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TOM COURTNEY	**CITY MANAGER**
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MITCH HUMBLE	**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

December 8, 2009* * * * * 11:30 am * * * * * City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

Members Present: **Tennille Adams, Jeff Blick, John Bonnett, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley, Brent Jussel, Bill Merritt and Paula Brown Sinclair**

Members Absent: **RoLynne Hendricks**

Council Present: **Trip Craig**

Staff Present: **Dennis Bowyer**

Staff Absent: **Mitch Humble**

MINUTES

Chairperson John Bonnett called the meeting to order at 11:44am.

Item #1 Approve minutes of the November 10th, 2009 meeting

A motion was made by Jeff Blick to approve the minutes of the November 10th, 2009 meeting. Paula Brown Sinclair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports

Dennis went over the Parks and Recreation reports. Winter Youth Basketball registration ended on November 25th but we are still accepting late sign-ups. The numbers are looking pretty good. Fall Basketball will be ending soon with the Championship games being played on December 14th. Adult Volleyball has been going well. Adult Basketball registration ended on December 4th. The original registration deadline was on November 25th but we extended it due to the low number of teams registered. The teams are down from last year and Dennis feels it is probably because of the economy. Paula suggested that if we don't get at least 40 teams to do some research as to why the numbers are so low.

The Pre-School Basketball program went very well this year. This was a new program and we look forward to offering it again next year. Magic Mountain has a Christmas Dinner, Snowcat Ride and snowshoeing ride on Friday, December 18th and Saturday, December 19th. Cabin Fever Day will be Saturday, January 9th 2010. Flyers are available at participating businesses and the Parks and Recreation office.

The Parks Department has finished replacing the horse shoe pits at Drury Park. They are doing snow removal and have started their winter maintenance of equipment.

Kevin mentioned that he went over to Drury Park to see the improvements and was very impressed. He did suggest getting the night light put up. Dennis stated that he is working on getting the light up and the fence has not been installed yet. He will get in contact with Taylor Made Fence to see when the installation should be done. Dennis wants to get an exact cost on the fencing before ordering any benches or trash receptacles.

Item #3 Update on Bicycle Sub-Committee

Brent updated the Commission on the discussions of the bicycle sub-committee. The sub-committee has met twice now to review the City Codes and laws that pertain to bicyclists and safety issues. Those working outside the Commission as part of the committee are: Terry Patterson with CSI; Dennis Pullin, Traffic Supervisor with the Twin Falls Police Department; Kirk Brower, Twin Falls School District and Paige Geske, Safe Kids. The sub-committee reviewed the current City Code. They have found that it has been awhile since these laws have been updated. The sub-committee has looked over what other cities have in place for their bicycle laws. The city they are focusing on is Boise. Tennille reported that Boise had a task force that updated their City Code and laws for bicycle safety and it has been presented to Council for review. She is trying to create a document using research from Boise's document to be able to present to the Commission. Brent feels that more information should be able to be presented to the Commission by February.

Item #4 Dedication Planning for Drury Park

At the last meeting, the Commission thought it would be a good idea to re-dedicate Drury Park. It was discussed to combine the Arbor Day celebration with the re-dedication but staff feels that the weather would be an issue. Arbor Day is the last Friday in April and the weather doesn't seem to cooperate very well that time of year. It might be a better idea to look at doing it in May or June. John suggested celebrating the re-dedication in May so Lincoln Elementary School will be able to participate. Dennis would like to form a sub-committee to help plan the dedication. Ryan, Paula, Tennille and RoLynne will be on the sub-committee. Dennis will e-mail the sub-committee a date for when they can meet.

Item #5 Other Items from the Commission

Dennis went over the packet he handed out at the beginning of the meeting for the long range plan so the Commission can have it to look over before the December 17th meeting. He also informed the Commission that Blue Cross Foundation for Health donated $5000 to the City for improvements on the Canyon Rim Trail System. The Foundation held a "Blue Cruise" event in Twin Falls on May 30th. The event was a bicycle rodeo, safety tips and three bike rides of various distances. Kristin Armstrong, the gold medal Olympic winner from Boise was at the event.

The City is adding Commission members to the website and wants their input if they would want any contact information added. The Commission does not want any information besides their names on the website.

Dennis informed the Commission that Shawn Barigar had contacted him about a water bottling company based near Boise called ROCKS and they will be donating water to the Parks and Recreation programs. They will deliver it to us each month. There will be a kick off at Robert Stuart Junior High School this Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 5pm. The water will be handed out at the games.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.

The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be January 12th, 2010 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East.

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