Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 11:30 AM

City Council Overflow Room CH-116
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

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

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Kirk Melton called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Kirk Melton, Chairperson; Sherry Murray, Vice-Chairperson; Gabe Ostyn(11:45 a.m.); Corey King; Kevin Jensen; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Heather Muth(online)
Members Absent: Jade Titus
Council Liaison present: Greg Lanting, council liaison (12:08 p.m.)
Staff Present: Mitch Humble, Deputy City Manager; Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director; Kevin Skelton, Parks Superintendent; Stacy McClintock, Recreation Supervisor (online); Liz Hart (12:03 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.); Elois Joseph, Parks Administrative Assistant.
Guests Present: Karlie Haskins, Family Health Services.

2) Consent Calendar

a) Request to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes from October 12, 2021.

b) Request to remove tree 530 3rd Ave. West

MOTION: Sherry Murray moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Corey King seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined that all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

3) Items of Consideration

a) Update on Poleline/Eastland Trailhead Design

This item was discussed with “Items of Consideration, item b)”

b) Presentation by Karlie Haskins from Family Health Services (FHS) to build an outdoor gym space at the Poleline/Eastland Trailhead

Karlie Haskins presented the following:

- The potential outdoor recreation opportunity in collaboration with FHS to help the community have an active lifestyle
- Request for the Commission to consider allowing the land near the Poleline/Eastland

trailhead for an outdoor exercise facility

- Potential equipment at the location was discussed– proposed fitness equipment will cater to all fitness levels. The equipment is durable to withstand being outdoors with minimal maintenance.
- Funding, construction, promotion, and advertising will be secured by FHS.
- Creating a privacy wall with murals to showcase public art
- Bike public repair station to be included in the proposed space
- Possible slacklining space could be included
- Shade structures may be included in consideration of summer temperatures
- Platforms may be included to host classes, etc. for a multi-functional space
- A potential rock-climbing feature was discussed

Discussion ensued regarding other park facilities that could be used as sites for this proposal including existing park locations and the Evel Knievel jump site.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost of the presented fitness equipment. A rough estimate of $100,000 was quoted.

Working with local business owners and the Seagraves foundation as potential funding sources for this project was discussed.

FHS is requesting credit be given to the group in the form of a plaque or other inscription at the facility. No ownership of the facility or the items donated through FHS is requested.

Liability concerns were raised. In public spaces that meet design standards and specifications, liability is covered under recreation immunity.

Staff will meet with Karlie to put together a donation request to be on the agenda at the December meeting.

No action was taken on this item.

c) Consider a request to review the City's Tree Ordinance

Micheal Metcalf discussed the following:

- Concerns regarding the ambiguity of the existing Tree Ordinance.
- Setting up a sub-committee was discussed.

Discussion ensued. It was mentioned that Gerry Bates with the Department of Lands has offered to help assist with the Ordinance.

Micheal Metcalf offered to meet with staff at a later date on behalf of the commission in lieu of the sub-committee. Recommendations will be brought to the Commission for consideration, review, and comment at a future meeting.

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to instruct the Tree Commission to have a member meet with staff to discuss and work on the tree ordinance. Sherry Murray seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined that all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 8 to 0.

d) Consider a request from Marjorie McBride to donate a little library to be placed along the canyon rim trail.

Wendy Davis presented the request, including the following:

- The request for the creation of 1 "little library", on the Canyon Rim Trail near the stump at the section of the trail leading from Poleline/Eastland to the Evel Knievel jumpsite.
- The original request was for two little libraries one at the Trail and one at the City Pool. The request has since changed to include just one location at the Trail.
- There is a request for the suicide hotline to be included on the plaque at the little library.

Concerns were raised about the requested location of the little library. Vandalism, litter, maintenance, and accessibility to the library were mentioned.

Discussion ensued regarding incorporating the little library at the proposed area that will be placed at the Poleline/Eastland trailhead.

Discussion ensued regarding the original request and the second location at the City Pool that was mentioned in the original application. This was a more viable location that addressed the concerns of the Commission.

MOTION: Corey King moved to approve the request. Micheal Metcalf seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined all present voted against the motion. Motion failed 8 to 0.

Discussion ensued regarding offering feedback to the applicant for a little library in another location were the concerns of vandalism, litter, maintenance, and accessibility were addressed. Park facilities or the City pool were listed as potential locations.

e) Discuss next phase of Facility Enhancement Plans

Wendy Davis presented the request including the following:

- The following facilities are being considered for improvements: Oregon Trail Youth Complex, Morning Sun Park, and Harrison Park.
- Staff is seeking direction from the commission on procuring meaningful feedback for the improvements. Methods to gather information and feedback for the park improvements were discussed. Feedback from outside sources such as having citizens and/or impacted members from the community participate in the feedback process to invite input, and/or having commissioners visit these facilities and create an itemized list of needed improvements were discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding the parameters and capacities of the facilities. A list of the project improvements was requested . Staff will send the list to the commission for reference.

Discussion ensued regarding documenting usage of the park. The potential to tie demographics in the area to the uses of the park was mentioned.

Parks in lieu dollars were mentioned as a potential source of funding to supplement the capital improvement dollars for the projects.

Introducing a story-book themed playground at Harrison Park was discussed. Burley's story-book park was given as an example.

Implementing a restroom at Morning Sun Park was mentioned as an enhancement that has been requested from members of the community.

No action was taken on this item.

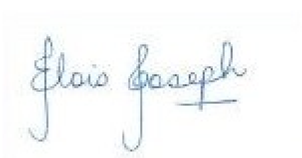
4) Department Updates

a) Department updates

No department updates were discussed at this meeting.

5) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.



Elois Joseph, Recording Secretary