



**Parks & Recreation Commission
MINUTES**
Thursday, July 28, 2022, 6:00 pm
Council Chambers



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. Ian Dezember led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commission Chair Ken Hahn	Commissioner Robb Heston
Commission Vice Chair Linda Stroben	Councilman Loren Anderson
Nick Farline, Parks & Recreation Director	
Commissioner Jack Anderson	Drea Myers, Recorder
Commissioner Evelyn Martinez	Ian Dezember, Parks & Facilities Manager
Commissioner Ty Fischer	

Parks and Recreation Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Dean Aeling - Excused

2. HONORS & RECOGNITION – None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve the as June 23, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Heston, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Visitors- None

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Canal Drive Tree Replacement Program Options
 - i. Parks and Facilities Manager, Ian Dezember gave a historical summary as to what led to this agenda item. Over the last couple of years, the pine trees along Canal Dr and Umatilla St have been dying off. Several have become overgrown and hanging into the roadways. In July of 2021 we had 18 trees removed and 45 trimmed. Several more trees have been identified as currently being overgrown as well as needing removed. Staff is looking into projects or options to assist with this issue. Commission questioned if the issue is the number of trees, staff advised the largest issue is the trees dying out and being removed which will lead to no landscape along that area. There is also an issue with the water line not bringing enough water to one side of the trees. Staff explained we have a tree maintenance fund however;

we are looking for either a replacement/removal or some type of alternative barrier. This would be a substantial capital improvement. Public Works will also need to be present at the table when we discuss this. This is not a high-ranking priority as of now. Staff is suggesting, getting with Public Works to find out what some of the potential options are for that area. Once we have some suggestions, we will reach out to the community members along that street for public input. The trees are used as a sound buffer so this will be a talking point with Public Works and the community. Irrigation improvement would be needed before we proceed with any landscape. Councilman Anderson and Commissioner Fischer discussed the code pertaining to planning guidelines for trees when a development is built. Councilman Anderson advised he will follow up at the next Council meeting. Commission Chair Hahn recapped our current plans, we will continue with business as usual unless something urgent comes up, we will bring this forward in 2025-2026 and see where it ranks in our project priority.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Dog Park

- i. Commissioners discussed the pros and cons with the Arboretum and Hatfield Park. The Arboretum pros are the size, trees, and minimal neighboring homes with none directly next to the park. The cons are the small parking lot, and the distance. Overall, the beauty of the location could make this a destination dog park. Hatfield Park pros are the centralized location, playground and a little extra parking. Cons are community uses the park frequently, lack of shade, homes but up to the park, small size and noise. Commissioners asked about the Arboretums safety, concerns over shootings and other crimes near the area. Staff was able to provide feedback received from Chief Guerrero. This park has no call outs to the location. Commission was still concerned because Eastgate Park has some troubles. Staff hopes that if we have a dog park it would activate the park and as a result create a decrease in concerns about the safety of the parks. Commissioners expressed how critical it is to get public feedback. Staff advised public outreach is part of the plan. Commission addressed concerns over dog fighting. Staff advised there are rules posted. Usually dog owners handle any issues with aggressive dogs among themselves. Recreational Immunity applies to dog parks. Commission Chair Hahn motioned to move the dog park into comprehensive plan. Seconded by Commissioner Heston, the motion carried unanimously.

POLL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF

- Commission Chair Hahn: Reminder about National Night Out
- Commission Vice Chair Stoben: Kudos to parks for 4th of July.
- Commissioner Heston: No report.
- Commissioner Anderson: No report.
- Commissioner Fisher: No report.
- Councilman Anderson: No report.

- Commissioner Martinez: No report.
- Mr. Dezember: Updates, replacing scoreboard at Civic Ball Fields. Light pole should ship to us August 10th.
- Ms. Myers: No Report
- Mr. Farline: Crews have been busy preparing for Columbia Cup.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Drea Myers, Recorder

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