



Parks & Recreation Commission
MINUTES
Thursday, September 23, 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. Parks, Recreation & Facilities Director Emily Estes-Cross 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	Emily Estes-Cross, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Director
Commissioner Dean Aeling	Ian Dezember, Parks & Facilities Manager
Commissioner Jack Anderson	Drea Myers, Recorder
Commissioner Ty Fischer	
Commission Vice Chair Linda Stroben	
Commissioner Robb Heston	
Councilman Jim Millbauer, Council Liaison	

Absent:

Commissioner Isabelle Mickelson—Resigned due to move out of area.

2. HONORS & RECOGNITION – None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Aeling made a motion to approve the August 26, 2021 regular meeting minutes. With a second from Commissioner Fisher, the motion carried unanimously.

5. VISITORS—This meeting, held online using Zoom, was attended by Assistant Chief Chris Guerrero of the Kennewick Police Department. Assistant Chief Guerrero provided an overview of a written request to rename the “Kennewick Police Station” to the “Kennewick Police Station, Kenneth M. Hohenberg Public Service Building,” signed by himself, the President of the Kennewick Police Management Association, and the President of the Kennewick Police Officers Benefit Association.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Facility Renaming Request: A letter submitted by the Kennewick Police Assistant Chief, the President of the Kennewick Police Management Association, and the President of the Kennewick Police Officers Benefit Association requesting to rename Kennewick Police Department to the “Kennewick Police Station, Kenneth M. Hohenberg Public Service Building” was reviewed. Ms. Estes-Cross provided the criteria and procedure for naming public facilities outlined in Kennewick Administrative Code 9-48. Before

recommending a name change to City Council, a public meeting must be held. The Commission discussed Police Chief Hohenberg's significant community contributions over his 42-year career, meeting the intent of KAC 9-48-010, "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."

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to hold a public meeting to discuss renaming the "Kennewick Police Station" to the "Kennewick Police Station, Kenneth M. Hohenberg Public Service Building," with a second from Commissioner Heston. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Micromobility Update: Ms. Estes-Cross presented information on the development of rules for the operation of privately-owned electric bikes and scooters and potential interest in a ride share regional pilot program.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Park Hills Park Update: Ms. Estes-Cross has not received a response from Park Hills neighbors who had previously indicated interest an agreement to maintain the private neighborhood park.

8. POLL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF

- Ms. Estes-Cross noted the Kennewick Parks and Recreation Department received the *Government Agency Covid-19 Response Award* from the Tri-City Area Regional Chamber of Commerce; a 2022 Community Development Block Grant was verbally awarded for \$25,000 for recreation activity financial assistance; and an email was received from a community member requesting an RC park be built at Columbia Park.
- Councilman Jim Millbauer advised the Washington Recreation and Park Association featured Recreation Manager Brandon Lange in their recent publication; and he received a request from a community member interested in how to get a dog park established. The community member is very passionate and mentioned they are willing to fundraise for the project. Ms. Estes-Cross offered to speak with the individual and suggested the possibility of presenting the idea to the Commission. A dog park is not currently included as a potential City-funded project in the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Drea Myers, Recorder