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

January 12, 2010\* \* \* \* \* 11:30 am \* \* \* \* \* City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

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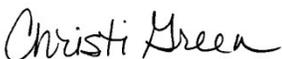
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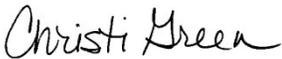
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**Guests:** Dennis Pullin, Staff Sergeant for the City of Twin Falls Police Department and Kirk Brower, Safety and Transportation with the Twin Falls School District; both members of the Bicycle Safety sub-committee. Debrah Pauls, member of the Red Hat Society.

**MINUTES**

Chairperson John Bonnett called the meeting to order at 11:41am.

**Item #1 Approve minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting**

Paula made a correction to the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting minutes. The word conservation on page 4 should be conservative. Brent Jussel made a motion to approve the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting minutes with the amended changes. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**

Dennis went over the Parks and Recreation reports. Youth basketball is going well with the season concluding on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Adult basketball is also going well. Registration for spring soccer and youth wrestling is

going on now. Tournaments have started with Adult Volleyball. It has been a good season with no problems or complaints.

Cabin Fever Day was a big hit averaging 2200 people this year. Stacy is working on the new Spring/Summer guide and it should be sent out in March.

Parks staff is working on winter maintenance of equipment. They are also working on topsoil and grading specifications for park land. They held a meeting today with contractors and developers. Paula asked to get Parks staff started on working on building the soccer goals for Oregon Trail Youth Complex.

**Item #3          Donation Request – 11:45am**

Debrah Pauls with the Red Hat Society was introduced to the Commission. The Magic Valley Chapter of the Red Hat Society is requesting to donate a bench at City Park with an inscription that states: “In memory of our Queen Victoria Jenkins, her efforts brought the Red Hat Society to the Twin Falls area. Your Red Hat Sisters”. Debrah gave a brief presentation of what the Red Hat Society is and how Victoria Jenkins contributed to the community and the society.

Paula asked if the length of the inscription will fit on our standard plaque. Dennis will need to check on that but the standard plaque size is 8x16 inches. She also asked if it will be a permanent bench and if so, feels that mounting it on the cement pad in front of the band shell where the movable benches currently are would be a mistake. The Red Hat Society would like the bench to be on the east side of the band shell where people can sit before going on stage on the band shell.

Jeff Blick made a motion to approve the donation request as written, as long as the inscription will fit on the standard size plaque. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dennis informed the Commission the request will be on the consent calendar for Council’s approval on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Item #4          Recommendations from Bicycle Sub-Committee**

Brent introduced Dennis Pullin and Kirk Brower to the Commission. Tennille presented the proposed recommendations from the sub-committee for bicycle safety in Twin Falls. Discussion followed.

It was discussed to forward these recommendations to the Twin Falls Safety Committee, then forward on to the City Attorney before presenting to Council for approval. Trip would prefer the Safety Committee and the City Attorney to review the proposed recommendations before presenting to Council for approval.

Dennis mentioned that Blue Cross’ Blue Cruise bicycle fundraiser will be having another event this year. It is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He suggested providing information on the proposed changes at this event.

Brent Jussel made a motion to approve the sub-committee’s recommendations for bicycle safety. Jeff Blick seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item #5 Capital Improvement Review**

Dennis went over the Capital Improvement projects that have been approved for the Parks and Recreation Department for this budget year. At this time, general fund Capital Improvement projects have been put on hold. He went over a few of the projects in the Park Development budget that have been approved to move forward on at this time. Dennis will be meeting with the Department heads this week and will know more after the meeting. John asked Dennis to e-mail the Commission what is happening with the Capital Improvement projects after Dennis' Department head meeting.

**Item #6 Drury Park Re-Dedication**

The sub-committee for the re-dedication of Drury Park met a couple weeks ago. They have decided to hold the re-dedication on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 4:00pm. There will be games for the kids and free refreshments. Dennis mentioned they are working on getting a sign made for the park with Lytle signs and is working on designing something a little different than a normal park sign. They will advertise the event with the local media, the City's webpage, Parks and Recreation guide, City newsletter in water bills and will make flyers for the kids at Lincoln Elementary. The Chamber will also be involved and an official ribbon cutting will be performed. The Mayor will be there to read the proclamation. Arbor Day will be celebrated at Drury Park so new trees will be planted. Dennis would also like to find an old picture of Drury Park to be displayed.

**Item #7 Other Items from the Commission**

John informed the Commission that he presented to City Council at the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting about the long range plan the Commission created. John felt the presentation went well. He mentioned the Recreation Center came up as an issue that he feels needs to be worked on with different entities including the YMCA and CSI.

Dennis informed the Commission that Sam Rasmussen, representing the Youth Council on the BMX track that they are proposing to build, will be presenting to the Commission next month. There will be no concrete needed; it will be a dirt only track. Dennis said that Sam has explained to him that once the track is built, there really is no maintenance needed.

John also informed the Commission that after next month's meeting, there will be two openings on the Commission. He asked the Commission to let Dennis know if there is anyone they know of that would be interested in serving on the Commission.

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Parks staff has finished up the winter maintenance of equipment and have begun spraying dormant oil on trees. They have also started pruning trees and installed fencing around the Russett/All Street property. Paula mentioned how well the staff did on pruning the trees at Thomsen Park. She also asked if the soccer goals are going to be done for Oregon Trail Youth Complex. Dennis mentioned they are working on them.

#### **Item #4        BMX Proposal**

Dennis introduced Sam Rasmussen, a member of the Twin Falls Youth Council to the Commission. Dennis gave a review of the area they are proposing to construct a BMX track. The property is located on Blake St., south of Addison Avenue, adjacent to Rock Creek Canyon Parkway. There is an entrance into the park with a paved parking lot just south of the proposed location. Directly north of the parking lot are over an acre and a half of vacant land where the BMX track will be constructed.

Sam Rasmussen presented the proposal and design of the BMX track to the Commission explaining his desire to have a safe environment for jumpers to go and have a good time. He has spoken with Lee Heider and he is willing to donate chain link fence for the project. Triple C is also willing to donate concrete for the post holes. Sam is going to be talking with Spencer Cutler from Stutzman's to work with him on over-seeing the project. John asked where they will be getting the dirt from. Sam said they will be looking at construction sites for the extra dirt.

Paula asked Sam if the youth that will be using the track will be arriving on their bikes or will they be using the parking lot. Sam explained that most of the kids that will be using the track will be arriving on their bikes so there would be no parking issues. Brent asked about restroom facilities. The closest restrooms would be a gas station on Addison. Dennis mentioned they are looking at building a restroom at Drury Park and that would be the closest park to the BMX track but the restroom won't be built for a while. Brent asked if portable toilets could be an option. Dennis said it is an option they can look at. Kevin would like to see set hours at the park to reduce problems occurring since it is near a residential area.

