



**Parks & Recreation Commission  
AGENDA**

Thursday, September 23, 2021, 6:00 pm  
Virtual Zoom Meeting



Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84110273475>

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome
- 2. HONORS & RECOGNITIONS:**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** September 23, 2021
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** August 26, 2021 Regular Meeting
- 5. VISITORS**
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Facility Renaming Request
  - b. Micromobility Update
- 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. Park Hills Park Update
- 8. POLL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Meeting location is to be announced.

*To assure disabled persons the opportunity to participate in or benefit from City services, please provide twenty-four (24) hour advance notice for additional arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs.*



**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**MINUTES**  
Thursday, August 26, 2021, 6:00 pm  
Virtual ZOOM Meeting



**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Commission Chair Ken Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Recorder Drew Tomasino completed a roll call.
- b. Commissioner Fischer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Parks and Recreation Commissioners, City Council Liaison, and Staff Present:

Commission Chair Ken Hahn	Brandon Lange, Recreation Manager
Commissioner Dean Aeling	Ian Dezember, Parks & Facilities Manager
Commissioner Jack Anderson	Drew Tomasino, Recorder
Commissioner Ty Fischer	

Commission Vice Chair Linda Stroben—Excused  
Commissioner Robb Heston—Excused  
Commissioner Isabelle Mickelson—Unexcused  
Mayor Pro Tem Lee, Council Liaison—Unexcused

**2. HONORS & RECOGNITION – None**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Aeling, the motion carried unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Fischer made a motion to approve the June 24, 2021 regular meeting minutes. With a second from Commissioner Anderson, the motion carried unanimously.

**5. VISITORS –**This meeting, held online thru Zoom, had no visitors in attendance.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Park Audit Findings
  - Parks and Facilities Manager Ian Dezember presented a recap of the 2021 park audit.
  - Commissioners Fischer and Aeling discussed planning requirements in regards to trees. Request topic to be new agenda item at October meeting.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. None

## **8. POLL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF**

- Commission Chair Hahn
  - Communication with citizens on Park Hills continues as they continue to show interest.
  - Renewed discussion with electric scooter vendor.
  - Commented on the success of the River of Fire event
- Commissioner Aeling
  - No comments
- Commissioner Fischer
  - Thanked Ian for audit presentation
- Commissioner Anderson
  - Thanked Ian on the park audit presentation
  - Thanked staff for good news on the pool.
- Mr. Lange
  - Provided information on facility closures and mask mandates and compliance.
  - Gave update on fall activity guide and new programs.
- Mr. Dezember
  - No Comments
- Mr. Tomasino
  - No Comments

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Drew Tomasino, Recorder

May 11, 2021

City of Kennewick  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Via Municipal Services Department  
210 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Kennewick, WA 99336

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO RENAME THE "KENNEWICK POLICE STATION" TO THE  
"KENNEWICK POLICE STATION, KENNETH M. HOHENBERG PUBLIC  
SERVICE BUILDING"

Dear Parks and Recreation Commission Members,

Pursuant to KMC 9-48, Naming of Public Parks and Facilities, please accept this letter and the accompanying attachment as a formal request to rename the "Kennewick Police Station" to the "Kennewick Police Station, Kenneth M. Hohenberg Public Service Building." As you probably know, Chief Hohenberg will retire in February 2022. The purpose of this proposal is to recognize Chief Hohenberg's exceptional and unwavering commitment to the police department, the city and its residents, as well as his exemplary community service.

It is proposed the wording "Kenneth M. Hohenberg Public Service Building" be affixed under the existing name "Kennewick Police Station" on the exterior front of the building. The additional wording would be the only cost incurred as a result of this proposal. There would be no web site modifications needed, nor would there be any printed literature revision costs.

The reasons for renaming the building are outlined below, as well as how the proposal meets the naming criteria established in KMC 9-48-010. If accepted by the Parks and Recreation Commission, the cost of any required filing fee (\$250.00) to begin the full consideration process would be paid by the undersigned. We ask that consideration be given to waiving any such fees as a benefit of the general public.

It is recognized that KMC 9-48-010(4) identifies "*Normally a City park or facility shall not be named to memorialize a living person. A park or facility may be named to memorialize a living person whose contribution or significant gift to the park system is of a most extraordinary nature, such as a significant land and/or monetary contribution to the park system or who has had the contribution made 'in memoriam' and when the name has been stipulated as a condition of the donation.*"

While the above serve as examples of naming a facility for a living person, it is clear the KMC is not limited to just those. We suggest that Chief Hohenberg's professional life, community service, and commitment to the City and its residents is so extraordinary in nature that it has greatly benefited the entire city.

