



**Parks & Recreation Commission
MINUTES**
Thursday, August 22, 2019, 6:00 pm
Kennewick City Hall Council Chambers



1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Linda Britain, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- b. Commissioner Vice Chair Britain led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Dean Aeling	Bill McKay, City Council Liaison
Commissioner Jack Anderson	Emily Estes-Cross, Parks and Recreation Director
Commissioner Linda Britain	Greg Duffy, Parks and Facilities Deputy Director
Commissioner Robb Heston	Isa Quintanilla, Recorder

Excused

Commissioner Ken Hahn	Commissioner Ty Fischer
Commissioner Robert Van Slycke	

2. HONORS & RECOGNITION – None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Heston moved, seconded by Commissioner Aeling, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Heston moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the minutes of June 27, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

5. VISITORS - None

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Welcome Newly Appointed Commissioner – Ty Fischer
Commissioner Fischer was appointed to complete the term of Greg Falk (3/31/21), who resigned June 27th. Commissioner Fischer had previously served eight years on the Parks & Recreation Commission prior to his March 2019 term expiration.
- b. Park Audit Results
Mr. Duffy reported the final results of the Park Audit completed by Commissioners. Parks surveyed were: Canyon Lakes, Monopoly, Hatfield, Lawrence Scott, Hansen, and Fruitland. The Cleanliness Rating was reported at 83% and the Overall Rating reported at 82%. Mr. Duffy will review the results with the Parks Department crew.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Zintel Canyon Update

- Brush piles along the trail and larger piles in parking areas have been removed from 15th Ave. to 27th Ave.
- A dead tree on the canyon slope fell on a neighbor's fence, and will be removed.
- Exploring the possibility of having goats graze half of the canyon next spring to remove fire fuel.
- Team Rubicon expressed an interest in returning to volunteer. They removed large trees, stumps and bushes this past April. Staff will follow up.
- Kennewick Police presence is deterring crime and encampment in the area.

8. Poll of Commissioners and Staff

Commissioner Anderson thanked everyone for the park audits. He inquired about the 4th Avenue and Columbia Center Boulevard area which was dug up after the rabbit art was installed, and who is responsible for repairing it. Mr. Duffy stated PUD has a power easement in that location. Staff will inquire and connect with Public Works Department.

Ms. Estes-Cross reported:

- The Keewaydin Park Community Center renovation will take place in two phases. A new logo is being designed for signage.
- CG Public House (Caterer) is the restaurant vendor who will serve food and drinks at the new Columbia River Landing facility at the golf course. There will be a soft opening, and a grand opening event. More information to come.
- During Water Follies event, on Thursday through the following Monday, Columbia Park is reserved and operated by Water Follies. For example, they determine where cars park and flow of traffic. Kennewick Parks Department services the restrooms.
- Upcoming Events: Labor Day IBEW Picnic, Riverfest, Columbia Crossing Swim, Ye Merrie Greenwood Renaissance Faire, 9/11 Memorial, Never Forget 9/11 event, McCurley Car Sales,
- The pool is now closed to the public. Local school swim teams will use the pool for a few weeks. Aquatic playgrounds close after Labor Day weekend.

Mr. Duffy reported Desert Hills Middle School Challenge Course project will start next week.

Ms. Quintanilla reported:

- Commissioners are asked to review the P & R Commission contact list. If any changes are needed, please let her know.
- The November meeting date is on Thanksgiving, November 28th. At the next meeting, changing the date to one week ahead (November 21st) will be discussed.
- Once a year, Commissioners sign a *Conflict of Interest – Appearance of Fairness* form. Also, new Commissioners are required to review the *Open Public Meetings Act*. This should be reviewed by Commissioners every four years. If we all review soon, we are all good for four years. We can discuss at our next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Isa Quintanilla, Recorder