



TWIN FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION

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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

May 12, 2015 * * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: Tennille Adams, Tony Brand, Marc Lambert, Carl Legg, Joey Martin, Tom Reynolds and Richard Birrell

Members Absent: Liyah Babayan

Council Present: Shawn Barigar

Council Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Dennis Bowyer, Stacy McClintock, Nikki Miller and Mitch Humble

Staff Absent: N/A

Guests: N/A

NOTES

Chairman Tennille Adams called meeting to order at 11:35 am. There was a quorum.

- Item #1** Approve minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting.
Richard Birrell motioned to approve meeting minutes and Joey Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- Item #2** Parks & Recreation Staff Reports

The Benefits are Endless...

Stacy reviewed the recreation staff report with the Commission. We have 950 participants for the baseball/softball activity. Games start June 8 and runs through July 11, 2015. Men's softball league start today and coed softball league started May 11, 2015. There are many adult softball tournaments going on this summer as indicated on the staff report.

The Spring/Summer 2015 Activity Guide is out and on-line and has been distributed throughout the valley.

Boat Demo Day will be on May 16th and it is sponsored by River and Adventure Toys. The event will be held at Dierkes Lake.

Idaho Power will be out July or August to finish drilling the holes and Lane Taylor Fencing will be installing the netting at the Oregon Trail Youth Complex

Staff is working on bids for the re-paving the CSI tennis courts.

We are currently in late registration for youth baseball/softball. There will be a \$10 late fee added to the account.

Tom Reynolds asked if it is possible to reserve the ball fields for practicing. Stacy indicated that you can reserve a field but there is a cost to reserve which is for field prep or the lights. We just don't have enough facilities. Dennis went on to say that adults don't want to practice out at Oregon Trail because of the rules and regulations regarding smoking and drinking. Staff will research the possibilities of reserving field for practice.

Dennis wanted the Commission to know that we entered into a partnership with CSI on the tennis courts on their campus in the 90's and any maintenance is done by us and we split the cost with the college.

Dennis reviewed the Parks staff report with the Commission. Parks are open as well as the restrooms. All the irrigation is up and running. We are still in process of getting the 5000 sq. ft. storage building going. There is some preliminary work being done on the splash pad out at the First Federal playground. It may be up and running the end of June. We have a new opening for a park operator due to the loss of an employee. Regular maintenance is ongoing.

Item #3 Update on the Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Between work and vacation schedules the week that JUB can be here is the week of June 22, 2015. Dennis has asked for a draft of the Master Plan for review and he is hoping to have the new director present as well. The two days that are potential days for a special commission meeting for the presentation are Monday, June 22 or Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

Item #4 Sunway Soccer Complex Rules & Regulations

The City leases this land from the Twin Falls School District and their regulations stated there would be no drinking of alcohol or smoking on the complex. Now that the trade has taken place the question is do we keep the current regulations or change them? The City had the similar situation with the Oregon Trail Youth Complex. It was being leased from the LDS Church and they had the no smoking or drinking regulations. When the City purchased that property we kept to the same regulations since it was a youth only complex. Staff is recommending that the Sunway Soccer complex also continue with the same regulations as it is mostly a youth complex. Tennille asked that staff follow up in regards to vaping or e-cigarettes to see if they should be banned as well. Tom asked what kind of damage a cigarette would have on the artificial turf at the new First Federal Park. Dennis stated that it turf probably would not catch on fire however it

would melt. Joey Martin asked about the possibility of having a designated smoking area. Dennis said that is possible if that is the direction the Commission would like to go. Joey also asked about the enforcement at the park. The department does not patrol the park but there could be some more signage placed at the park. Tony Brand if this subject is being addressed in the master plan and if not should it be? Dennis did not think it was brought up. He indicated that the master plan is a guideline and things do come up after the master plan has been completed. Dennis did not hear anything from the public in regards to the rules and regulations. Without hearing about it from the general public Dennis indicated that it is too late in the process to address it. More research by staff will be done in regards to e-cigs, vaping and a designated area for smoking.

Item #5

Parks Dedication Ordinance Review

Dennis and Mitch discussed waiting for the Master Plan presentation to see if the results would have any impacts on the discussion of the parks dedication ordinance. Mitch talked about what are the needs for parks, do we need a park with every new development when there may already be a big park close by or do we need to look at in fill for parks. For every 20 acres of parkland is established, we have to add an employee to maintain the acreage. Tennille called for questions and there were none. Tennille agreed to put this item on hold until after the master plan presentation.

Item #6

City Bicycle Code Review

Dennis reviewed the staff report with the Commissioners. The City is trying to make our community more bike friendly. In so doing there was an open house/forum to get feedback from the public. Based on that input staff is proposing the following:

1. Bike Lane – striped, on-street lanes specially marked as bicycle lanes. There are three existing bike lanes in the community. 1) East side of town, from the City/YMCA pool along Falls Avenue to the top of the grade at Shoshone Falls, 2) West side of town, from North College Road West, south on Sparks to Blake St. N. east on Shoup Avenue West to Harrison St. then north on Harrison to Falls Avenue. There is also a section of this lane that is along Caswell Avenue in front of I.B Perrine Elementary school and Robert Stuart middle school, and 3) South side of town, from the south water tanks, north on Washington St. South to Park Avenue, then west on Park Avenue to Oregon Trail Elementary School, and including a short section on Lois Avenue along the Oregon Trail Youth Complex.