*Request to Rename Public Service Facility*

It is noted that KMC 9-48-010(7) allows a facility to be named in recognition of organization(s) for outstanding contributions and service to the community. Common sense suggests this be extended to include living persons in extraordinary circumstances.

This proposal complies with KMC 9-48-010(6), that names of facilities where public services are rendered shall be reflective of the services rendered within the facility, by maintaining the title "Kennewick Police Station." The proposed wording change, in fact, better identifies that the city employees working within that facility are providing public service.

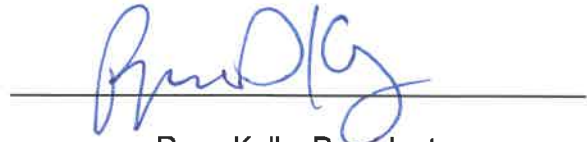
The accompanying attachment details exactly why Chief Hohenberg deserves the exceptional honor of having his name affixed to the police station. Doing so will serve as a constant reminder, to all those police officers who enter, that Chief Hohenberg set the example they should strive to meet in public service and commitment to their community.

We hope, and expect, that the Parks and Recreation Commission follow the process outlined in KMC 9-48 and forward this proposal to the Kennewick City Council for consideration.

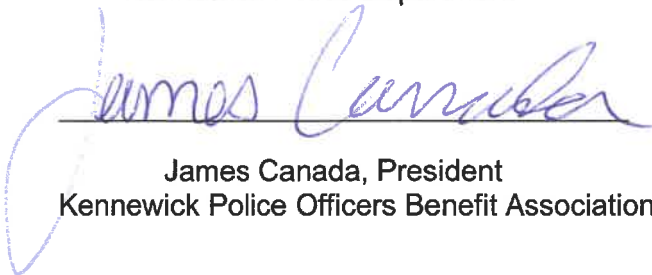
Respectfully,



Chris Guerrero, Patrol Division Commander  
Kennewick Police Department



Ryan Kelly, President  
Kennewick Police Management Association



James Canada, President  
Kennewick Police Officers Benefit Association

This proposal is based upon the exemplary commitment and service Chief Hohenberg has demonstrated to the Kennewick Police Department, City of Kennewick, and community service to its residents:

### Professional Career

- Chief Hohenberg is the longest serving city employee. During his 42-year career with the Kennewick Police Department he served as a patrol officer, motorcycle traffic officer, KPD's first DARE officer, Patrol Sergeant, Lieutenant (to include KPD's first internal affairs administrator), Captain, and Assistant Chief.
- Chief Hohenberg has served as chief since 2003. Since that time, Chief Hohenberg has utilized his knowledge, experience, skill and leadership to improve and advance the agency. He has installed a hiring procedure that ensures only the best are hired and retained as police officers to protect and serve the city. He helped pioneer the Community Care Fund, which allows officers to use donations to help people down on their luck and in need of small things like gas, groceries, or a motel room. He has instilled in the agency his philosophy "If you think it's the right thing to do in your hearts, then just go do it."
- Chief Hohenberg has turned the Kennewick Police Department into not only the premiere law enforcement agency in the Tri-Cities, but one of the best in the state and the country.
- Chief Hohenberg has received the following honors in recognition of his commitment to law enforcement:
  - Active member and past president for the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.
  - Appointed by the Governor as a board member for the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Board.
  - Served as a Commissioner and Vice-Chair with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.
  - Served as Executive Board member and Vice-Chair of the Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.
  - In 2018 was recognized by the 115<sup>th</sup> session of the United States Congress for his 40 years of law enforcement service.
  - In 2013 honored as the Champion for Washington's Children by the Fight Crime Invest in Kids (Washington).
  - In 2012 honored as the Chief of the Year for his efforts in crime prevention by the Washington Crime Prevention Association.
  - In 2010 honored as Executive of the Year by the National DEA/DARE for his leadership in drug education and enforcement.
  - In 2007 received the Benton and Franklin Counties Adult Drug Court Hero of Hope Award for his unstinting support of the drug court.
- To honor his professional and community service, the City of Kennewick proclaimed July 17, 2018 and July 16, 2013 as Police Chief Ken Hohenberg Day.
- For the past eight years Chief Hohenberg has also served as Assistant City Manager, filling in as city manager during her absence. He assists with economic development, personnel

issues, and other assigned responsibilities. Additionally, he served as interim Fire Chief for several months until a new fire chief was hired.

