



Parks & Recreation Commission
MINUTES
Thursday, October 28, 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 Administrative Assistant Drea Myers completed a roll call.
- b. Commissioner Heston 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
Commission Vice Chair Linda Stroben	Brandon Lange, Recreation Manger
Commissioner Robb Heston	Donald Wieber, Parks Project Coordinator
Councilman Jim Millbauer, Council Liaison	

Absent:

Commissioner Ty Fischer—Excused.

2. HONORS & RECOGNITION – None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Aeling made a motion to approve the September 23, 2021 regular meeting minutes. With a second from Commissioner Anderson, the motion carried unanimously.

5. VISITORS

- a. Legal notices were published in the Tri-City Herald on October 12, 19, and 26 inviting the public to provide input during this visitor’s portion of the online Commission meeting, regarding a request to rename the “Kennewick Police Station” to the “Kennewick Police Station, Kenneth M. Hohenberg Public Service Building.” A letter in support of the renaming, signed by more than 100 individuals, was included in the meeting packet. Assistant Chief Chris Guerrero of the Kennewick Police Department was present to answer any questions regarding the request.
- b. Resident Linda Lunde has created a free library on her property, and requested to use the shelter at adjacent Kenwood Park as a covered space to keep the books. Ms. Lunde also mentioned that she would like to see a dog park established in the City. She stated she could get a team of volunteers to clean up the pet waste in the park. Commission Chair Hahn said consideration of a dog park was being included in the 2022 Commission Work Plan for discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Facility Renaming Recommendation: The request from the Kennewick Police Assistant Chief, the President of the Kennewick Police Management Association, and the President of the Kennewick Police Officers Benefit Association to rename Kennewick Police Department to the “Kennewick Police Station, Kenneth M. Hohenberg Public Service Building” was considered. In accordance with Kennewick Administrative Code 9-48-020, and having heard public input regarding renaming a public facility, Commission Chair Hahn made a motion to recommend City Council rename the “Kennewick Police Station” to the “Kennewick Police Station, Kenneth M. Hohenberg Public Service Building.” Commissioner Heston seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Commission Chair Hahn will draft a letter to submit to City Council for their consideration.
- b. Lawrence Scott Park Pickleball Proposal: Ms. Estes-Cross, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Director, Mr. Donald Wieber, Parks Project Coordinator, and Mr. Paul Jones, Club 509 President, presented a court expansion and infrastructure enhancement project at Lawrence Scott Park. The park currently has 5 pickleball courts, of which two are restricted to a space smaller than ideal for competitive play. The proposal would expand the complex to 15 total courts (12 new + 3 existing), replace the undersized and aging restroom, and add a shelter. Club 509 would fundraise and help secure sponsorship to fund \$280,000 of the \$559,000 court project, and enter into an agreement with the City to help maintain the courts. A combination of park mitigation reserves and impact funds, supplemented by a request for American Rescue Plan Act funding, would fund the restroom (\$391,000) and shelter (\$286,000) components.
 - Commissioner Aeling made a motion to recommend Council authorize funding for support of the pickleball court expansion, designating a first alternate component inclusion of restrooms, and a second alternate of a shelter, contingent on funds available. Commissioner Heston second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Commission Vice Chair Stroben made a motion to seek public input, and contingent on response, request permission from RCO to repurpose the tennis courts for pickleball courts, restroom replacement, and a shelter. Commissioner Aeling second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Motorized Personal Transport Device Park Use regulations: Commission Chair Hahn provided an overview of requirements to be considered for the use of motorized personal transport devices in City parks, such the width and surfacing of pathways (dirt, paved); speed limits; mandatory safety equipment; etc. Further discussion and determination of recommendation will be added to the 2022 Commission Work Plan.
- d. 2022 Work Plan Meeting Date: The Commission selected December 9, 2021 to hold a workshop where they will discuss the 2022 work plan.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Park Hills Park: Ms. Estes-Cross reported the Park Hills neighbors will resume discussion with the City about an agreement to maintain the private neighborhood park after the first of the year.

8. POLL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF

- Ms. Estes-Cross congratulated Mr. Wieber on completion of the Keewaydin Park playground and ADA enhancement project, funded by a \$450,000 Community Development Block Grant.
- Commissioner Heston and Councilman Millbauer thanked staff and Mr. Jones for the detailed pickleball proposal.
- Recreation Manager Brandon Lange provided an update on upcoming the Twelve Days of Christmas Giveaway promotion, sponsored by Numerica.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Drea Myers, Recorder

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