Paula made a motion that the Commission expresses their support in the construction of a BMX track located on City property along Blake St. Tennille seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Item #3        Discussion from Mayor Don Hall**

Mayor Don Hall discussed with the Commission the possibility of combining the functions and duties of the Pool Advisory Board and the Tree Commission with the Parks and Recreation Commission. In the last few months, staff has been analyzing the different committees to see if they are still needed or need to be reduced in size. Overall, the City has 15 different committees with over 130 members serving on them. Staff is trying to establish efficiency with staff and community member's time. He explained that staff and he have spoken with both the Pool Advisory Board and the Tree Commission and they are supportive of the transition. It has been discussed to appoint one member each from the Pool and Tree Commissions to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Commission discussed their concerns. The main concern is the added work load that will be placed on the Commission. Dennis gave a brief history of the Tree Commission and the Pool Advisory Board and feels combining the two with the Commission will work.

Councilperson Lance Clow addressed the Commission of the primary purposes of having a Tree Commission and Pool Advisory Board. The main reason for starting a Tree Commission was to qualify for Tree City USA. The reason for the Pool Advisory Board was to deal with the contract between the City and the YMCA and handle any complaints citizens had.

Kevin Dane made a motion to accept staff's recommendation to absorb the members and duties from the Tree and Pool Commission into the Parks and Recreation Commission. Brent seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Bill Merritt, Jeff Blick, Tennille Adams, John Bonnett, Ryan Horsley, Kevin Dane, Brent Jussel and RoLynne Hendricks in favor of the motion. Paula Brown Sinclair voted against the motion. The motion passed 8-1.

#### **Item #5 Bench Donation Request**

Dennis has received a request for an enhanced inscription on a plaque for a donated bench along the Snake River Canyon Rim Trail east of the Perrine Bridge. The requested text is as follows: "In honor of George Holmes for his continual civic acts of kindness in the Magic Valley. March 30, 1917-February 27, 2010."

Paula Brown Sinclair made a motion to accept the donation request with the inscription as written. Tennille seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Item #7 Recreation Center Sub-Committee**

John would like to discuss this item at the next meeting but asked Mayor Don Hall what his thoughts were on the sub-committee for a recreation center. Mayor Hall is supportive to move forward to create a sub-committee for a recreation center. His only suggestion is to make sure to get people from the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Salvation Army, etc. on the sub-committee that can partner with the City.

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

John asked what the status is on the Capital Improvement budget. Mitch explained that they have got their first property tax payment in and it is what was expected. Staff has gone through and prioritized projects. Projects that have been approved to move forward are: 1) the Cowboy Field project; 2) both mowers; 3) improvements to the Baseline irrigation system; 4) restroom at Sunway Soccer Complex; 5) resurfacing the east tennis courts at Harmon Park; and a couple of small projects in the Park Development funding source. All other Capital Improvement Projects are put on hold and will be reviewed later in the budget year. Some projects might be approved, some might not. John and Paula expressed their frustration on the funds being taken away on the projects for Cowboy Field and Ascension the previous year

Paula made a motion to amend the agenda to include a request to accept the proposed wording on the sign for Drury Park. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Paula read the wording that has been proposed by the Seagraves Foundation to add to the sign at Drury Park. The proposed sign will read as follows: "2009 Drury Park Renewal – Lovingly funded by the Seagraves Family Foundation, in honor of Janice Seagraves, a lifelong community stalwart."

Kevin Dane made a motion to accept the proposed sign's wording as written. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hall informed the Commission that the City Council is thinking of holding a City Council meeting at the Rededication of Drury Park on May 17<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

**Item #6      Brent Jussel & Paula Brown Sinclair Farewell**

The Commission and staff thanked Brent and Paula for their time and service on the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04pm.

**The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East.**



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

April 13, 2010\* \* \* \* \* 11:30 am \* \* \* \* \* City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Jeff Blick, John Bonnett, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, RoLynne Hendricks, Ryan Horsley, and Bill Merritt

**Members Absent:** Tennille Adams and Carl Legg

**Council Present:** Trip Craig

**Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer and Mitch Humble

**Guest:** Brent Jussel, Bicycle Safety sub-committee

**MINUTES**

Chairperson John Bonnett called the meeting to order at 11:41am.

**Item #1 Welcome New Members**

John welcomed the new members, Tony Brand and Carl Legg to the Commission. Introductions were made to Tony Brand.

**Item #2 Elections of Officers**

Each year, the Commission elects a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Currently, John Bonnett is Chairperson and he has served for two years. Bill Merritt is currently Vice-Chairperson and he has also served for two years. John opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Kevin Dane asked the Commission to be considered for Chairperson. John Bonnett seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

John made a motion to nominate Tennille Adams as Vice-Chairperson. RoLynne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item #3 Approve minutes of the March 9, 2010 meeting**

Ryan Horsley made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2010 meeting. RoLynne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item #4 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**

Dennis went over the Parks and Recreation reports. Spring Soccer has begun with over 700 participants enrolled. The numbers have been declining since 2004 and staff feels Cal Ripken and the Rapids have affected some of the numbers. Baseball/softball registration began on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and will end Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. A meeting was held on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> for Adult Softball. One of the biggest changes to the league is purchasing a bat tester from ASA and sharing it with the Umpires Association, Coed Softball and the Jerome Recreation District. Illegal bat use has been a major issue throughout the country and we are hoping this will help solve the problem. All teams will have their bats tested and marked before using them in league play.

The Recreation guide is now out and was delivered in the March 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the Times News. This was a tremendous cost savings by having the Times News print the guides. Dennis explained that next year, the Times News should have the ability to mail out the guides to everyone in Twin Falls. Mitch asked the Commission if they had any concerns with the quality of the guide. Everyone was happy with it.

A skateboarding clinic will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Shawn Black is a professional skateboarder that teaches the clinic and he donates all his time to teach this clinic. Each participant will receive a helmet and pad that is included in the price of the clinic.

The restrooms are now open in the parks. Staff is trying to finalize the bids for a large mower and trim mower. We currently have 9 full time employees and 13 seasonal employees working in the parks. Parks staff has finished planting 127 trees in various parks where approximately 100 were donated by Jayker Nurseries. Staff has figured over \$10,000 worth of trees were donated.

Staff is working on energizing the sprinkler systems. John asked if we use PI water in the parks. Dennis explained that the City has over 290 acres that is irrigated including the golf course. Only 12% of that land uses domestic water, the rest is on PI systems, wells, or lake water is used.

**Item #5 Bicycle Safety Recommendations Update**

Brent Jussel updated the Commission on the bicycle safety recommendations that was presented to the Traffic Safety Committee last month. Brent informed the Commission that after a lengthy discussion with the Traffic Safety Committee, they decided to take no action on the recommendations. So far, nothing has happened and there has been talk that City staff might have concerns with some of the recommendations the Commission made.