- Chief Hohenberg graduated from the Columbia Basin College criminal justice curriculum and received a Bachelor of Arts from Central Washington University.
  - He was honored as the 2012-2013 Columbia Basing College Outstanding Alumni of the Year, as well as the 2008 Central Washington University Outstanding Alumni Award Eastside for the department of Law and Justice.
  - His post-graduate education includes the prestigious United States Department of Justice FBI National Academy, FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar, and Executive Strategic Management from the Senior Management Institute for Police.

### Community Service

Through his experience in law enforcement, Chief Hohenberg learned the value of community service. Living by the Rotary International motto "Service above Self," Chief Hohenberg has been unwavering in his support of charitable causes and volunteer service.

- Chief Hohenberg is a member and past president of the Columbia Center Rotary Club.
- Served on the United Way Board, Fundraising, and Board Chair for Benton and Franklin Counties.
- His volunteer efforts, to include fundraising, are extensive, reaching organizations such as the Reading Foundation, Columbia Basin Dive Rescue, Camp Fire USA, March of Dimes, Red Cross, Tri-Cities Cancer Center, and others.
- Chief Hohenberg received the following recognition for his continued commitment to his community;
  - Named as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International,
  - 2021 received the Ken Silliman Downtowner of the Year Award for having a profound impact on the downtown Kennewick community,
  - 2017 Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo Grand Marshal,
  - 2011 received the "Friend of the Port of Kennewick Award" for his support in the transformation of Clover Island and as champion for the urban renewal of downtown Kennewick.
  - 2009-2010 recognized by the Tri-Cities Cancer Center for loyal and valuable service,
  - 2009 Tri-Citian of the Year, in which his nomination stated "When most are too busy, Ken is always available. When most are too tired, Ken is ready and eager to get started. When most think they have done their share, Ken is looking for more opportunities."
  - 2005 Kennewick Man of the Year,
  - 2003 United Way Distinguished Volunteer of the Year,
  - Spirit of the Red Cross award.

## 9-44 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CITY PARKS

### SECTION:

- 9-44-010: Purpose
- 9-44-020: Park Rules
- 9-44-025: Trespassing
- 9-44-030: Posting of Rules
- 9-44-040: Open to Public Events

**9-44-010: Purpose:** Certain rules and regulations governing the operation of the City parks and recreational areas are adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission in order to achieve the greatest amount of good for the residents of the City and community in general.

**9-44-020: Park Rules:** The following are hereby adopted as park rules and regulations of the City of Kennewick, which are applicable to all public parks and recreational areas owned by or include the control of the officials of the City of Kennewick:

- (1) Parks close one-half hour after sunset until 6:00 a.m. Written permission from City of Kennewick Parks Department may be obtained for special events; an exception is granted from these hours for access to and from Columbia Park Golf Course for food and beverage service with approved vendor during regular business hours.
- (2) All dogs must be on leashes;
- (3) No horse riding is allowed;
- (4) Defacing or destroying property is prohibited;
- (5) Areas being irrigated or mowed are closed to public use;
- (6) All waste material must be deposited in refuse cans;
- (7) Kite flying is prohibited in Kenwood Park due to hazardous conditions;
- (8) No alcohol allowed on park/recreation premises. Written permission may be obtained for special events in Columbia Park;
- (9) No golf practice use, except within the boundaries of the Columbia Park Golf Course;
- (10) Pet owners must pick up pet waste and deposit in refuse containers;
- (11) At fishing lagoon at the east end of Columbia Park;
  - (a) Only juveniles (14 years and younger) and persons with disabilities with a reduced fee license are allowed to fish;
  - (b) Fishing Season is year round;
  - (c) Daily fishing limit is a total of five (5) game fish, no minimum size;
  - (d) No bird feeding;
  - (e) No swimming allowed;
  - (f) No floating devices allowed without a permit;
  - (g) No ice skating or ice fishing.
- (12) Tobacco products use is not permitted within 20-feet of park playgrounds and tot-lots.



**9-44-025: Trespassing:** In addition to such other penalties as may be imposed by law for the violation of posted rules and regulations or the commission of other offenses in Kennewick Municipal Parks, the Kennewick Police or the Director of Parks and Recreation are authorized to issue trespass notifications to any person against whom they have probable cause to believe have committed a crime or infraction while on a City park. The trespass notification will be valid for 30 to 365 days and will identify the park or parks from which the offender is excluded. The Park Commission may extend or expand this notice by motion.

**9-44-030: Posting of Rules:** These rules and regulations are to be posted at conspicuous places in the City parks and recreational areas. The authority and penalties for the above rules and regulations are indicated in Kennewick Municipal Code 10.08.040.

**9-44-040: Open to Public Events:** “Open to Public” events are not allowed except with written permission from the Parks and Recreation Department.