

COMMISSIONERS:

Tennille Adams Marc Lambert Tony Brand Carl Legg Richard Birrell Joey Martin Tom Reynolds Liyah Babayan
Brian Rice
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Meeting Minutes
Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 11:30 am- City Council Chambers
305 3rd Ave E – Twin Falls, Idaho

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA		
AGENDA ITEMS	<u>Purpose:</u>	<u>By:</u>
I. CONSENT CALENDAR: Request to approve meetings minutes of September 8, 2015	Action	Nikki Miller
II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:		
1. Parks and Recreation Staff Reports	Presentation	Stacy McClintock
2. YMCA end of season pool report	Presentation	John Pauley
3. Update on Smoking Policy in Parks	Presentation	Stacy McClintock
4. Recommendation to adopt a policy to ban/limit tobacco use in City Parks	Discussion	Commission
5. Review of Parks and Recreation Master Plan	Discussion	Wendy Davis
6. Skate park policy and facility needs	Presentation	Stacy McClintock
7. Other Items From the Commission		
V. ADJOURNMENT:		

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Present: Tennille Adams, Tony Brand, Carl Legg, Liyah Babayan, Joey Martin, Tome Reynolds, Brian Rice and Richard Birrell.

Absent: Marc Lambert

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

Council Present: Shawn Barigar

Guest: John Pauley, YMCA Aquatics Director

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Director Wendy Davis requested to add an item of Consideration; naming of the trails at Auger Falls and recommendation to City Council. A motion to amend the agenda was made by Liyah Babayan and Richard Birrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Request to approve the minutes of the September 8th, 2015 meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Tony Brand made a motion to approve the meetings and was seconded by Joey Martin. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Park and Recreation Department Updates

Stacy reviewed the recreation department updates. Stacy added that Oregon Trail Youth Complex project is still a work in progress with some additional work on the holes that were dug due to wires and water pipes. The Waste and Water departments are assisting us. The poles are anticipated to be in place this coming week with the concrete pad to be poured the following week.

Wendy presented the Parks department update. Joey Martin asked if there were any problems with the installation of the pool bubble. John Pauley indicated that the installation went smooth.

2. YMCA End of Season Pool Report

John Pauley gave a presentation on the end of the year finances for the pool. There was a \$30,000 reduction in the pool expenses due to staff reduction on the front desk, eliminating the custodial position and having the life guards do the cleaning. John is continuing to find ways to reduce expenses.

Liyah asked about incidents at the pool and who absorbs the cost if the ambulance is called. John indicated that it does not cost anything to have EMS come out. If someone is required to be transported it would be up to the individual to decide if they want to be transported or not as the cost would be absorbed by them.

Carl Legg commended John on reducing the deficit He also asked John if he had a plan or ideas of how he could completely deplete the deficit. John indicated that he wanted to bring in some more attractive features and bringing in more programs. He said that the free swim lessons that they offer on spring break does bring in more in the summer time. John is going to look at the hours of operation to see if it might be feasible to change up the hours. Carl asked if he was working on a marketing campaign. John said that he is planning on getting his information out to the schools. He puts a lot of information on the facebook page. The activity guide that the Parks and Recreation puts out does have the pool

information in it. Carl asked John if he could separate out the expenses and separate the direct and indirect expenses. John indicated this could be done.

Liyah asked John if he has considered partnering up with another entities to help promote the benefits of swimming. John stated that he currently has what is called the hundred mile swim club which is open to any member of the Y. He indicated that over the last two years he has seen about 100 individuals participating in it. John said the YMCA is a part of the Activate Magic Valley as well as the City, St. Luke's and other organizations in town that are working towards getting the community involved.