Mitch explained to the Commission that he feels the Traffic Safety Committee had more information than the Commission. He also feels the Traffic Safety Committee may be going in a different direction from the Commission's recommendations. He doesn't want to send a recommendation to City Council with two committees having different recommendations. Engineering's recommendation would be to include the recommendations in the strategic plan. Staff will be meeting in the fall to update the strategic plan. Mitch has

asked Dennis to compose a staff report with all the input from each committee and get that information to the Commission.

Brent would like to see the staff report presented to the sub-committee first before presenting to the Commission. Dennis should have the staff report finalized and sent to the sub-committee the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>. The sub-committee can then present their final recommendations to the Commission before it is presented to Council.

#### **Item #6 Recreation Center Sub-Committee**

John would like to propose that the Commission form a sub-committee for discussion on the city recreation center by not only members of this Commission but members of the community as well. Mitch feels this will be a long term process and would suggest electing a Chairman that will be on the Commission for awhile. He also suggested getting City staff involved including finance and himself.

Ryan made a motion to form a sub-committee to look at the idea of a recreation center in Twin Falls. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jeff and RoLynne volunteered to share the duty of Chairperson on the sub-committee. Jeff, RoLynne, Carl and Ryan will serve on the sub-committee for discussion on the recreation center.

#### **Item #7 Arbor Day**

Dennis went over the Arbor Day celebration. Arbor Day will be Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and Drury Park has been selected as the park where the City will celebrate and plant three trees. A proclamation will be read and signed by the Mayor at the Monday April 26<sup>th</sup>, City Council meeting. The Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley and Cactus Pete's have volunteered to help out.

The City has been celebrating Arbor Day since 1997 and has been a Tree City USA since 1998. Dennis went over the four standards that must be met for Twin Falls to become a designated Tree City USA. These are: 1) Have a Tree Board or Department; 2) Tree Ordinance; 3) Community Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita and; 4) Observe an Arbor Day and have a proclamation.

Dennis handed out a copy of the Tree Selection Guide to the Commission.

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

Dennis mentioned the BMX bike track proposal will be presented to the Council on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

The rededication for Drury Park is scheduled for Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Dennis did get a hold of Carole Stevens, the granddaughter of the Stevens family, and she will be in attendance. Dennis still has not found a photo of Drury Park but Trip mentioned someone from the library is looking for an old photo of Drury Park.

Dennis informed the Commission there was a ground breaking ceremony last week on the new trail that is being built near the south side of Dierkes Lake.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02pm.

**The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East.**

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

May 11, 2010\* \* \* \* \* 11:30 am \* \* \* \* \* City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Tennille Adams, Jeff Blick, John Bonnett, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, RoLynne Hendricks, Ryan Horsley, and Bill Merritt

**Members Absent:** Carl Legg

**Council Present:** Trip Craig and Mayor Don Hall

**Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer and Mitch Humble

**Guest:** Steve Hartgen, State Representative; Ron Yates, Historic Preservation Committee; Sandy Hacking, Twin Falls Municipal Band; Maggi Fortner; Brent Jussel, Bicycle Safety sub-committee

**MINUTES**

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:38am.

**Item #1 Approve minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup> 2010 meeting**

John Bonnett made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting. Jeff Blick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item #2 Approve Tree Commission minutes of the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and the March 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 meetings**

Tony Brand made a motion to approve the Tree Commission December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting minutes. Tennille Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item #3 Approve Pool Advisory Commission minutes of the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting**

John Bonnett made a motion to approve the Pool Advisory Commission minutes of the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Item #7 Auger Falls Access Presentation**

State Representative Steve Hartgen addressed the Commission with concerns he has received from citizens regarding the access into Auger Falls. After the newspaper article ran about public access in to Auger Falls, he received numerous phone calls from older citizens concerned of the distance it took to go into the park. Steve is requesting the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the City to provide better access to Auger Falls for individuals who can't walk a great distance.

Dennis went over the access into Auger Falls. The City owns 550 acres of land at this site and will acquire another 150 acres later this year once the BLM completes all their paperwork. At this time, users of Auger Falls must park their car and walk at least three miles (round trip) to access where the park opens up. It is almost a six mile round trip walk from the gate to Rock Creek. The plan for this area is to prohibit motorized vehicles from accessing the park to prevent vehicles from driving off road and tearing up the vegetation. Eventually, a pipeline will be installed from the waste treatment plant to provide water to construct wetlands in the park. The road will be improved to two lanes and a new parking lot will be provided approximately 1 ½ miles from the existing gate.

Dennis mentioned that staff has discussed the idea of providing guided wagon tours of this site. He has spoken with Terry Adams, owner of Dreamerz Carriage Company, and she feels it could be feasible. Some thoughts are: cost of the tour; providing a brochure that has the history of the area, future plans, map of the area; how many tours per week and season when tours would run.

Mitch Humble explained that this project has been in the works for quite some time and is becoming a priority to get improvements done. The reason there is public access to the area now is because of the amount of requests from the public to use the park. Once construction begins on the pipeline, the road will be paved allowing more access to the park and a parking lot will be constructed allowing the park to be more accessible. Steve asked what the timeline is for the construction of the pipeline, widening and paving of the road and the construction of the parking lot. Mitch does not have that information at this time but can report back to the Commission and to Steve when he does.

#### **Item #4 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**

Dennis went over the Parks and Recreation staff reports. Men's softball will begin on May 18<sup>th</sup> with 14 teams playing. The Hershey's Track meet was held on Saturday, May 8. The Movie's in the Park will begin May 28<sup>th</sup>. The Kiwanis Club is no longer bringing their concessions to the park to serve soda and popcorn so we are looking for someone to run a concession stand.

Parks staff is working on normal maintenance throughout the parks with irrigating and mowing.

Dennis informed the Commission of the Arbor Day Celebration at Drury Park. Everything went well with kids from the Boys and Girls Club and employees from Cactus Pete's volunteering.

Mitch informed the Commission the pool bubble will be coming down on Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Item #5 Request to Waive Entrance Fees at Shoshone Falls Park – 12:00 noon**

Ron Yates, a member of the Historic Preservation Committee, presented to the Commission that they would like to hold a Flag Day celebration at Shoshone Falls Park on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. One hundred years ago, a Flag Day celebration was held at Shoshone Falls and the Twin Falls Municipal Band played with numerous citizens attending. The idea is to re-enact the celebration. In order to do this, fees into the park would need to be waived 60-90 minutes prior to the event. Also, electricity would be needed in order to amplify the sound and there are only two places where electricity would be available. Ron showed the Commission the two areas where the band could set up and use electricity. One site would be in the parking lot near the concession stand or in the grass area near the pump house.

Sandy Hacking, president of the Twin Falls Municipal Band, expressed support of the band participating in this event. The only two issues the band had was the location and weather. The band will be bringing their own equipment and setting everything up. She feels this is a great opportunity to celebrate the history of the community and the band.

