



TWIN FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION

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TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

August 11, 2015 * * * * * 11:40 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

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

Members Absent: N/A

Council Present: Shawn Barigar

Council Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, Stacy McClintock, Mitch Humble and Nikki Miller

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 July 14, 2015 meeting

Tony Brand made a motion to approve the minutes as read, Joey Martin seconded the motion. Meeting minutes passed with a unanimous vote.

The Benefits are Endless...

Item #2**Parks & Recreation Staff Reports**

Stacy reviewed the staff report with the Commissioners as follows:

Youth baseball and softball season has been wrapped up. The season went well.

The adult men softball program ended on July 22, 2015 with their tournament games. Co-ed softball is currently in tournament ending August 12 and 19, 2015.

There will be two end of the summer tournaments including a new women's ASA slow pitch Door Slammer tournament.

Adult one pitch league rosters are due on August 14th with games starting August 31st.

Fall soccer registration ended on July 27th and late registration will run through August 14th, 2015. Practices will begin the week of August 24 and games will start September 8, 2015.

Men's flag football registration is complete and we are up three teams from last year.

Sporties for Shorties next activity will be basketball.

The Recreation department will be showing "The Blind Side" on Friday, August 28th at 9 pm. Cinderella was going to be shown however Disney has a schedule for public viewing and it did not align with our schedule so we will be showing it next month.

British Soccer camp was a success again this year.

Thursday night band concerts ended on August 6th.

Recreation staff is collecting information for our Fall/Winter guide and the guide should be out the middle of September.

Idaho Power will be out at the Oregon Trail Youth Complex to finish drilling the holes for the netting and Taylor Made Fence will be installing the poles and brackets shortly after.

Joey Martin asked what the turnout was for the last movie. Stacy was unable to report as she was not at the movie. Joey also asked if staff will be notifying the community about the change in the movies for August. Stacy will be working with Josh Palmer to get that information updated on our webpage and facebook page.

Wendy reviewed the Parks staff report with the Commission as follows:

The past month the Parks Department has been working on the following projects and regular maintenance:

Work on the Parks parking garage build continues. The building department is working on determining whether the building has to be ADA compliant and that is holding up the process a little.

Construction work on the new splash pad continues. The foundation is in as well as the feature plumbing. There are some parts on back order that we are waiting for to complete the project.

Ongoing general irrigation repairs.

A new ADA sidewalk is complete at Northridge Park from the street to the playground.

New scoreboards have been installed at Frontier Field.

Rebuilding and repairing the dock system at Dierkes Lake has been completed.

Joey Martin asked about the liability for the City with the splash park. Mitch explained that as long as we do not charge on admission we have recreational immunity as a City. He also asked if we will be putting any signage up to indicate that. Mitch indicated that could be a possibility.

Tennille enquired about the additional recreation coordinator position that was budgeted for. Wendy indicated that there was a preliminary budget meeting last night and that position was in the budget. Mitch commented on the budget as well, he said that the preliminary budget had been approved with a limited spending cap and that position was funded. There are two more meetings to go with the adoption of the budget at the Council meeting on the 24th of August.. Shawn Barigar also commented on the budget and he felt that staff has done a good job in presenting the value of the requested positions and the capital investments have been well received by the Council. He stated that this is a solid budget with good strategies. Mitch suggested that we include what got adopted in the budget at the next year.

Item #3 Bridge Repair at Twin Falls Golf Club

Wendy indicated that \$30,000 has been proposed in the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 budget which would go to the repair of the three bridges that have been washed out by storm water runoff. Dario indicated that over the years the railroad ties that the bridges are set on have rotted off and this is the first time the bridges have washed out. A concrete foundation/apron is what is needed at this point. Dario indicated that he could fix two bridges with the allotted funds and it would be a long term fix. Discussion followed and the funds in the 2015/2016 budget will be used to repair the bridges. Joey asked if there was any type of fundraising done for the golf course. Stacy explained that there is a tournament specifically dedicated to the helping with repairs needed at the golf course. The repairs for the bridges are a capital improvement and because the City still owns the property we have to maintain certain aspects of the property.

Item #4 Update on North Five Points Public Art Project

Tennille said that Don Hall, Chris Talkington and Gregg Lanting were on a Western Day float and as they passed the North Five Points corner and talked about wanting to put some form of art there. They talked about doing a memorial that will represent water as it is very important to this community. A committee was formed and they invited Wendy and Tennille to attend. A call has been put out to the Idaho artist's in the community. The committee is asking Parks and Recreation to give our expectation/approval to move forward on this. It has not gone to Council yet and Don Hall would like our recommendations on the art. Wendy stated that a water feature with actual water will not be used because maintenance on water features is a maintenance issue. It will be something that represents water and verbiage welcoming people to The Historical Downtown. Discussion followed with the following points made:

1. The corner is problematic as there is no parking available.
2. The corner is a small space and would not allow patron interaction.
3. The art could distract drivers.
4. Art is a valuable addition to the City.
5. Enhancement of the corner is encouraged.
6. Art and interactive art is essential in the revitalizing of the downtown area and is greatly needed.

7. There are ways to enhance the corner than doing an extensive art project and the space does not allow public interaction. Placing an interactive and informative exhibit in the downtown area in conjunction with the revitalization would be more in line.
8. That is a busy corner and safety is a concern. We need to direct the flow of traffic to the downtown area and perhaps spend the money there for a great art feature.

Carl moved to make a motion to submit the following statement to City Council for consideration. The Parks and Recreation Commission sees value behind water and the Magic Valley and its significance to our heritage; believes art enhances the community, sees value in improvements and enhancements to the corner at five points; the Commission is not sure that a water feature/public art is most appropriate at the five points corner. Liyah seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes.

Item #5 Input on Park Sign Design

Stacy presented examples of current signs at various parks in the City. The signs are on the eclectic side. Liyah asked why there are different type's signs at each park and do we have money in the budget to do some new signs. The previous Director liked to have the eclectic style to make each park an individual park. Stacy indicated that we do have budget funds for Drury, Cascade and City Park signs. Staff is asking for some input from the Commission on the upcoming signs. Carl moved to make a motion to stay with the eclectic style of park signs and all signs to include the City Logo and year it was established. The motion was seconded by Joey and the motion passes.

Item #6 Other Items from Commission

Mitch invited the Commission to attend the City Hall fair being held at the New City Hall (Banner Building) during the Wednesday night concert on Main Street.

Carl stated that he would like to have the smoking policy reviewed on the next meeting agenda and also visit the marijuana issue that is most likely to be legalized in the next 10 years. He said that what we allow in our parks is what we promote in our parks.

Wendy indicated that she met with St. Luke's out at Sunway Park and that we did obtain a sizable donation from them to provide for a pavilion at that site.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. Next meeting is September 8, 2015 at 11:30 am, located at the City Council Chambers at 305 E. 3rd St., Twin Falls, Idaho.

Nikki Miller