3. Update on Smoking Policy in Parks

Stacy presented the request to ban smoking in the parks. She reviewed the staff report and the previous meeting minutes where it was originally denied. Currently the code bans smoking in five parks within 50 feet of the playground. Carl Legg asked about vaping and e-cigarettes and if the code needs to be expanded to include vaping. Liyah asked if we get complaints regarding smoking in the parks. Only a few complaints have been received in regards to actual cigarette smoking and the butts in the park. Stacy indicated that to amend the wording in the current code it would need to go to City Council. Discussion followed. Joey Martin asked if the City has ever considered making a smoking area within the Parks. Stacy indicated that because the code states that there is a no smoking ban within 50 feet of the playgrounds, smoking is allowed in the rest of the park. Tony Brand voiced his concerns about the enforcement of something of this nature and making a code is not going to help because it cannot or will not be enforced. The recreation crew, when on site, will ask people to move to the parking lot to smoke. Joey Martin asked if we get any grief for asking people to move and Stacy said no. Carl Legg asked for clarification on the code. Shawn Barigar indicated that the code is enforced where the signs are posted at the parks. Mitch Humble clarified what the signs said and that in order to change the signs it would also need to go to City Council. Mitch Humble indicated that the Commission could move to amend the code or move to change the wording on the signs. Joey Martin asked what other areas have done. Wendy stated that Nampa would not touch the smoking issue and that Meridian and Boise are starting to address smoking in parks. Brian Rice stated that more research needs to be done on this issue in order to make a wise decision. Staff is being requested to do more research in the Northwest on the smoking in the parks issue. Tennille indicated that we could also get a question out there on the City's facebook page. Liyah also asked if staff could keep track of complaints in regards to smoking. More discussion followed. Tony Brand asked if we could get some input from the South Central Health District and Liyah asked if we could have someone in Vapor business come and speak also. Stacy will contact each and invite them to speak at an upcoming meeting. Joey Martin shared his experience with vaping. This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

4. Recommendation to Adopt a Policy to limit/ban tobacco use in City Parks

This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

5. Review of Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Wendy informed the Commission that the staff is currently reviewing the Master Plan and the intention is to bring comments and recommendations at the next Commission meeting. The Commission will have to adopt it and move it on to the Planning and Zoning and then to City Council. This document is intended to go into the comp plan and will be the document used in planning and setting priorities for projects moving forward. Wendy encouraged the Commission to review the plan to make sure that it is a document that accurately represents our needs and priorities and is something useable. Now is the time to make changes and ensure everything is in there. Once the master plan is in the comprehensive plan it will help drive the decisions for budget planning for the Parks and Recreation department. Mitch Humble gave some direction in making changes or adding to the master plan. Tennille directed the Commission to review the master plan and the survey and bring comment and/or suggestions to the next commission meeting.

6. Skate Park Policy and Facility Needs

Stacy shared a picture of the sign that is currently at the skate park. She is researching and working on getting the sign replaced. In the year 2020 is when the expansion is slated to be done. This is in the five year plan and can be moved up. Liyah asked if the rules could be placed on the concrete in the park. There is a material that is laid down right on the concrete that will last quite some time. She also asked if there are current facilities that are not being used that could be transformed into a razor park to keep them separated. Liyah indicated that she counted up to forty individuals of all ages and sizes in the tiny space that is our skate park. She also recommended providing a concreted pikes and bowls at the current bike park. Carl Legg indicated that the skate park was one of the best investments the City has made. He walks that park every night and said that the park gets a lot of use. He stated he thought that we needed to grow what is already there. Stacy said that the money in the five year budget can be pushed up if that is something the Commission feels strongly about. Discussion followed. Liyah asked staff what the original intention for and type equipment to be used at the park in the beginning discussions for the park. Shawn Barigar indicated that bicycles were not allowed and that there was some talk of not allowing roller blades and roller skates. The discussion was about conflicting uses. Shawn suggested that the Commission get some direction to take to the Council. Tennille asked Wendy to bring the five year plan items to the next meeting. Wendy indicated that she wanted to utilize the Commission and get input on the five year planning goals. This discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

7. Naming of Auger Falls Trails

Wendy gave an overview of what is happening down at Auger Falls which is one of our capital improvement items. Trails are being established by users and in an effort to keep control of the expansion of trails and be respectful of the environment, the users and the historic/prehistoric resources, she has identified and designated trails to keep and maintain and to stop more trails from being established. She said that she has been approached by a couple of Eagle Scouts that wanting to do work at Auger Falls. They are putting markers on trails and will eventually tie it to a map placed onsite. There is currently an unofficial map that is/has been distributed by one of the cycle shops and it has identified trails and names of the trails that are being used by those who frequent the area. In compliance with the City's naming policy, these common used trail names will need to be adopted by the Commission and taken to City Council before the Eagle Scouts can proceed with putting markers on the posts. Discussion followed. Wendy explained what the signs would be made of and how they would look and what would be on the signs. The current names are what people that frequent the park are accustomed to using and we should also be respectful of them. We can take a more proactive approach with the trails going forward and those who want to establish a trail will have to come to us first. Joey Martin made a motion to approve the names presented for the trails for consideration to the City Council. Carl Legg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5 to 1.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 pm. Next meeting is November 10th, 2015 at 11:30 am located at the City Council Chambers at 305 3rd Ave. E.

Respectfully

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