Dennis explained to the Commission that typically Mondays and Tuesdays are the smallest revenue days at Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake. The only concern is parking for the event. He mentioned possibly having a bus service that will bring people down to the event. Staff supports the request to stop charging admission an hour before the start of the concert.

Tennille Adams made a motion to accept the recommendation to stop charging admission into Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake one hour prior to the Flag Day concert on Monday June 14th. John Bonnett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item #6 Naming of a Section of the Canyon Rim Trail – 12:15pm**

Maggi Fortner submitted a request asking the City to name a section of the Canyon Rim Trail in honor of Carl Stutzman. Carl appreciated the natural beauty of the canyon rim so much that he and his wife built their home along the canyon edge overlooking Dierkes Lake. He started building the trail system in 1967. His son, Ken, is carrying on the business and the construction of the trail system today.

Dennis explained there is no section in the City Code that pertains to naming or re-naming of parks and park facilities. In the past several years, Parks and Recreation has received several requests to name or re-name facilities and there aren't any guidelines for staff or the Commission to follow. Staff suggests the Commission develop a policy for the City to name or re-name City facilities. They would also recommend delaying this request of re-naming the Canyon Rim Trail until a policy is developed and adopted by City Council.

Mayor Don Hall feels developing a policy is a good idea so Council will have some guidance when these requests are presented. Mitch suggested having a City Council sponsored sub-committee formed since this policy would be pertaining to more than just naming or re-naming park facilities.

John Bonnett made a motion to recommend to City Council that a committee be established for the purpose of naming or re-naming city facilities with the intent of developing a policy and/or codified statement. Tony Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Item #8      Project Updates**

Brent Jussel informed the Commission that the Bicycle Traffic Safety Committee has not met due to not receiving the staff report from City staff. Dennis explained he is waiting for the Engineering Department to get him the information. He is hoping he can get this information by the end of the week so the sub-committee can look over the reports before the next Commission meeting.

Dennis informed the Commission that Council approved of the construction of the BMX track.

Trip Craig updated the Commission on the recreation center sub-committee. City Council members and city staff have received numerous phone calls on the sub-committee asking who will be serving on the committee, how do you get appointed to the sub-committee, etc. City Council and city staff have decided that Council will appoint the sub-committee members. These will include members of Council, city staff, Parks and Recreation Commission and community members. John asked if a chairperson will be appointed. Mayor Don Hall informed the Commission that a chairperson will be appointed. RoLynne expressed concerns of finding the right people to serve on the sub-committee.

John mentioned there is approximately \$40,000 in impact fees that have been collected that apply to regional parks. Mitch explained there is that amount of money but impact fees can only be spent on projects that are listed in the impact fee study to maintain our level of service due to growth. Impact fees are growth fees. We can't use impact fees for a recreation center but we can use it for a regional park. There are different options like buying land and building a regional park around a recreation center that can be done.

Dennis updated the Commission on the Cowboy Field project. The City \$70,000 in the budget for improvements at the field and the Twin Falls County Youth Baseball Trust has approximately \$70,000 for the project as well. The goal is to start some of the work in July and hopefully be finished up in the fall.

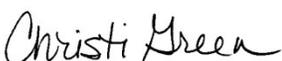
Dennis went over the events that will take place for the Drury Park Celebration. The celebration will take place at Drury Park on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Flyers have been sent out to Lincoln Elementary. Dennis hasn't been able to find an old photo of the park for the sign so the new sign will not be up for the event. The Chamber of Commerce will be in attendance doing a ribbon cutting. Refreshments will be provided.

## **Item #9      Other Items from the Commission**

Kevin reported that he and Mayor Don Hall attended the Armenian celebration at City Park and it turned out well.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06pm.

**The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East.**



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

July 13, 2010\* \* \* \* \* 11:30 am \* \* \* \* \* City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Tennille Adams, Jeff Blick, John Bonnett, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, RoLynne Hendricks and Carl Legg

**Members Absent:** Ryan Horsley and Bill Merritt

**Council Present:** Trip Craig

**Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer and Mitch Humble

**Guests:** Don Acheson, Scott Roberts, Kyle Poppleton, and Peggy Watland; members of the Blue Lakes Rotary Club

**MINUTES**

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:34am.

**Item #1 Approve minutes of the May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting**

John Bonnett made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting. Tennille Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**

Dennis went over the Recreation and Parks staff reports. Baseball and softball season is wrapping up. Adult leagues are in tournaments now. This year is the first year the Babe Ruth Twin Falls County Youth Baseball tournament was canceled. Pre-school t-ball started on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Due to the overwhelming demand, the class size was increased to accommodate 30 players per class instead of 25. Brandy held an organizational meeting for Adult Flag Football on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Fall soccer registration is going on until July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Movies in the Park have had a slow start this year due to inclement weather. The two movies that were canceled have been rescheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup>. British soccer will be held July 26-30<sup>th</sup>. There are 42 participants signed up currently, down from 75 participants last year.

The new 16' mower has been delivered and is now being used. Parks staff has finished the mainline repairs to the irrigation system at Dierkes Lake. There was damage done during the new trail expansion. A company has been hired to replace the roof on the band shell and they should be working on that this month.

### **Item #3          Review of Downtown Fountain Plaza Designs**

The Twin Falls Community Foundation received donations that are designated for redevelopment along the Main Avenue corridor of the downtown area. Staff met with the Community Foundation Board to discuss different ideas for the downtown area. The Board decided that their focus for the redevelopment of downtown would be the fountain plaza area.

The Land Group put together a proposal for the Community Foundation Board for Landscape Architectural Services. The Board accepted the proposal and presented to the City Council asking for their input. The Council told the Board to proceed with the design phase.

Dennis presented the three different designs of the fountain plaza area. He would like the Commission's input so he can forward it to The Land Group and they will also get additional input from the general public and the City Council. Currently, there are no cost estimates on any of the designs nor are there any funds set aside for the redevelopment of the project.

The Commission discussed their ideas and concerns with the project. Some suggestions were to move the splash park in the back near the alley so people that are there for concerts aren't distracted by the kids playing, move the seating area to open it up for additional seating and keep the current fountain and enhance the area around it. All members were in favor of the project.

### **Item #4          Presentation from Blue Lakes Rotary Club**

Don Acheson introduced himself to the Commission, along with Scott Roberts, Kyle Poppleton, and Peggy Watland, members of the Blue Lakes Rotary Club. Staff has been working with the Blue Lakes Rotary Club on a proposed development of the South Estates Park. This park is located in the new South Estates subdivision, directly south of the Oregon Trail Elementary School. The Blue Lakes Rotary Club's intent is to provide playground equipment and a shelter for the park. The project for the playground equipment is estimated to cost approximately \$100,000 and will most likely be a phase project. The club plans on installing the playground equipment themselves. Don explained that the club has received a \$30,000.00 grant from Glanbia and they currently have an application in with First Federal for a grant. The club will come up with \$10,000 from their funds and are seeking more grants.