2. Shared Use Path – designated pathways that can be separate from streets, or on the sidewalks of streets. The canyon rim trail system is designated at a shared use path, along with the pathway on Washington St. N. from Falls Avenue to Pole Line Road and the sidewalk along Pole Line Road.

3. Shared Lane Marked – designated streets that are marked with “sharrows” to inform all motorized and non-motorized vehicles that these designated streets are to be shared. Roads designated with sharrows are usually low volume, low speed roads. A photo is attached to show what a sharrow looks like.

On Thursday October 9th, the City hosted another bicycle open house to present this proposed bicycle facilities map. There were approximately 35-40 community members in attendance. There were five large maps showing the draft bicycle facilities map along with photos of the existing bicycle lanes and the shared use paths the community currently has in place, what sharrows would look like on the proposed shared lane marked roads, and what the directional signs would look like. Staff reviewed how this draft map was developed, explained the three types of bicycle facilities and then invited the audience to review the maps up-close. Staff then

opened the rest of the evening to comments and questions. Generally, the comments were very supported of the City's proposed plan. There were several comments that staff agreed that should be reviewed and researched, there were:

1. Education for both motorists and bicyclists
2. Review existing city codes
3. Coordinate with Twin Falls Highway Districts for connections to other communities
4. Move bike lane from Shoup Avenue to Heyburn Avenue
5. Protection for bicyclists – i.e. tubular markers or delineators on bike lane lines
6. Park and Bike areas
7. Ensure sufficient maintenance, sweeping of bicycle facilities regularly
8. Preference of scenic routes over straight routes
9. Controlled intersections at high traffic streets for bicyclists
10. Instead of standardize green guide signs; make them stand out with a unique color

Staff has been working with several members of the biking community to set up education sessions for new bicyclists. These meetings are set for Tuesday June 9th at O'Leary Middle School, Thursday June 11th at Robert Stuart Middle School, Thursday July 16th and Thursday August 13th at the College of Southern Idaho. All these classes will be held from 6-8pm.

Also staff held a meeting with several more members of the biking community to discuss potential code changes to the City's code on bicycling. All of the proposed changes that were discussed followed the State of Idaho's Code concerning bicycling. Following the advice from the City's Attorney, it was recommended to adopt the State's Code on bicycling and eliminate the City's Section 9, Chapter 11 section on rules on bicycling.

Dennis will be making a presentation to the Traffic Safety Commission and talk about adopting the State Code on bicycling.

The first phase of this project was to connect the bike paths and we don't know what phase II is going to look like.

Joey Martin asked about signage and doing a different color that is a different color that will stand out. We are looking at the green color as it is a standard way finding sign. Tennille asked about the group of people that are petition for a bike path on North College Rd. heading out to Xavier School. Dennis indicated that a gentleman did make a presentation to City Council. That is in the future plans. Staff felt bike lanes should not be put out there until we have full lanes. Council did ask engineering and staff to do a report to be due in 90 days to see what can be done to accommodate the citizens in that area. Joey asked Mitch about connecting North College and Cheney and coming out on Washington? Mitch indicated that that is still in the works. Marc Lambert asked about the bicycle classes and would someone be going out to the refugee center and doing classes there? Dennis indicated that work is still being done on coordinating with the refugee center in getting that altogether. Joey said he has some has spoken with the refugee director and the director indicated that he does hand out some guidelines but it doesn't appear that it is being understood and trying to get them to come to classes might be difficult. If we were to go to them and work around when they are taking language classes that might help. Tennille also indicated that perhaps we should get to the schools as well. Dennis indicated that the Police Department does do bicycle rodeo's and will continue to do so. Shawn Barigar attended a workshop in Boise earlier this year and they were talking about general transportation mobility. One of the suggestions from that planning team was once the sharrows and paths are set to host rides to help people understand how to use the sharrows and transition on to trails.

The bike shops would be willing to help out with getting these rides going. The rides get people out and it helps with the motorists as well.

Dennis suggested that the Commission making a recommendation to support the move to adopting the State Code on bicycling. Tennille wanted to see the codes side by side to see the differences before going to Council. Discussion followed. Joey Martin motioned to drop the City Bicycle Code and go with the State Code. Tom Reynolds seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item #7 Other Items from Commission

WS & V Parks in Lieu of request was approved by the City Council with a 30% reduction in the fees. That fee will go to the Sunway Soccer Complex. Also the Council said the Commission should look at each non-profit developer separately as they come forward and other items that the Commission may have questions about or issues the Commission wants to discuss.

Dennis said that interviews for the Commission opening is tomorrow and if Council approves that person will be on board by the next meeting.

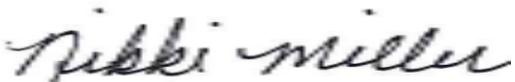
Dennis also said that Melinda Anderson has been working on a sign for the Dennis Bowyer Pocket Park. Dennis showed examples of the proposed sign.

Joey Martin wanted to make sure that at this time alcohol and smoking is still prohibited at Sunway Soccer Complex. Dennis said yes.

Tony Brand indicated that changeover on this Commission and some feedback he has gotten he wanted to ask that if we could, in one of our meetings we could have someone go over the Robert's Rules as it applies to this Commission. Mitch indicated that according to the City Attorney we have not adopted Robert Rules. Mitch said we could have the attorney and/or the Mayor come speak on how the meetings should be run.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm. Next meeting is June 9, 2015 at 11:30 am, located at the City Council Chambers at 305 E. 3rd St., Twin Falls, Idaho.

Nikki Miller

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