



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 11:30 AM

Members Present : Kirk Melton, Chairman; Sherry Murray, Vice-Chairman; Corey King; Kevin Jensen; Jade Titus; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Heather Muth

Members Absent : Gabe Ostyn, Commissioner.

Guests Present: Jaime Tighe, MaVTEC; Tristan Greaves, MaVTEC; David Spritzer, private donor for MaVTEC proposal; Brandon Robertson, citizen.

Staff Present: Travis Rothweiler; Mitch Humble; Shayne Nope; Greg Lanting; Wendy Davis; Kevin Skelton; Stacy McClintock; John Pauley; Lee Glaesmann; Elois Joseph

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Wendy Davis called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.
A quorum was present.

2) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes from March 9, 2021.
- b) Request to remove two trees 336 6th Ave. N.

MOTION: Sherry Murray moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Kirk Melton seconded the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

3) Items of Consideration.

- a) Introduction of new commissioners
New commissioners Kevin Jensen, Micheal Metcalf, Ashley Squires, Heather Metcalf, and Jade Titus were introduced. Existing commissioners and staff present participated introduced themselves.
- b) Selection of Parks and Recreation Commission officers

Sherry Murray nominated Kirk Melton as Chairman for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Jade Titus seconded the motion. Approved 7 to 0

Kirk Melton entertained nominations for Vice-Chairman. Kirk Melton nominated Sherry Murray as Vice-Chairman. Jade Titus seconded the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

- c) Consider a donation request from MaVTEC for the installation of a skills track at Auger Falls

Wendy Davis introduced the donation request and the presenters for the project.

Jaime Tigue, director of MaVTEC introduced herself the organization. The proposal for an addition of a mountain bike skills track at Auger Falls was presented. The following was discussed:

- The BlueCross Transformation grant was brought to the City of Twin Falls. BlueCross Transformation has requested a 30,000 grant, and MaVTEC has agreed to provide an additional \$10,000 to a fund under the Twin Falls Community Foundation.

Tristan Greaves presented the Auger Falls Skills Track proposal including the following:

- The potential benefits of the skills park at Auger Falls
- Dirt Trails Alliance assistance in maintenance of existing trails at Auger Falls.
- The location of the proposed skills track as being close to the parking lot, family friendly, and built to cater to all abilities and skill levels from kids to advanced mountain bikers.
- Auger Falls Park as currently being used by a mountain biking team, and competing teams in the Magic Valley region. The skills park would be a benefit to this group.
- The physical components of the skills track — wooden drops and roller features, and jump lines.
- The construction will implement ideas from existing bike parks in Eagle, ID; St. George, ID; Boise, ID; and Salt Lake, UT.
- Discussion ensued regarding whether the Park was already designed and engineered. MaVTEC has been working with Titus Trails, a contract company located in Ketchum, ID.
- Discussion ensued regarding the impact on any existing trails and the proposed location of the skills park.
- The maintenance of the skills park by the Dirt Trails Alliance that already maintain the dirt trails in the area.

Jaime Tigue discussed the following:

- The sustainability aspect and budget for the proposal.
- Twin Falls Community Foundation will be holding the \$10,000 provided by MaVTEC, and MaVTEC plans on using those funds for the maintenance of the park.
- The selection of Titus Trails as a sustainable-friendly company.
- Collaborations with CSI Outdoor Recreation Department (trail clean-up) for the maintenance of the proposed project.
- The project has the funds, with the addition to the grant, and a donor to the project Dr. David Spritzer.
- Request to be a part of the naming of the proposed skills park because of the generous donation from Dr. David. Wendy Davis informed Jaime Tigue that there was a separate process involved for the naming process and stated that it would be a topic of discussion for another date.

Discussion ensued regarding the maintenance that would be needed for the Skills Park. Tristan Greaves stated that there would be minimal maintenance that can be conducted by volunteers of the Dirt Trails Alliance. Maintenance discussed were as follows: spraying down jumps with water and shaping the jumps. Maintenance to the wooden components, as necessary.

Discussion ensued regarding the issues of the mud that accumulates near the canyon edge as it is near the location of the skills park. The proposed location is not close to the canyon edge and open enough to receive enough sunlight to maintain a dry ground with no mud.

MavTEC was thanked and commended for their work so far. Discussion ensued regarding the water retention area that will be in/around the skills park and the safety for toddlers.

City engineer Lee Glaesmann presented the structural component of the proposal including the following:

- The initial proposed location and the obstacles as to why it was not selected as the location for the Skills Park

Discussion ensued regarding the start date for the proposed skills park construction, the expected start date of the project will be September/November 2021, if approved.

Citizen that attended the meeting mentioned his support of the project.

Dr. David Spritzer, a private donor for the skills park project shared the reason behind his donation.

Corey King entered the meeting virtually on Teams at 12: 01 p.m.

MOTION: Kirk Melton moved to recommend to City Council to approve this donation as requested. Kevin Jensen seconded the motion. Roll Call vote determined that all present approved the motion. Approved 8 to 0.

- d) Consider a request from Nick Robbins to donate a tree to be placed at Benno's Point Park Donation of the tree.

Nick Robbins presented the donation and explained the request.

- The tree is an 8 to 10-year-old non-fruit pear tree.
- Nick will be paying for a city approved tree removal and relocation of the tree to Benno's Point.

Discussion ensued raising concerns about the relocation cost, and opportunity to water and care for the tree. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed location of the Benno's Point Park.

MOTION: Sherry Murray moved to recommend to City Council to approve this donation as requested. Micheal Metcalf seconded the motion. Roll Call vote determined that all present approved the motion. Approved 8 to 0.

e) Commission Orientation

City manager Travis Rothweiler and City attorney Shayne Nope discussed the Parks and Recreation Commission and the regulations and rules for the Commissioners including the following:

- Open Meeting Law
- Parks and Recreation Commission By-laws
- Conflict of interest concerns
- Transparency concerns and public record
- Legalities and responsibilities associated with being a part of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Councilmember Greg Lanting discussed that the staff's role as support for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Wendy Davis gave a brief overview of the Microsoft Teams component in the Parks and Recreation Commission

4) Department Updates

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In the interest of time, department updates were not discussed at this meeting.

5) Adjournment

Kirk Melton adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Elois Joseph, Administrative Assistant

Recording Secretary