Don presented a picture of the playground equipment that they plan to install at the park. This equipment would have two areas; one for 2-5 year olds and one for 5-12 year olds. They plan on using a tiled fall material that is ADA accessible. They are also looking at adding a rock feature like the one that is at Northern Ridge Park. The club is still looking at different options for a shelter. Don mentioned that they would like to have the sponsors' names listed at the park.

The Commission expressed their support for this project. John feels that Council needs to be on board with the project. Mitch explained that before anything is presented to Council and for them to make a commitment on

this project; they need to know what will be expected of the City. He informed the Commission that park funding for the next 5 years will not be a priority. He also mentioned that sponsoring a park is allowed but naming rights for parks have not been discussed yet. He would like the Commission's feelings on selling naming rights for parks, etc. John mentioned that a couple meetings ago it was brought up to form a committee for a naming rights policy for City parks, structures, etc. and that committee has not been formed yet. Jeff asked if there is money set aside in the in lieu of funds that can be budgeted towards this project. Dennis said most of the money was used on the purchase of the Oregon Trail Youth Complex and there is approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000 left in that area. Mitch mentioned the new code is in place where money can be taken from other in lieu of areas as long as Council approves it. The budget is in the preliminary stages of approval and there was no money budgeted for this specific park for improvements. In fact, most improvements in City parks have been cut from the budget.

The Commission will need a request from the Blue Lakes Rotary Club of what is being requested of the City to contribute towards this project.

**Item #5 Bicycle Sub-Committee Update**

Kevin informed the Commission that the sub-committee has not met yet and they will have this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Item #6 Projects Updates**

Dennis mentioned he has been working with the Twin Falls County Youth Baseball Trust to finalize the plans for the Cowboy Field project. This project should be underway soon and he must have a signed contract by the end of September. The City is matching up to \$70,000 in funds for this project with the baseball trust contributing \$70,000 as well.

The Flag Day concert held at Shoshone Falls on June 14<sup>th</sup> was a success. There were approximately 250 people that attended. There were no parking problems and they are interested in doing this event every 5 to 10 years.

Dennis showed the Commission pictures of the construction of the BMX bike track.

Dennis mentioned the construction on the Visitor's Center overlook will start next week and will continue for 30-40 days.

**Item #7 Other Items from the Commission**

No items were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm.

**The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East.**



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

August 10, 2010\* \* \* \* \* 11:30 am \* \* \* \* \* City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Tennille Adams, John Bonnett, Tony Brand, RoLynne Hendricks, Ryan Horsley, Carl Legg and Bill Merritt

**Members Absent:** Jeff Blick and Kevin Dane

**Council Absent:** Trip Craig

**Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer and Mitch Humble

**Guests:** Elvia Caldera, Health Education Specialist, representing the Magic Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition; Roger Moore, triathlete; Brent Jussel, representing Bicycle Safety sub-committee; Don Acheson, Blue Lakes Rotary Club

**MINUTES**

Vice-Chairperson Tennille Adams called the meeting to order at 11:33am.

**Item #1 Approve minutes of the July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting**

John Bonnett made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting. Tony Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**

Dennis went over the Recreation and Parks staff reports. Our youth baseball and softball programs concluded on July 20th. Men’s league softball finished on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are two end of the summer tournaments scheduled; the Door Slammer on August 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> and the Chad Sieders Memorial One Pitch Coed on September 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>.

Fall soccer registration ended on July 30<sup>th</sup>. We are still taking late sign-ups. The season will begin on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Currently there are 429 kids registered, which is up 19 kids from this time last year.

There are 10 teams signed up for Men's Flag Football this year. The Jamboree will be held on August 14<sup>th</sup>, with regular season games beginning on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Movie's in the Park has been going well. The next scheduled showing is Disney's "Mulan" on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm at the City Park Band shell.

British soccer went well this year. There were a total of 47 participants.

### **Item #3      Presentation from Magic Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition – 11:45am**

Elvia Caldera, representing the Magic Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition, made a presentation to the Commission requesting all parks to have a tobacco-free perimeter within 50 feet of playgrounds, picnic tables, shelters and bleachers. She is also requesting that Cascade Park, Harry Barry Park, Clyde Thomsen Park, Drury Park and Sunrise Park (all in different geographical areas and giving residents the option of visiting a smoke-free park in their own neighborhood) be designated entirely tobacco-free. Also being proposed is that the City of Twin Falls implement a policy that: does not allow tobacco use in any city owned park and recreation area; designates an entire park and/or specific areas of a park as being smoke-free (signpost); and outlines how enforcement will occur (parent/coach athletic meetings and peer enforcement). Signs would be provided from the State of Idaho so the City will not incur that cost.

Elvia gave an over-view of tobacco use in the United States and its affect on society. She also went over a survey that was posted on the South Central Public Health website to assess the community's support of tobacco-free parks. Over 300 people responded to the survey with 78% of responders in support of tobacco-free parks.

The Commission discussed their concerns. The biggest concern is being able to enforce the no-smoking policy and violating people's rights. It was discussed that if we are not allowing smoking within a 50 foot perimeter of shelters, picnic tables, bleachers and playgrounds, the whole park might as well be smoke-free because of these amenities being spread out in parks.

Ryan Horsley made a motion to recommend to City Council to approve the proposal of designating Cascade Park, Harry Barry Park, Clyde Thomsen Park, Drury Park and Sunrise Park as entirely smoking-free parks. Tony Brand seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed RoLynne, Tennille, Ryan and Tony in favor of the motion. Bill, John and Carl voted against the motion. The motion passed 4 to 3.

Tony Brand made a motion to make a proposal to City Council for an ordinance that will ban tobacco use within 50 feet of all playground equipment in City parks. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Tennille, Tony and Bill in favor of the motion. John, RoLynne, Ryan and Carl voted against the motion. The motion failed 3 to 4.

The Commission's recommendations will be forwarded on to City Council.

**Recess: 12:15pm**

**Reconvened: 12:19pm**

#### **Item #4          Presentation on Swimming at Dierkes Lake – 12:00 noon**

Roger Moore introduced himself to the Commission. He is representing a group of swimmers that are requesting the City allow them to swim outside the swimming area at Dierkes Lake when lifeguards are on duty from 6pm-8pm. They are currently allowed to swim on the other side of the pump house during these times, but the area is hard to get in and out of because of moss and fisherman are usually there fishing. If they are allowed to swim in the lake outside of the dock area, they are willing to wear wetsuits and have kayak escorts there. They are also willing to sign a liability waiver and check in with the lifeguards before swimming.

