

Leisure Time programs continues with Story Time Pottery, Sporties for Shorties registration is in progress for basketball and the final Movies in the Park will be on Friday, September 27th showing Hotel Transylvania.

The 2013/2014 Fall/Winter Recreation Guide will be out by, Monday, September 16th. The theme for this guide is “Wild About Recreation”.

Dennis reviewed the projects the Parks staff is working on per the staff report.

Tom Reynolds inquired about the Auger Falls project. Dennis reported that the park is tentatively to reopen in late October. The City would like to have an open house on Wednesday, September 25th, with all the original members of the project committee and the public to review the project plan to see if it is still a viable plan.

Tony Brand asked about the use of the Parks. Have the reservations gone up this year? Dennis indicated that there are Parks such as Cascade, Harry Barry, Clyde Thomsen are our most popular parks because they have all the amenities that people are looking for. We have also modified our shelter reservation times from three times a day down to two, 8am-3pm and 4pm - 11pm. These times are more accommodating for the general public. We can look into doing a report for some comparisons.

Item #3 Shoshone Falls Dierkes Lake Sub-Committee Update

Dennis reviewed his staff report in regards to the subcommittee recommendations. The items listed are not prioritized at this time but still need to be addressed. Dennis brought large drawings to show the Commission the recommendations and what has been done.

Chairperson Dane brought up the tragedies that have occurred down at Dierkes Lake this year. Staff has been doing some research on the open water rescue and safety procedures and what we can do better. Provide more training for our life guards, bring in someone who could provide lake guard training and also educate the public of the dangers of swimming in lakes as well. Do we even want life guards? There are other open water areas around that do not have life guards.

Dennis indicated that he proposed in the budget to do some interpretative signage and get some masonry type of person to do some of the stone work down at the Kiwanis’s Nook area to rebuild some of that area. We have money to provide electricity to the picnic tables in Shoshone Falls and at Dierkes Lake. He is asking the Commission to approve the recommendations from the sub-committee.

Liyah asked about connectivity, if there has been anything addressed in that regards. There is a cell tower by the police gun range which aids the Police Department. That would be a question for the committee to address. She also asked about some type of emergency phones or a way to get help when you are down at the areas in the Canyon. Dennis will note that and see what recommendations he can come up with. Liyah also inquired about providing more information about the heritage in and around Shoshone Falls. Dennis indicated that we do have some kiosks

signs down by the overlook that does provide some history details and old Bisbee pictures for the general public.

Dennis mentioned that the Magic Valley Arts Council talked about the possibility of putting in an Amphitheatre down at the Falls. It was an original discussion from 1991. There were many questions in regards to that but they never really got ironed out. The questions at hand are who would be responsible for the theatre, would we just lease a portion of property, and who would be responsible for maintenance.

Tennille Adams motioned to accept the SSF/Dierkes Lake sub committee's recommendations to move forward with the master plan and start implementations of the plan. Tony Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yea and 1 nay.

Item #4 Temporary Dog Park

Dennis indicated that there is a need to provide a temporary dog park again this fall/winter season. We are hoping to have a ribbon cutting, tail wagging opening in June for Baxter's Park depending on how well the grass takes. Last year we had a temporary dog park at Harmon Park #3 and used the whole field, outfield and infield. Staff did see some damage to the infield which took more time to prep the field for the softball season. Staff is recommending that the Commission allow Harmon Park #3 outfield only to be used for the temporary dog park. The park will be opened up later this month. The Parks department will put up a temporary fence to keep the infield separated.

Tennille Adams motioned to have Harmon Park #3 outfield as the temporary dog park with the infield being fenced off and not used. Tony Brand seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item # 5 URA Pocket Park

Carl Legg has recused himself from participating in this discussion.

Melinda Anderson, the executive director for the URA and Economic Developer for the City of Twin Falls is here on behalf of the URA to present the potential dedication and maintenance of a pocket park to the City of Twin Falls.

Glanbia has relocated their headquarters to the downtown area and in conjunction with that project the URA helped develop that infrastructure and will also be putting in a pocket park. The site for the pocket park is approximately 12,000 square feet on Fourth Ave East. All Seasons Landscaping developed a landscape concept with input from other. Melinda had visual examples that she referred to. The URA Agency is coming to the City to ask the City to accept ownership of the park once the construction is complete with the caveat that the agency, over the next eight years, be responsible for the maintenance of the park. As long as the TIF (Tax Increment

Finance) district remains the agency will pay for the maintenance until the TIF expires in 2022. Much discussion continued on the park.

Dennis would recommend having the maintenance of the park contracted out similar to our CAM (Common Area Maintenance) contracts and have URA pay for that. It was also mentioned that having the City take ownership of the park is that it would remain a public park for the general public. The park does not have an official park at the point. If the City was to take ownership then the park could be named.

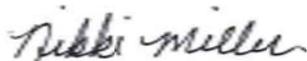
Tony Brand made a motion to recommend to City Council acceptance of the pocket park based on the recommendations presented. Liyah Babayan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item #6 Other Items from the Commission

Dennis had on there to talk about the 2013-2014 Budget update. He will email you all on what was approved and what was not. He discussed the need to pave the parking lots in parks that do not line up with City Standards. We were able to reallocate funds to have these parking lots done with a double chip seal process. The parks are Oregon Trail Youth Complex, the overflow parking at the Golf Course and the Harmon Park parking by the skate park.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 pm. Next meeting is October 8, 2013 at the City Council Chambers, 305 Third Ave East at 11:30 am.

Nikki Miller

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nikki Miller".

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