



Parks & Recreation Commission
MINUTES
Thursday, March 24, 2022, 6:00 pm
Virtual ZOOM Meeting



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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Commission Chair Ken Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Drea Myers completed a roll call.
- b. Commissioner Stroben led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commission Chair Ken Hahn	Emily Estes-Cross, Parks & Recreation Director
Commission Vice Chair Linda Stroben	Ian Dezember, Parks & Facilities Manager
Commissioner Jack Anderson	Brandon Lange, Recreation Manager
Commissioner Robb Heston	Donald Wieber, Parks Project Coordinator
Commissioner Dean Aeling	Drea Myers, Recorder

Parks and Recreation Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Ty Fischer (excused)
Council Liaison Loren Anderson

2. HONORS & RECOGNITION – None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Heston made a motion to approve the Jan 27, 2022 regular meeting minutes. With a second from Commissioner Anderson, the motion carried unanimously.

5. VISITORS – None

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Concessionaire Recommendations: None received for Commission to review; will offer renewal option to last year's vendor.
- b. Arbor Day: Date and location in late April will be decided. Ms. Myers will email information.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Park Hills Park Recommendation
 - o Director Emily Estes-Cross provided a presentation on history of the park (located at 1600 S. Olympia Pl) and public outreach to assess interest in maintaining the private park. To retain safe and compliant as a publicly maintained park, improvements will cost at least \$150,000. The Level of Service commitment of public greenspace within a half-mile of each home is being met by Jay Perry and Kenwood Park, and Park Hills

- Middle School. Commissioners discussed due diligence completed in the public outreach campaign and lack of neighbor interest; compliance with level of service policy and funding efficiencies outlined in the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, and the significant community need for housing, of which the two parcels were originally intended.
- o Commissioner Heston moved to recommend to City Council decommission of the park with a request to reinvest funding in other City parks, with a second from Commissioner Aeling. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Motorized Personal Transport Regulations: Commissioners Heston and Anderson suggested City regulations be consistent with the City of Richland and surrounding cities, and advised local police shouldn't be expected to enforce unrealistic rules. Commissioners will attempt to get more information on the City of Richland status.
- d. Lawrence Scott Park Pickleball Complex Update: Park Project Coordinator Donald Wieber is completing design to advertise for project bids in April. Sponsors and scope will be announced after bids are accepted.

POLL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF

- Commission Chair Hahn: Requested update on filling Commission member vacancy. Council will appoint two Commissioners on April 5, 2022.
- Commissioner Aeling: Started looking at potential location options with Commissioner Fischer for a potential dog park and reported on public grounds that could use some improvement.
- Commissioner Heston: Looked at Layton Park and sees why its proximity to residential housing and parking constraints wouldn't make it work as a dog park.
- Commission Vice Chair Stroben: Nothing to report.
- Commissioner Anderson: Nothing to report.
- Mr. Dezember: Nothing to report.
- Ms. Estes-Cross: We have a verbal acceptance for the new Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities. An announce will be made in the near future, for a likely start date in May/June.
- Mr. Lange: Commended staff for completing a great basketball season, with more than 700 kids. Signed Trios and La Quinta for banner sponsorships.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Drea Myers, Recorder