Dennis showed the Commission the location where the swimming area is and where the triathletes want to swim. He has talked with the City Attorney, Fritz Wonderlich, and he supports the City's policy on no swimming outside the dock area.

Discussion followed.

John Bonnett made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the Parks and Recreation Director that we modify our policies to accommodate marathon swimmers to swim outside the designated swimming area at Dierkes Lake. RoLynne Hendricks seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed RoLynne, Tennille, Ryan, Carl, Bill and John in favor of the motion. Tony Brand voted against the motion. The motion passed 6 to 1.

Staff will meet with Roger to come up with an agreement.

#### **Item #5          Bicycle Safety Sub-Committee Presentation – 12:30pm**

Brent Jussel gave an update of the sub-committee meetings that have taken place since the bicycle safety recommendations were presented to the Commission in March. A meeting was recently held with the sub-committee, Dennis Bowyer, Dave Snelson, Travis Rothweiler, Greg Lanting, Dennis Pullin and Jackie Fields in attendance. Brent reported that Travis brought up why helmets weren't required for everyone instead of only children under the age of 16 under enforcement in the recommendations. Everyone in the meeting agreed it should be modified in the recommendations to change "may" to "must" on **Enforce 9 A. All persons riding a bicycle on a public city roadway, *must wear an approved helmet, and shall have either the neck or chin strap of the helmet fastened securely while the device is in motion.***

John Bonnett made a motion to accept the recommendations from the Bicycle Safety sub-committee and recommend to City Council to adopt the results of the sub-committee's work. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Item #6          Projects Updates**

Don Acheson, representing the Blue Lakes Rotary Club, gave a short presentation on the estimate of the cost on the amenities of the South Estates Park. Don handed out a spreadsheet of the estimated cost which is approximately \$225,000.00. The club is expecting to raise approximately 51% of the cost, with the hope that the City will cover the rest. This item will be on the agenda for the September meeting.

Dennis updated the Commission on the Cowboy Field project. There were four bids turned into the City with Darren Hall Construction having the lowest bid. The Trust board will be meeting tonight and will have a recommendation to staff and then staff can present the recommendation to Council. We should start seeing some construction by the end of the month.

Dennis mentioned the BMX track is still being constructed. There isn't much progress but they are still moving forward.

The Visitor's Center overlook project is under way. The parking lot is blocked off and the overlook will be extended west over the rock wall and over the canyon rim. The completion date is expected to be mid-October.

Dennis received a \$4500 grant from First Federal for "You Are Here" signs which will include the whole canyon rim trail system (completed and proposed) along the Canyon Rim Trail.

**Item #7      Other Items from the Commission**

No items were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.

**The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be September 14, 2010 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East.**



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**TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
 September 14, 2010\* \* \* \* \* 11:30 am \* \* \* \* \* City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

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

**Members Absent:** John Bonnett and Bill Merritt

**Council Absent:** Trip Craig

**Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer

**Staff Absent:** Mitch Humble

**Guest:** Brent Jussel

**MINUTES**

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:40am.

**Item #1 Approve minutes of the August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting**

Ryan Horsley made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting. Tennille Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brent Jussel updated the Commission on the Cowboy Field project. The demolition is finished and the concession stand and score booth are being constructed. The project should be finished in approximately 45-60 days. Everything seems to be going well with the project.

Brent also updated the Commission on the Bicycle Safety presentation that was presented to Council last night. After quite a bit of discussion, the Council decided to have a town hall meeting to invite the public to voice their concerns and questions on the recommendations of the sub-committee. After the town hall meeting, a public hearing will be scheduled in front of the City Council. Carl was concerned that one town hall meeting would not be enough to have Council make a decision on implementing the recommendations. Ryan suggested having

information regarding the recommendations available to the public prior to the meeting so they are more prepared before asking questions.

## **Item #2      Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**

Dennis went over the Recreation and Parks staff reports. Fall soccer started a few weeks ago with the number of participants a little higher than last year. Fall Basketball registration is going on now. Brandy held an organizational meeting for Adult Volleyball on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Dennis informed the Commission that they have proposed to the Presbyterian Church to split the cost with them to re-surface the floor in the gym. The estimated cost is \$6000 where the City would pay \$3000. Another option that was proposed would be to deduct ½ of the estimated cost to re-finish the floor from the gym usage fees of approximately \$4500 that is charged to the City. Dennis has not heard back from the church yet.

The last Movie's in the Park will be held on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm at the City Park Band Shell. They will be showing "Frankenstein".

Our Sporties for Shorties program has become very popular with all classes usually filling up right away. We have added football to the program this year.

Parks staff is putting up the pool bubble today. Staff has been working on relocating 34 trees from the tree farm to accommodate the Arsenic project.

Kevin thanked Dennis for the work that has been done on the Auger Falls re-seeding project. He was very impressed with the amount of volunteers that showed up on Saturday to help. It was great to see the community step up to make this happen. Dennis gave an over-view of the project and what the future plans of the park are. The City is planning on building a pipeline to create wetlands that won't have to be maintained. Once the water is available, the road will be widened to 2 way traffic and a parking lot will be constructed so people can get closer to the majority of the park.

## **Item #3      Opening on the Commission**

Dennis informed the Commission that RoLynne Hendricks has submitted her resignation effective immediately. Her family is moving to Idaho Falls. RoLynne was serving a partial term on the Commission until March 2011. The new person joining the Commission will serve a partial term from November 2010 to March 2011 with the opportunity to be renewed for two full three year terms.

The City will start advertising the opening on their web page and a media press release will also go out. The tentative deadline date for applications will be October 1<sup>st</sup>, interviews the week of October 11<sup>th</sup> and have the new person joining the Commission for the meeting in November.

Dennis asked the Commission if they knew of anyone that would be interested to contact the Parks and Recreation office.

## **Item #4      Project Updates**

Dennis informed the Commission that the recommendation from the Commission on the smoking ban in parks was presented to the Council. The Council decided to hold a public hearing on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Elvia Caldera with South Central Public Health is still requesting to ban tobacco use 50 feet from playground equipment.

Dennis informed the Commission that senior staff has released funding for some projects that were delayed this year and the Ascension Restroom was one of them. They are working on extending the lease with the Ascension Church so the lease will last as long as the restroom. The Ascension Church's attorney is working with the City's attorney on the extension of the lease for an additional 40 years. They also had some stipulations with the design of the restroom to have the pitch of the roof on the restroom match the pitch of the roof on the church. Dennis mentioned they will have to get three quotes from public works contractors on the restroom before construction begins. He is hoping to have a signed contract by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Dennis also mentioned that the Parks and Recreation department was approved for one new truck and one used truck for use of the Parks staff.

The Visitor Center overlook project is still underway. They are looking at the end of October or first part of November for the project to be finished.

Kevin asked Dennis if there was any more information from the Rotary club on South Estates Park. Dennis will check if they have gotten a revised projection of cost and timeline from them.

