

COMMISSIONERS:

Marc Lambert Tom Reynolds Richard Birrell Joey Martin Gabe Ostyn Aaron Camacho Liyah Babayan Cindy Collins Brian Rice



Meeting Minutes
Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, April 19, 2016 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. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u> Request to approve meetings minutes of March 8 th , 2016	Action	Nikki Miller
II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u>		
1. Eagle Scout Presentation of Evel Knievel Sign project	Approval	Wendy Davis/ Reagan Larsen
2. Officer Election	Action	Marc Lambert
3. Parks and Recreation Updates	Presentation	Stacy McClintock/ Wendy Davis
4. Sun Shelter at City Park	Discussion	Wendy Davis
5. Dogs off leash at Auger Falls and/or Dierkes Lake Trail	Discussion	Wendy Davis
6. Other Items from the Commission	Commission	
V. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>		

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Present: Tom Reynolds, Brian Rice, Marc Lambert, Gabe Ostyn, Cindy Collins, Aaron Camacho and Richard Birrell.

Absent: Joey Martin and Liyah Babayan

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, Stacy McClintock and Nikki Miller

Staff Absent: Mitch Humble

Council Present: Nikki Boyd

Guest: Reagan Larsen

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Request to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting. Rich Birrell made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as written and Marc Lambert seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Wendy introduced Scout Reagan Larsen who will be presenting his request to place an information sign at the Evel Knievel jump site. Reagan introduced himself and gave a brief history on who he is and why he chose this as his Eagle Scout Project. Reagan showed the Commission a rendition of what the sign would look like and where he would like it placed. Reagan has made contact with various sign companies and Pacific Steel and Recycling who has donated the materials for the sign. He doesn't know who will be welding the sign together yet. Reagan talked to people who were actually at the event and did research online as well to get information for the sign. Tom Reynolds asked where the sign might be placed. Reagan indicated he wanted to put it on the old trail and Wendy showed a display of where it could be displayed on the trail that runs behind the jump site. Cindy Collins asked if the sign was two sided and Reagan said no, it will be a sign on a post that will be angled at 45 degrees so you can just look down on it. There will be no cost to the City. Aaron Camacho suggested that Reagan take his project to the CSI Welding Club to see if they would volunteer to weld the sign for him. Wendy talked to the building department to see if we need a permit for the sign. Rich Birrell made a motion to approve the project. Cindy Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
2. Officer election. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are the positions be voted on. Rich Birrell nominated Marc Lambert for Chairman and Gabe Ostyn seconded the motion. Marc Lambert nominated Gabe Ostyn for Chairman and Rich Birrell seconded the motion. A roll call vote for Marc Lambert and Gabe Ostyn was taken. Marc Lambert won the vote with a 6 -1 vote. Rich Birrell nominated Tom Reynolds for Vice-Chairman and Aaron Camacho seconded the nomination. A roll call vote was taken and Tom Reynolds won unanimously.
3. Departments Update. Stacy covered the Recreation department updates. Spring soccer is in session and registration for Softball/Baseball began April 4th and will end on April 25th. Men's/women's softball rosters were due April 8th with games starting May 9th and running through August. Adult basketball concluded on April 11th. The Spring/Summer Activity guide is at the printers. Registration is being taken now for Sporties for Sporties baseball and Youth baseball/softball.

The new recreation software is in place. Netting at the Oregon Trail Youth Complex has been delayed due to measurement inaccuracies for the netting. The street department will be doing some asphalt repair to the center area and then it will be slurry sealed. Once that work is all done and the netting up there will be a concrete sticker of a large baseball that will be laid in center area.

Stacy also showed what the new signs for City Park, Drury Park and Cascade Park look like.

