000 in that fund. We met with

Donna Cleland at the YMCA and they are doing a fun run that will benefit the dog park as well. The event is probably going to be held at City Park in June and Dr. Becker has offered to do a book signing and donate the proceeds from that as well. They have also set up a fund raiser walk on Saturday, May 11th at Rock Creek Canyon Parkway starting at the Parks and Recreation office. The MVCASC has not heard back from the Seagraves Foundation yet. This summer we could put in the irrigation system and possibly put in a temporary fence at Baxter's Park and then in a year do a grand opening. The permanent fence would go in later.

Item # 5 Bench Donation Request

Dennis reviewed the donation policy and standards due to a request that was received for an enhanced inscription on a plaque for a donated bench along the Perrine Bridge East canyon rim trail dedicated to Deb Annest. The Commission will need to determine if the additional text meets the conditions.

Tennille motioned to approve the additional text and Tony seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. This recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for their consideration. Dennis met with Mr. Annest and the bench is proposed to be placed along the trail east of the Sportsman Warehouse towards the house.

Item #6 Other Items from the Commission

Dennis reminded the Commission of the upcoming Arbor Day at Harrison Park on Friday the 26th of April. Cactus Pete's has donated \$500 for the trees. This is our 15th year of celebrating Arbor Day. We will have 8-10 kids from the Boys and Girls club to help out.

Thursday night at 6:00pm there will be an open house at the Council Chambers on the draft strategic plan for the City of Twin Falls.

Mike McClimans is here as a guest along with some residents from the Teton Park area to see what direction the Commission is moving forward with the proposed temporary off leash dog parks.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:19 pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be May 14th, 2013 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.

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