**Item #5      Other Items from the Commission**

No items were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24pm.

**The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be October 12, 2010 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East.**



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

October 12, 2010\* \* \* \* \* 11:30 am \* \* \* \* \* City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

- Members Present:** Tennille Adams, John Bonnett, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley, Carl Legg and Bill Merritt
- Members Absent:** Jeff Blick
- Council Present:** Trip Craig
- Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer and Mitch Humble
- Guest:** Don Acheson, Blue Lakes Rotary Club Member

**MINUTES**

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:36am.

**Item #1 Approve minutes of the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting**

John Bonnett made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**

Dennis went over the Recreation and Parks staff reports. Fall basketball will be starting on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Adult Volleyball will begin on October 18<sup>th</sup>. “D” league has been combined with “C” league due to only 2 “D” league teams signing up. There will be an Adult Basketball organizational meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Adult Flag football has been going pretty well with a few minor problems. Youth soccer ended on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The last movie in the park went well with a good turn-out. There are quite a few leisure activities available for the fall and winter. Some of these include: Hands On classes, scuba diving, dance classes and Magic Mountain and Pomerelle ski packages. Our Sporties for Shorties program has been going very well with classes filling up.

Parks staff is still mowing and the restrooms are still open in the parks. Restrooms will be closed by Halloween regardless of the weather. The 3<sup>rd</sup> bay of the Parks shop now has heat and power. The lot at the Parks and Recreation office has been expanded.

### **Item #3          Opening on the Commission**

Dennis informed the Commission that he has received 3 applications for the opening on the Commission. They are going to interview the applicants on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The new person should be able to start at the November meeting.

### **Item #5          Bike Safety Town Hall Meeting**

Dennis informed the Commission that the Bicycle Safety Town Hall meeting will be held tonight from 5:00pm-7:30pm at the old City Council Chambers in City Hall. At 5pm, the public can come in and receive information about the proposed changes in the City Code or talk to some of the Bicycle Safety sub-committee members to understand the changes. Starting around 6pm, Brent Jussel and members of the sub-committee will make a brief presentation. The plan will then be forwarded to City Council on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Item #6          Project Updates**

The Cowboy Field project is going well with no major problems. They are hoping by the end of this month the project should be completed. The total price was \$110,000 with the City contributing ½ of the cost. It has been discussed to have a ribbon cutting either this fall or early spring.

The Ascension lease extension has been accepted and approved to extend the lease for 40 years. The church would like the pitch of the restroom to match the pitch of the church and would also like the color of the restroom to match that of the church. The City is going to re-bid the project due to the bid that was accepted was missing a paper and the total cost of the project was much higher than what was agreed upon.

The restroom at Sunway Soccer Complex was approved to be constructed. The City accepted the bid from Don Anderson Construction for \$134,000.00. The restroom should be ready by spring.

The Visitor Center overlook project should be completed the end of October or first of November.

Kevin asked about the BMX track. Dennis hasn't spoken with Sam Rasmussen for quite awhile and will try to get a hold of him to see how they are doing with the project.

### **Item #4          South Estates Park Proposed Partnership**

At the July meeting of the Commission, Don Acheson and other members from the Blue Lakes Rotary Club gave a presentation on the development of a new park in a new subdivision called South Estates. This subdivision is directly south of the Oregon Trail Elementary School. The Rotary's intent is to provide playground equipment and a shelter for the park.

Don went over the project and the funds that have been received so far. This includes a grant from Glanbia for \$40,000 and another \$6000 from various club fund-raisers. This will be a phase project and the club plans on installing the playground equipment and shelter themselves. The estimated total of the project is \$230,000 and the club is requesting the City fund approximately \$115,000 to match the funds of the project.

Mitch explained to the Commission that there is no money in the budget this year for the project. The request would need to go in when the City starts their budget process in April. There is also not enough money in "in lieu of funds" in this area. Most of the money was used to purchase the Oregon Trail Youth Complex from the LDS church. There is money in other areas of in lieu of funds but Council would have to approve to use those funds.

John Bonnett made a motion to recommend to City Council that we support the Blue Lakes Rotary project at South Estates park matching funds at 50% of the estimated cost over a time frame which the budget allows and the Council recommend approval for the project. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**Item #7      Other Items from the Commission**

No items were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29pm.

**The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East.**



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

November 9, 2010\* \* \* \* \* 11:30 am \* \* \* \* \* City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Tennille Adams, Liyah Babayan, Jeff Blick, John Bonnett, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley and Carl Legg

**Members Absent:** Bill Merritt

**Council Present:** Trip Craig

**Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer and Mitch Humble

**Guest:** Brent Jussel

**MINUTES**

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:40am.

**Item #1 Welcome New Member**

Liyah Babayan is the new member of the Commission. She introduced herself to the Commission. Dennis asked the Commission if they would like to take a tour of the parks. He will e-mail everyone to see what dates work.

**Item #2 Approve minutes of the October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting**

John Bonnett made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting. Ryan Horsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dennis went over the Recreation and Parks staff reports. Winter Basketball registration is going on now through Thanksgiving. Adult Volleyball has been going well. We have been using the gym at CSI on Friday

nights for B league. Adult Flag Football is finishing up. Adult Basketball will be starting soon with rosters and fees due December 10<sup>th</sup>.

There are many leisure activities going on. These include: scuba diving, dance classes, Hands On art classes and ski packages.

This year will be the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas in the Park. Services are held the four Sundays prior to Christmas, starting November 28<sup>th</sup> in City Park.

Parks staff is finishing winterizing irrigation systems and general park maintenance. Restrooms have been closed for the season. Staff will soon begin working in the shop for winter maintenance.

#### **Item #4      Bicycle Safety Committee Update**

Brent Jussel informed the Commission that Council approved the recommendations the City Attorney drafted to meet State Code. Everything was approved as written except for transporting a child on a backpack on a bike. It was re-worded to make it in line with State Code. Council will be reviewing the rest of the recommendations but there is no time line set. One of the concerns that were brought up at the Town Hall meeting was the maintenance of the bike paths and getting them on a rotation schedule. Kevin, Brent and Tennille were under the impression that Jackie Fields was supportive of the idea but would need to have an administrator above her tell her she needed to work on it. Mitch mentioned that after the next election is when they work on the next strategic plan and that is when they will be discussing the improvements for bike paths, etc.

Brent also mentioned at the Council meeting, the Council directed staff to bring back the helmet issue to them in a few weeks. Brent asked for the Commission's input. After discussion, the majority of Commission members felt it was a good idea to bring that issue back to the Council.

#### **Item #5      South Estates Park Proposed Partnership Update**

Dennis updated the Commission on the South Estates partnership with the Blue Lakes Rotary Club. Staff was going to present to Council on November 8<sup>th</sup> the proposed partnership with the Blue Lakes Rotary Club and the City but decided to postpone the presentation for the time being until staff has met to go over a couple different funding options.

