Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 11:30 AM

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

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

1) **Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order**

Kirk Melton called the meeting to order at 11: 37 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Jade Titus; Corey King; Kevin Jensen; Micheal Metcalf; Heather Muth; Kirk Melton
Members Absent: Sherry Murray; Debbie VanEngelen; Ashley Squires.

Council liaison Present: Craig Hawkins.

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director; Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent; Stacy McClintock, Recreation Supervisor; John Pauley, Aquatics Supervisor; Elois Joseph, Parks Administrative Assistant.

Guests Present: Arnel Culum, citizen (left meeting at 11:46 a.m.); Tami Billman, citizen (left meeting at 12:43 p.m.).

2) **Consent Calendar**

Kirk Melton requested to remove item b) in the Consent Calendar to an Item of Consideration.

a) Request to approve the meeting minutes from the April 12, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

b) Request to approve a request from Rita Johnson to donate a bench to be placed at Morning Sun Park.

This item was discussed as an item of consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding the language of the inscription. Part of the inscription does not meet the approved language criteria in the donation policy.

It was decided that the non-approved language be disallowed and the dates can be included in the inscription instead.

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to approve the request with the approved language as determined by the donation policy. Kevin Jensen seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

c) Request to remove two Hawthorn trees at 1139 7th Ave.

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to approve the consent calendar, items a) and c) only. Corey King seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

3) Items of Consideration

Kirk Melton opened the meeting for general public input, allocating 2 minutes to each of the members of the public present to discuss.

Arnel Culum discussed the following:

- The request for poo-bags for dog feces to be included at park facilities and walking trails, including Rock Creek.
- The request for improvements at Baxter's Dog Park to include a shelter, a possible amenity to wash dogs, and to evaluate ways to address the mud that occurs when it rains.

Tami Billman discussed the following:

- The request for improvements at Harrison Park; including, upgrades to the playground equipment, including a sign for the park, and concerns regarding water run-off from the sprinklers at the park.

a) Election of Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Wendy Davis explained the request.

Kirk Melton, Chairperson; opened the meeting for nominations.

Jade Titus nominated himself for Vice-Chairperson.

Kevin Jensen nominated Shery Murray for Chairperson.

Roll call vote for both nominations showed that all present voted in favor of the nominations. Kirk Melton transferred the meeting to new Vice-Chairperson Jade Titus.

b) Request to remove two London Plane Trees at 137 7th Ave. East.

Chance Munns presented the arborist review.

Discussion ensued regarding the future of the construction site that the trees are located on. It was clarified that the trees are on the Hansen Street side of the property.

With the old sidewalk removal, there was damage to the root zone of the trees causing concern regarding the future success of the trees. A code-enforcement citation was issued for the damage.

Discussion ensued regarding liability of Right-of-Way trees.

Assessing a penalty at a future meeting was discussed.

MOTION: Corey King made a motion to approve the removal of two London Plane Trees at 137 7th Ave East. Micheal Metcalf seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined all present voted against the motion. Motion failed 0 to 6.

c) Consider a donation request from Betsy and Fran Florence of $5,000 for the honor of placing a plaque on an existing tree in City Park.

Wendy Davis presented the request.

Discussion ensued regarding the applicant's requested inscription as it does not meet the meet the approved criteria in the donation policy. The requested language and images (symbols) are not permitted with the donation policy.

Discussion ensued regarding the current value of the tree. The location of the tree and the proposed location of the plaque was discussed.

The example of the donation of a plaque to be added to an existing bench was discussed, where the donator placed a plaque on the bench and donated the value of the bench to the department for use.

Discussion ensued that the value of the tree appreciates over time. Assessing the current value of the tree was mentioned.

Discussion ensued regarding the size of the plaque.

MOTION: Kirk Melton moved to approve the donation request with the following conditions: that the words "loving our mothers" and symbols are removed, the donation be the appraised value of the tree as set by the Parks and Recreation department, and that the donation plaque is submitted for future approval by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Heather Muth seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

d) Continue park use philosophy discussion

Wendy Davis presented the request.

The specific example of Shoshone Falls After Dark and the use of Shoshone Falls Park was considered.

An option for a lease agreement was mentioned; and the concerns regarding the use of the Shoshone Falls after sunset were discussed as the facility does not have amenities, nor is it designed for use in the dark.

The Commission was asked to consider and discuss the challenges with the use of public spaces.

Examples were given of current activities that occur in City facilities.

Discussion ensued. The following were mentioned for consideration, if the events fall into certain categories 1) for profit/non-profit use, 2) limiting access to the facility/open-access, 3) types of events and groups requesting events, and/or 3) if the event occurs within or outside of park hours. Considering a tiered approach to events was discussed.

Researching methods through which other cities evaluated their events and reservation policies was mentioned.

Discussion of this item will continue at the next meeting.

Request for a list of facilities due for updates were requested, with specific requests for Harrison Park and Baxter's Dog Park.

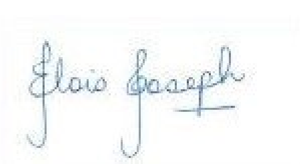
A brief discussion of dog-pickup bag dispenser locations ensued.

4) Department Updates

a) Department updates - copies will be presented at the meeting.
Copies of the department updates were given to the commission members at the meeting.

5) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.



Elois Joseph, Recording Secretary