



Parks & Recreation Commission
MINUTES
Thursday, May 17, 2018, 6:00 pm
Kennewick City Hall Council Chambers



1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Ty Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Aeling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Dean Aeling	Emily Estes-Cross, Parks, Recreation and Economic
Commissioner Ty Fischer	Development Director
Commissioner Mark Reed	Greg Duffy , Deputy Director Parks, Recreation and Facilities
Commissioner Greg Falk	Linda Spier, Recorder
Commissioner Linda Britain	

Excused: Chairman Ken Hahn
Commissioner Jack Anderson

2. HONORS & RECOGNITION – None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Aeling moved, seconded by Commissioner Falk to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Falk, to approve the minutes of April 12, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

5. VISITORS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Playground of Dreams Update - Greg Duffy, Deputy Director Parks, Recreation and Facilities provided a status update on Playground of Dreams in recognition of 1500 names on pickets. A volunteer event has been scheduled on June 15, 2018 from 8am to noon to remove, catalog and store the Playground of Dreams pickets. Approximately forty to fifty volunteers from the LDS Church will assist with this project. An advance notice will be sent to notify the public that pickets will be available for pickup at Southridge, including select events like Sunset at Southridge.

Playground of Dreams Update – Site plans and renderings of what the new Playground of Dreams will look were presented to the Commission. The equipment will be purchased and installed in two phases: The first half will be installed starting fall 2018, and the second half installed starting early spring 2019. Staff provided an overview of

the playground features, which will include the Columbia Center Rotary Harmony Plaza, Tri City Water Follies hydroplane, train, train station, lighthouse, crane, tri runner, bridge, climbing structure, and zip track. The inclusive design will serve people of diverse abilities, and is ADA compliant. A sponsorship marketing pamphlet with investment opportunity levels was provided:

- Title Sponsor - \$500k
- Dream Maker Sponsor-\$50k+
- Champion Sponsor - \$10k+
- Builder Sponsor - up to \$10k

b. Community Center Transition Strategy – Commissioner Linda Britain reported on the Community Center transition and provided a list of next steps and timeline to include:

- Senior notification approach – Posters in building, coming soon temporary banner on building
- Programing awareness –What we’ve added
- Establish “Friends of the Community” (or Friends of Parks & Recreation) as a non-profit fundraising model
- Building remodel strategy – At June or July meeting, review \$200k budget recommendation on renovation costs suggested by architect, open bid for construction in August, commence entrance remodel in fall 2018. Welcome reception in early 2019.
- Naming strategy- Late June/early July: Launch naming contest on website and social media; with panel of Commissioners, community representatives and staff to select a name of recommendation to Council.
- National Night Out -Display boards feature programs and activities people can vote on, and a rendering of the new space.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Golf Course Update - Plan is to advertise for bid on June 18, open bids on July 10, send to Council to accept award on July 17 and have pre construction meeting on July 31.
- b. Hansen Park Status – The Heritage Garden is in and blooming, two picnic shelters ordered, new restroom completed, pathway is .8 miles and ribbon cutting forthcoming. The project was funded by a grant.

8. POLL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF

Staff reported on upcoming events in May and reported on the “All-Senior Picnic” proposal to be change to “All CommUnity Picnic” and will be held on Friday, September 21, 2018 with Tri-Cities Legacy Awards (recognizing senior volunteers, service providers, etc.), local food trucks and live music. More information coming soon.

The Community Center will be hosting art for the 1st Thursday Art Walk on June 7. The event is from 4-7pm and is free.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm

Linda Spier,
Recorder