#### **Item #6      Project Updates**

Dennis showed the Commission pictures of the projects that are underway at Cowboy Field and Sunway Soccer Complex. Construction on Cowboy Field should be finished up soon and the restroom construction at Sunway Soccer Complex has begun. That project should be finished before Spring Soccer begins in April.

Dennis also showed the Commission pictures of the progress of the BMX track. Council approved of purchasing signs explaining the rules at the track. John asked where they were getting the dirt. He mentioned contacting DEBCO to see if they would be willing to get rid of some dirt for the track.

#### **Item #7      Other Items from the Commission**

Ryan mentioned that he would like the money from the BID go towards the fountain park project. Kevin informed him that there will be a meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Council Chambers where citizens are

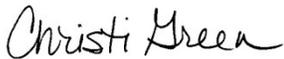
welcome to bring their recommendations at that time. Ryan asked that this be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

John asked where we were with the Recreation Center Committee. Trip explained that the committee has not been formed yet due to the amount of people wanting to serve on the committee. Trip and Will Kezele have been appointed the Council liaisons for the committee.

Ryan invited the Commission to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Optimist Turkey Shoot on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37pm.

**The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East.**



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**TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
 December 14, 2010\* \* \* \* \* 11:30 am \* \* \* \* \* City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

- Members Present:** Tennille Adams, Liyah Babayan, Jeff Blick, Tony Brand, Kevin Dane, Ryan Horsley, Carl Legg and Bill Merritt
- Members Absent:** John Bonnett
- Council Present:** Trip Craig
- Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer, Mitch Humble and Travis Rothweiler
- Guests:** Brent Jussel - member of Bicycle Safety sub-committee, Dale Riedesel and Chris Scholes, members of the Twin Falls Rotary Club

**MINUTES**

Chairperson Kevin Dane called the meeting to order at 11:37am.

**Item #1 Approve minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting**

Tennille Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting. Tony Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item #2 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**

Dennis went over the Recreation and Parks staff reports. Winter Basketball registration is now in late registration. After getting a few late sign-ups, we should catch up to last year's numbers. Adult basketball rosters were due December 10<sup>th</sup> and the season will begin the first of January. Adult Volleyball is continuing to have a good season with no problems.

Pomerelle and Magic Mountain ski packages are available through the Parks and Recreation office. There is only one Sunday left for Christmas in City Park. Cabin Fever Day will be held on Saturday January 8<sup>th</sup>. This is

a great success where businesses open their doors for free for the community to get out and experience what Twin Falls has to offer.

Parks staff is finishing up picking up all the leaves in City Park. They have completed some repairs at the pool and are doing winter maintenance in the shop.

**Item #3 Main Avenue Fountain Plaza Funding**

Ryan asked that this item be placed on the agenda at the last meeting. Dennis explained to the Commission that the Twin Falls Community Foundation reviewed some preliminary plans to re-develop the fountain area on Main Avenue. The Foundation paid for the plans with the idea if funding was ever available, this area could be developed into a viable community gathering place.

Ryan feels the fountain has been a gathering place for the community for years and would like to see money put into upgrading and improving the fountain area.

The City held an open house on November 17<sup>th</sup> with the Business Improvement District members and citizens to get ideas on how to disperse the \$95,000 left over after the BID was dissolved. Ryan has e-mailed his suggestions to Council members and business owners in the downtown area. At the City Council meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Council voted to set aside \$13,000 for Christmas decorations and to give the funds to the Urban Renewal Agency to use the balance of the funds as a matching fund for owners to improve their properties as long as the projects are within the boundaries of the BID. Mitch explained that Urban Renewal has accepted the funds and will be forming a sub-committee to put together rules and how they will deal with requests for the funds. At this time, there is no policy in place how they will process requests. Once the program is ready to begin, property owners downtown should be notified of the process.

Before a request can be made for this project, a cost estimate would need to be in place. Ryan will continue working with staff and update the Commission on the process.

**Item #4 CSI Connection Trail**

Chris Scholes with the Twin Falls Rotary Club presented to the Commission their plan to connect the trail from CSI with the Canyon Rim Trail. For the past several years, the Twin Falls Rotary Club has been working on the alignment of this trail through the College of Southern Idaho's property and the College Foundation's property. This trail alignment has been dependent on how the College and the City finalizes the Cheney Road and the North College Road alignment.

The northern section of the trail will be a temporary trail as it will align between Lazy J and Fawnbrook Apartments, which will become Harrison St, south of Pole Line Road. Once there is development of the Lazy J property, the trail should align next to the Perrine Coulee, which will connect with the tunnel under Pole Line at the coulee. Once the trail is finished, it will be turned over to the City to accept the trail into their system and maintain the trail.

There are different options for what kind of surface will be used on the trail and when the trail will be constructed. An asphalt surface would be the best surface to maintain and it would match the surface of the Canyon Rim Trail. A sand slurry is put on the trail every 7-10 years to prolong the trail. The City and Rotary Club will work together to come up with the best options for the trail.

Discussion followed.

Ryan made a motion to recommend to City Council to approve of the Rotary Club plans to construct a trail from North College Road to Pole Line Road along the temporary alignment trail on Harrison St. for the City of Twin Falls to accept the trail in their system and maintain the trail while recognizing the preferred alignment along the Perrine Coulee. Tennille seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

#### **Item #6      Bicycle Helmet Ordinance**

Travis Rothweiler thanked the Commission on their effort and recommendations on bicycle safety. He explained that the Engineering Department and Streets Department have met and have started the process in improving and maintaining the roads and bike paths that has been a concern of the Commission and citizens. As far as education goes, Dennis has been working with Page Geske with Safe Kids and PSA's will continue to go to the media.

Brent Jussel also thanked the Commission and sub-committee on their efforts. He feels that we have created awareness for bicycle safety in the community.

#### **Item #5      Tree City USA Application Process**

Dennis went over the 4 standards required for the application process to maintain the status of Tree City USA.

These include:

- A. Have a Tree Board or Department
- B. Have a Community Tree Ordinance
- C. Have a Community Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita
- D. Have an Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

There is also a growth award application that the City can apply for. There are four categories and under each category, there are multiple areas that you can gather points. You must obtain 10 points to qualify for the growth award. The City has received the growth award seven times. This year we are not applying for the award because we did not qualify for enough points.

#### **Item #7      Project Updates**

Dennis gave an update on the Sunway Soccer Complex. The restroom project was put on hold for a little while because of the weather but is underway again.

The rules signs are about ready to be put up at the BMX track.

The Ascension restroom project will be out for bid in January. They should start construction in the spring and will hopefully be finished in June or July.

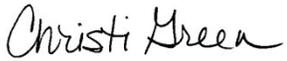
The overlook at the Visitor's Center is finished.

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

Nothing was reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57pm.

**The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East.**



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