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MITCH HUMBLE	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

**TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

May 8, 2012\* \* \* \* \* 11:30 am \* \* \* \* \* City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Tennille Adams, Jeff Blick, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane and Ryan Horsley

**Members Absent:** Liyah Babayan and Carl Legg

**Council Absent:** Shawn Barigar

**Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer, Mitch Humble and Stacy McClintock

**Guest:** John Pauley, YMCA

**MINUTES**

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.

**Item #1 Approve minutes of the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting**

Ryan Horsley made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting. Tennille Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item #2 Commission Membership**

Dennis informed the Commission that five applicants applied for the two openings on the Commission. All applicants now have to go through a background check before they are scheduled for interviews. The interviews have been set for Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The interview panel will consist of Mayor Greg Lanting, Council liaison Shawn Barigar, Chairman Kevin Dane and Dennis Bowyer. The goal is to have both new members on board for the June meeting.

**Item #3 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**

Dennis went over the Parks staff report. Parks staff is busy working outside in the parks. All restrooms are now open. The Ascension restroom is not open yet due to an inspection not passing. Construction still

continues on the OTYC restroom and staff is hoping to have it open in June. Software upgrades to the Baseline irrigation system have begun and the heat exchanger at the pool has been installed. The pool bubble will be going down on Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup> (everyone is invited that day to help out). They will also be closing the pool for about a week after the bubble is down for upgrades and repairs. Kevin has been working on getting trees planted at the tree farm and a new tractor is on order.

Stacy went over the Recreation staff reports. Adult Soccer is close to wrapping up and there have been no issues at all with this league. Youth baseball/softball registration ended on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We are still taking late registration and the season will begin June 4<sup>th</sup>. Men's Softball rosters were due on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the season will begin on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The Hershey Track Meet will be held this Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at Canyon Ridge High School. There are a lot of tournaments scheduled this summer that will keep staff busy.

Sporties for Shorties baseball registration is going on now. There are also many leisure activities that people can sign up for. These include: Hands On classes, Scrapbooking and Karate to name a few.

#### **Item #4 Recreation Center Committee Update**

Three sub-committees have been formed to work on topics to help formulate a report back to the City Council. These sub-committees are: 1) Maintenance & Operations, 2) Funding – Private & Government and 3) Economic Impact. Each sub-committee has been asked to complete a task list and report back by May 28<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to have a report for City Council by June. Dennis asked Jeff Blick and Ryan Horsley if they have been able to meet with their sub-committees. Ryan hasn't been able to attend any of the scheduled meetings and Jeff Blick said they haven't met yet. He suggested having the sub-committees meet on the regularly scheduled Recreation Center meeting so they can break into groups and discuss the topics.

#### **Item #5 Parks In Lieu of Report**

Last year the City Council directed staff and the Commission to review Parks in Lieu of fees. The Council wanted the commission to review how the in lieu of fees could affect in-fill developments and did the fees even discourage those developments. The Council questioned why the price per acre was so high on a development. Staff explained the process of determining the price per acre for each development.

A task force was formed to review this. Tennille, Ryan and Jeff volunteered to serve on the task force. They met several times to review the Council's direction. One difficult question was how to define "in-fill": acreage; household units per acre; location of development and converted use of the land were some of the ways the task force discussed for the definition of in-fills.

The following criteria is what the task force developed. If the development meets all of the criteria to be considered an in-fill project, then they will receive a 50% reduction in their in lieu of fees.

1. Must be eight (8) or less household units per acre
2. Must be inside the City limits
3. Can't border an arterial street
4. Can't border the City limits
5. Can't be converted from agriculture land

Dennis went over the spreadsheet with all 35 developments that have gone through the Parks in Lieu of Fee process. Of the 35, only seven (7) would have qualified.

After some discussion, Ryan Horsley made a motion to recommend to City Council the proposed criteria to be considered an in-fill project that would give a 50% reduction in their in lieu of fees. Along with this recommendation, he is recommending that K&L Subdivision receive a reduction in fees without having to go through the entire process. Tennille Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mitch Humble said since this is in the Chapter 10 of the City Code, it will have to be presented in the front of the Planning & Zoning first for a public hearing, then their recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council.

**Item #6          Swimming Pool Proposed Increases**

The YMCA is proposing to increase their daily rates by \$.25 for each age category and they are proposing a 5% increase for the pool passes. In the new Concession Agreement between the City and the YMCA on the management of the swimming pool, it states when any time the YMCA wishes to increase admission fees or pool passes, it must be approved by the Commission. Any proposed fee increases of 5% or less, the YMCA only needs the approval of the Commission. Any proposed fee increases of more than 5%, the YMCA must have a public hearing in front of the City Council following a recommendation by the Commission.

John Pauley, Aquatics Director with the YMCA, presented to the Commission the YMCA’s reasoning behind the rate increases. The current rates have stayed the same for at least 4 years; there have been 2 minimum wage increases in the last 4 years; the YMCA’s management fee has been reallocated to utilities and chemicals; the YMCA is paying for more repairs to the pool; they are wanting to keep their programming innovative and that means spending more money on trainings and equipment; and they have added more swim hours. All of these factors weigh in on the decision to increase the admission fees.

After some discussion, Tennille Adams made a motion to approve the YMCA’s proposed price increases to the daily admissions and membership rates. Ryan seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion.

These recommendations will be forwarded on to the City Council for their consideration.

**Item #7          Update on Projects**

Dennis informed the Commission that Arbor Day had a good turn out with around 10 members of the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley and volunteers from Cactus Petes Resort Casino helping out. Plaques will be handed out to the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley and Cactus Petes Resort Casino for their years of service at Monday’s Council meeting.

The proposal for the Dierkes Lake boat rentals was awarded to River Rat Adventure Toys. Dennis is having an Eagle Scout do a project clearing out the reeds where the boats will be docked. They are expecting to start renting boats Memorial Day weekend. The days they are open will depend on the demand they have for the rentals.

The public hearing for the land swap with the County will be in the next few weeks. If Council approves of the land swap, fundraising can begin for a dog park located on the property next to Canyon View Hospital and a community garden can be ready to plant for next year.

The Naming Policy was approved by Council as presented.

Work has started on the Courtney Conservation Park.

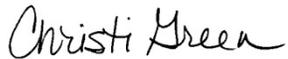
Dennis reminded everyone that the City's Visionary plan session will be held tonight at CSI from 6pm-8pm.

**Item #8      Other Items from the Commission**

Tennille mentioned that there is no motorcycle parking in the parking lot at Shoshone Falls. She suggested that adding some spaces would help clear up some parking when the season is busy.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33pm.

**The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East.**



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