Wendy covered the Parks Department update. All restrooms are open for the season, the fence at Carter Gibb has been replaced, seasonal employees have been hired and the parks staff has taken on the prep and maintenance of the ball diamonds for games. Thirty-one trees have been planted in various parks and fifty-eight trees were planted in the City's tree farm. The retaining wall at the Dierkes Lake wading pool area has been straightened and reset and the sand has been pulled back to re-establish the beach. The new equipment storage building has been completed and finalized. Rich Birrell asked about the park where Gerald Martens was going to put in the restroom and if that was still in the works. Wendy indicated that she had met with Gerald and Ken Stutzman and they had some designs for her to look at. There were two styles one that was a round pavilion style and another one that was a long rectangle style which is the one the department decided to go with. Wendy have for the drawings for Commissioners once they are available. The placement of the restroom will be on the Meadowview Side of the park which is where the sewer line is. A question was asked about the tennis courts at Frontier Field. Stacy said that the area is now going to be pickle ball courts. The tennis courts were taken out early during the slow season so that the Streets Department could save money on the construction. A question was also asked about the parking situation at the Sunway Soccer fields. The first weekend there was a Lacrosse tournament and the Rapids were out there playing. The Lacrosse team was out there earlier than expected. There is plenty of parking otherwise however, some parents and/or spectators want to park on the road to avoid walking thru the parking lot. The County sheriff's and City Police have been out there enforcing the no parking by giving tickets. Tom Reynolds asked if there was a scheduled date for the opening of the water park at 1st Federal Park. The grand opening has been scheduled for May 28th, 2016. The parks department is working on getting the sidewalk around the water park completed and the umbrellas in. Once the sidewalk is in the rubber coating will be done and testing will also be done in preparation for the opening. The water will be circulated treated water. Wendy mentioned that there have been some barriers placed at the Evel Knievel jump site however the cables are not up to keep people from driving in. The barriers might be moved further in for people to get to the jump site. The plan is to pave down in to the jump site and the City does have an acre down there for a parking lot, unfortunately there are no funds in the budget at this time or the for seeable future. Funds are tied up to finish the trail at the end of Eastland. The development requirements that the City falls under do not allow crushed gravel roads. Wendy brought up that there are numerous places where the open and close times for Shoshone Falls is conflicting. The City does not want people down there after dark. Wendy is working on a plan to have the signs reflect what time the park hours are. Tom Reynolds asked about the date that fees begin to be charged to get into the park. Wendy is leaning toward set dates like April 1st and end of September. Aaron Camacho suggested that it be the first Monday in April and the last weekend in September. He also said that at dusk it is still light outside. Wendy did research on the closing times from the past and using sunset or dusk is a movable time so she is looking at using magnetic signs showing the different times to put up so people will know what time the park is closing. The question was asked if the park could be open earlier than April due to water flows? Cindy recommended that when the dates are established to consider using the phrase starting on or before.

4. Sun Shelter at City Park – The Blue Lakes Rotary Club has been an excellent partner with the City of Twins in regards to donating to the parks. The club is looking for another project and has approached the City with an idea to install a sun shade at City Park that would cast shade in the area right in front of the band shell. In the summer time in the afternoon it gets really hot and when events are taking place and there is a band playing they are playing to an open space because no one wants to be in the sun and tend to gravitate to where the shade is. The department realizes there is going to be some opposition to this shade screen. The discussion is starting with the Parks and Recreation Commission to get the opinions of the Commission and if the Commission is on boards how to proceed. Discussion followed in regards to size, blocking the band shell, placement of the shade screen and the design of the shade screen. Wendy displayed some ideas she offered to the club for consideration. The Commission has concerns about the visual, that it doesn't distract from the band shell and the maintenance of the shade screen. Rich Birrell made a motion to decline the

request for the shade screen at City Park at this time. If the Rotary Club want to come back to us with a design at a later date that would not detract from band shell itself, the Commission would consider looking at it again. Tom Reynolds seconded the motion and the motion passes with a unanimous vote. Wendy will report back to the Blue Lakes Rotary Club.

5. Dog off leash at Auger Falls and/or Dierkes Lake Trail – Wendy was approached with the idea of allowing dogs off leash at Auger Falls or somewhere that dogs could be off leash while in the park. Rich Birrell who deals with insurance stated that if you were to allow dogs off leash in a city park and someone were to get bitten the City would be subject to a law suit. Discussion followed. Members of the Commission felt that the dogs would need to be contained. Wendy asked if they might consider designating specific trails in Auger Falls? Dierkes Lake was also considered but it is a highly used area also unless the area that used to be the archery area be utilized. Brian advised that we continue to discuss and Wendy will do more research on the off leash request especially in the legal aspect. Rich Birrell made a motion to table the request until there is more information in regards to the legal ramifications and the location. Aaron Camacho seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. COMMISSION REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Wendy reminded/invited the Commissioner's that Arbor Day will be April 28th, 2016 at the First Federal Park at 4pm.

Cindy Collins commented on the Activity Guide and said it is a great tool that the Chamber uses when people are relocating to the Magic Valley.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm. Next Commission meeting will be May 10, 2016 at City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Ave E., at 11:30 pm.