

Tuesday and Thursdays at 5:30pm-6:30pm for K-2nd grade and 6:30pm-7:30 pm for 3rd-6th grade. This year the program will offer 4 Saturday wrestling meets which will be in Filer, Kimberly, Jerome and Wendell. Canyon Ridge was supposed to hold the 5th and last tournament but will not be able to this year due to the lack of gym space. This program will continue to serve as a great “feeder” program for the wrestling programs at these High Schools. Once again adult volleyball has wrapped up its season with no complaints or issues. Tournaments for volleyball started for the lower women’s league on January 3rd and the championship game was on January 31st. Coed B finished on January 18th and will finish on February 8th. Women’s Upper and Coed “C” upper and lower ended during the week of January 28th and their tournaments will end the week of February 25th.

Item #3 Parks In Lieu of Request

The Robbins Avenue PUD Subdivision was originally approved by the City Council for a Parks In Lieu in October 2005. No payment value was formulated at that time. Since that time, the original developer went into bankruptcy and EHM Engineers ended up with the property. Staff felt it would be best to have this development go back through the Parks In Lieu of process.

The Robbins Avenue PUD subdivision is a proposed 24 household units (six 4-plexes) on 1.49 acres. The subdivision is located on the south side of Robbins Avenue, west of Washington Street North, and east of Sparks Street. Attached are the Parks In Lieu Contribution application and a map showing the location of the proposed subdivision. Using the 2012 Twin Falls County Assessor’s value of land, the price per acre is calculated at \$44,116.78 per acre, and using the in lieu of formula, the in lieu of payment is \$18,196.03.

Currently the closest neighborhood park is Harry Barry, located approximately ½ mile to the southwest. Since the park land dedication requirement from this subdivision is only .24 acres, staff supports the developer’s request for a Parks in lieu of contribution.

Staff supports this In Lieu of Request. David Thibault from EHM would like to submit a new application in light of the problems with the previous developer. Dennis explained on how they figure out in-fill development. The in-fill criteria for developments to see if they qualify for a 50% reduction in the in lieu of fees are; number of household units per acre are less than eight, in city limits, doesn’t border on city limits, doesn’t border an arterial streets, and wasn’t converted from agricultural land. This proposed development did not qualify on the number of household units per acre; this development is over 16 household units per acre, so it does not qualify. Jeff Blick motioned, Tennille Adams seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously. It will be presented to the City Council next Tuesday.

Item #4 Strategic Plan Draft Update

Mike Williams, Assistant to the City Manager presented the Strategic Plan Draft Update. Travis Rothweiler, City Manager followed up on a few items. He encouraged this commission to use this plan as their template in moving forward with parks. This becomes the litmus test to determine which projects get funded in the future. Second point, this is not cast in stone. It is a draft document and we are seeking input. Every year we will make tweaks and changes as time

goes along. The plan needs to be flexible. The visions are achievable if we have quality and solid partners working with us. There are some visions that do not fall under the City of Twin Falls purview, like being a learning community. It speaks to the educational attainments and educational opportunities provided by other partners. It illustrates that education will play a critical role as we move forward no matter in what aspect. Economic Development is one of those things where people are going to be free agents and they are going to want to live in a cool community and choose to live in places before they choose career paths. People used to move because of a job, now they move and then look for a job. We have to have qualified work forces to attract companies. We have a lot here within a seventy mile radius that is probably not rivaled anywhere else. Discussion followed with the following input:

- Carl Legg had an observation in regards to the growth of the 65+ population and the growth of Twin Falls and the Snake River plain.
- Shawn Barigar indicated that the commission's input is important.
- Tennille Adams asked is a separate chart for Parks n Rec could be developed for ease of review. Travis indicated that we will do that for every department.
- Liyah Babayan asked about a city today that incorporates these goals and life styles in their entity and lifestyles. If there is do we have an idea of what it is. Travis indicated that Twin Falls is unique. We could bring in things from other cities but that doesn't necessarily mean that it will be successful. We have a lot of heritage in Twin Falls and want to preserve that. Boise has a green belt which we don't have, we have to develop Twin Falls for Twin Falls. Liyah asked about two things that might be in the plan. 1) The communities projected technology being developed or discussed, clouds or wifi areas, will it be developed? Was it taken into consideration and how will it evolve. Travis indicated that it is a cool community attribute. It has been discussed and how do we develop these wifi areas and provide access to these hot spots to the community? 2) Cool comes up a lot and has transformed more into what is vital. People want technology to become more of an extension of them. They want to live in a city where they can plug in.

Item # 5 Breckenridge Estates HOA Presentation

Kendra Jenks, property manager for Breckenridge Estates recapped the previous discussion for posted hours for the trail to the west and south sides of the estates. The path is not wide enough in that area on the west and south paths for walkers and bikers. All concerns were reiterated from previous meeting. It was determined that more information was needed in establishing the ownership of the west and south paths and what agreements are in place. Dennis will follow up with the City Attorney and Planning and Zoning. The subdivision is asking for cooperation in reaching an amicable resolution to the communities concerns. The Commission had requested that Allen Howa go back to the Home Owner's Association and have the request formally voted on with all the signatures and then get it back on the Parks and Recreation Commission's agenda. At this date there is only a 60/40 status. They are asking that walkers respect the privacy of the community. Much discussion transpired and it was determined that the Commission could not recommend anything at this time as there was not a greater number in the Home Owner's Association signatures. Further determination of the west and south sides where the paths are, if

they are public access as part of the development or if the subdivision has been allowing public access through part of their private subdivision.

Item #6 Commission's Terms – Staff and Commission

Three members of the Commission terms end in March this year. Tennille, Tony, and Carl all can renew if so desire. Staff needs a letter or an email by the end of February stating they would like to be renewed for another three years or they no longer wish to serve on the Commission. If there are any openings, staff will start advertising the openings very soon so interviews could take place mid March to have the new Commissioner(s) on board for the April meeting. We have reviewed letter from Tony and Tennille.

Item #7 Other Items from the Commission

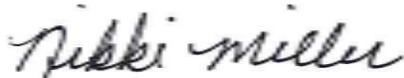
Other items that the Commission may have questions about or issues the Commission wants to discuss. YMCA's annual report was presented to City Council on Monday February 4th.

Councilman Shawn Barigar shared from the Council meeting of the previous night in regards to the dog park and the community garden. These were not funded in the budget and Councilman Talkington would like to revisit these two projects, staff will be putting some information together.

Dennis shared that there was a generous donation made from Marcia Lanting in the amount of \$10,000 for the dog park as long as it gets matched, at a Canine Social Club meeting another \$5000 was donated from a lady at the meeting, you can donate on your water bill which has brought in \$800 and bricks can also be purchased, a little over \$17,000 has been donated. They have applied for the Seagraves foundation for a grant. Stacy and Dennis have applied for a grant in the amount of \$6800 for the community garden. Dennis will prepare some cost estimates to construct the dog park and community garden and will present those estimates to the City Council at a future Council meeting.

Chairman Kevin Dane adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.

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