

COMMISSIONERS:

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



Meeting Minutes
Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 11:30 am- City Council Chambers
305 3rd Ave E – Twin Falls, Idaho

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM – Quorum was established CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA		
AGENDA ITEMS	Purpose:	By:
I. CONSENT CALENDAR: Request to approve meetings minutes of January 10, 2017, February 14, 2017 Tom Reynolds made a motion to approve meeting minutes and Aaron Camacho seconded the motion. Motion passed	Action	Nikki Miller
1. Welcome new Commissioners	Presentation	Wendy Davis
2. Parks and Recreation Updates	Presentation	Stacy McClintock/ Wendy Davis
3. Sunway Master Plan	Discussion	Wendy Davis
4. City Pool Update/Swimming Lesson Fees	Discussion	Wendy Davis/ John Pauley
5. Other items from the Commission		
1. January 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes		
2. February 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes		
3. Parks and Recreation Updates		
4. First Federal Bank Park layout		
V. ADJOURNMENT:		

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

Absent: Cindy Collins, Liyah Babayan

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, Stacy McClintock, Kevin Skelton and Nikki Miller

Staff Absent: Mitch Humble

Council Present: Nikki Boyd

Council Absent: N/A

Guest: New Commissioners ZJ Martinez and Sherry Murray

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: N/A

AGENDA ITEMS

I. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** January 10, 2017 and February 14, 2017 meeting minute's approval. Tom Reynolds moved to approve the meeting minutes, Aaron Camacho seconded the motion. Motion passed

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Welcome new Commissioners

Welcome Sherry Murray and ZJ Martinez. Each gave a summary of who they are and what they can bring to the Commission.

2. Parks and Recreation Updates

Stacy reviewed the Recreation updates with the Commission. She brought samples of the new signs for the Pierce Street Park, Morning Sun and Frontier Field. The Morning Sun sign will be re configured. Spring/Summer guide has been delayed to add information for the Pool events.

Wendy covered the Parks updates with the Commission. Wendy indicated that the snow has been an issue for the Parks department as well. It caused some damage to the trail at Shoshone Falls. It will take some cutting, milling and a new base and new asphalt. There is damage at The Oregon Trail Youth Complex parking lot and at The Sunway Soccer Complex. Tom Reynolds asked when the fee would start being charged at the Falls? Wendy stated that the Shoshone Falls Park is an enterprise fund and the more revenue we can bring in the more repairs and the things we can do with that facility. Taking advantage of opening now would be in our best interest. Opening the ticket booth now has its benefits in regards to regulating cars going in and talking to people and answering questions. The restroom facilities are typically opened in April to ensure the last freeze has been realized. However, the Parks staff is going to get them opened now. Gabe asked if the City has a reliable information source to monitor the flows. Wendy indicated that the website shows a live feed of the Falls and the CFS (cubic feet per second) are monitored by Idaho Power who provides that information to the City. The minimum flow that Idaho Power is required to let through is 300 CFS on a low water year. Wendy went on the provide information on the process the Bureau of Reclamation follows on managing the water in the reservoirs and rivers. Sherry asked if there was documentation on the April 1st opening and if people will be upset with the early opening. Wendy said that the City would handle any backlash received.

Aaron mentioned that some of the swings are broken at the Morning Sun Park. Also, at the Evel Kneivel jump site there were a group of trucks that were parked and then trying to drive down the pathway but were stopped at the gate. Wendy indicated that they are trespassing and the City has been coming up with a way to keep them off the jump, trail and the private property.

Marc indicated that he is seeing a lot of dog excrement on the Canyon Rim Trails and asked if there are any signs along the trail about picking up after your dog. Wendy explained that we went right from winter to warmer days and with all the snow and now that it is melting the Parks staff are working on getting everything up and running. She believes the dispenser was removed when the new Visitor Center construction was going on and a new one has not been put up. She will follow up with the Parks staff.

ZJ complimented the Parks and Recreation department on the work we do. He suggested that a sign indicating that the City will begin charging March 1st and if it doesn't open until later you probably won't get any complaints. Wendy took the suggestion under advisement.

Nikki Boyd placed a grocery bag container for non-recyclable bags that can be used in the dog waste dispensers at the parks.

Wendy covered the director's report with the Commission. Marc asked if the Commission had any input on the sign. He indicated that the sign was perhaps too tall, the trail part is at the top of the sign, and kids might have a hard time seeing that. The trail section appears to be smaller than the donor section. Discussion followed.

Wendy covered the transition of the City taking over the Y pool. The City made an offer to John Pauley to continue as a City employee and he accepted the offer.

3. Sunway Master Plan

Wendy explained to the Commission what the expectations are for the Sunway Master Plan. The discussion today needs to focus on the priorities for the Park. Such as amenities and what kind would be valuable out there and what that space would look like. The timeline suggested is at the end of the month of March. Wendy indicated that there are many calling in wanting to donate and until the Master Plan is realized, the donations cannot really be accepted. Discussion followed. The Commission narrowed down the items to the following:

An honor garden, a place where grown ups can walk and kids can play around in (i.e. Sherwood Forest type). This is where people who want to donate benches in honor of someone could be placed.

A walking path/multiuse trail. Functional fitness setup, either along the trail or on a pad like a fitness center. Discussion followed.

One more playground on the East side of the park.

Aaron also revisited the issue of the parking lot and angling the parking spaces.

Nikki Boyd also reminded the Commission about the Community area that is coming to the downtown area.

Tom Reynolds asked about expanding the current skate park and Wendy indicated that that is being looked at and maybe there could be one at another location.

The goal is to get a basic layout so that the sprinkler system can be put in and then work around that. In addition, when someone wants to donate a bench, add a playground, or plant a tree an area can be identified.

Basketball courts are a needed resource.

4. City Pool Update/Swimming Lesson Fees

Wendy covered the current prices at the pool. \$43 is you are a Y member and \$65 for non-members for swim lessons. Labor costs for one instructor is \$86. Wendy indicated that swim lessons be offered at an affordable rate. There are several ways to look at how the City provides swim lessons. Discussion followed. Stacy explained how the City subsidizes the Recreation core youth sports for in city limit residences and out of city residences. Wendy explained to the Commissioners that the City wants to start registering for swim lessons by April 17. There are many ways to look at charging fees. Discussion followed. Commission reached consensus that swimming lessons should

be considered a core program, and that the fees should cover the staff and administrative costs for the program, yet be as affordable as possible.

5. Other items from the Commission
N/A

IV. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm. Next Commission meeting will be April 11, 2017 at City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Ave E., at 11:30 pm.