



Parks & Recreation Commission MINUTES

Thursday, February 8, 2018, 6:00 pm
Kennewick City Hall Council Chambers



1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ken Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Jack Anderson	Terry Walsh, Exec. Director of Employee & Community Relations
Commissioner Dean Aeling	Cheryl Bolin, Recreation Director
Commissioner Ty Fischer	Greg Duffy, Facilities, Parks and Operations Manager
Commissioner Ken Hahn	Ian Napier, Tourism and Commercial Development Manager
Commissioner Mark Reed	Emily Estes-Cross, Economic Development & Tourism Director
Commissioner Greg Falk	City Council Liaison Councilman Bill McKay

2. HONORS & RECOGNITION – None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Anderson moved and Commissioner Falk seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Aeling moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed, approval of the minutes dated January 11, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

5. VISITORS - None

6. NEW BUSINESS – None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Parks Identifier Presentation – Emily Estes-Cross provided a presentation on the Arts Commissions' recommended art identifier, the "Happy Human." The recommendation was for artist CJ Rench, with the first project being a park bench.

Commissioner Fischer asked about staff's reaction. Staff reaffirmed the recommendation as it fits with the "Choose Fun" theme on which the city's marketing plan is based. Commissioner Falk asked about the identifier's application to the Playground of Dreams. The artist provided a slide, among other options that can be scaled to different settings. Commissioner Hahn asked about acceptance of a sole source contract. Staff said they would work with purchasing. Councilman McKay asked why not purchase 5 less expensive benches instead of one art bench? It was discussed

that unique and visible quality of life offerings like the artistic bench sets Kennewick apart.

Commissioner Falk moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded approval of the “Happy Human” as a park marker. Motion approved unanimously. Commissioner Aeling moved and Commissioner Reed seconded utilizing park mitigation funding for the Happy Human bench. Motion approved unanimously.

- b. Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan – Cheryl Bolin gave an update on the comprehensive plan workshops and pop-ups. Advertising for the events was discussed.
- c. Playground of Dreams – Commissioner Hahn discussed the progress on the Playground and the sponsorship components. There will be a title sponsor RFP and other sponsors will be solicited for other components.

8. PROJECT AND PROGRAMMING UPDATE

- a. Recreation Programming – Cheryl Bolin updated the commission on Princess Tea, Ninja training and moving forward on building a community center.
- b. Capital Projects – Greg Duffy talked about Hanson Park and the positive response to the project, partnership with WSU Master Gardeners, KID, BCH, etc. Musical instruments at Sunset Park and Lawrence Scott Park.
- c. Programming – Ian Napier update the commission on tourism and special events in February (McCurley car sales, Riverview Baptist Tournament), and March (Vintage at the Ridge, Easter at the Carousel).

9. POLL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF

Commissioner Fischer congratulated staff on Hanson Park and the club house. Commissioner Hahn discussed the Family Expo and asked staff to continue sending the special events roster. Terry Walsh updated the commission on conveyance.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm

Terry Walsh,
Recorder (substituting for Linda Spier)