



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 11:30 AM

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

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

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

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

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

Members absent: Micheal Metcalf

Council liaison (present): Craig Hawkins

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

Guests present: Karlie Haskins, Family Health Services; Kiley Gardiner, StackRock Group; Kate Zinovyeva, StackRock Group; Tami Billman, public citizen.

2) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the November 8, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting minutes

MOTION: Corey King moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Sherry Murray seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted. Aye: 8, Nay: 0. Approved 8 to 0.

3) Items of Consideration

- a) Presentation of Poleline/Eastland Trailhead Concept Plan

Kiley Gardiner from StackRock Group presented the Concept Plan for the Poleline-Eastland Trailhead.

The following amenities were discussed: picnic areas, shade structures, restrooms, artificial turf, climbing boulders, pollinator garden, adult/youth obstacle course,

retention area.

Incorporating the use of native plants and natural boulders as part of the concept plan was discussed.

Concept imagery was shared.

Discussion ensued regarding parking spaces. It was presented that the new concept has 86 spaces in total, which would double the amount of existing parking spaces. Discussion ensued regarding parking for this facility.

Including shade trees with temporary watering systems was discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding the road by the park concept. The road was defined as a gravel road for emergency vehicle access, not for all vehicle access.

The potential for a public art space was discussed. Involving the Public Art Commission as part of this process was mentioned.

b) Presentation of Morning Sun and Harrison Park Concept Plans

Kiley Gardiner presented the Concept for the Morning Sun Park and Harrison Park.

Morning Sun Park Improvements:

Connection to the sidewalk throughout the park.

Gathering areas and picnic tables, addition of shade sails. Including a restroom and a walking trail. Planter pockets and added vegetation for aesthetic and shade. Potential inclusion of an art piece.

Discussion ensued regarding the shade sails -- questions about maintenance, and lifespan of the shade sails were raised.

The width of the walking trails was discussed, it was clarified that the current concept has a 5ft. width walking trail.

Including a sledding hill and pet stations was discussed. It was clarified that pet stations will be included in the park design.

Discussion ensued regarding including benches or seating areas for children who wait for the morning school bus in the area along Meadowview Lane.

Harrison Park Improvements:

The concept plan design aims to centralize the play equipment at the Harrison Park with an area for picnics, a restroom, and natural boulders.

Signage and additional seating were incorporated in the design. Including a section of artificial turf for use in fall-winter season was discussed.

Including a public art piece at this facility was mentioned.

Discussion ensued regarding the basketball court at this facility.

Discussion ensued regarding available parking in the area. The ditch in the area near the alley that is no longer in use was discussed as a potential location for additional parking.

Using existing sewage lines from the original bathroom was mentioned.

Including a slackline area were discussed. Discussion ensued regarding the mechanism required for slacklining. An in-ground pole installation for slackliners was described.

Questions were raised regarding the permanency of the picnic tables at this location. Discussion ensued.

4) Department Updates

a) Department Updates, January 2023

John Pauley gave an update on the City Pool:

- Aqua fitness classes were discussed – yoga based classes, combat based classes, accommodating limited mobility, and youth classes.
- Adult swim lessons are in session.
- Cabin Fever Days participation in collaboration with the Recreation Department.
- Open swim hours
- New installation of a pH system with improved control and efficiency for pool maintenance
- The new parking lot lights were discussed
- Summer programming information will be out by February 2023

There was positive feedback from the commission regarding the fitness classes and the inclusion of adult swim lessons as part of the programming at the City Pool.

Stacy gave an update on Recreation:

- Youth Basketball: Boys basketball league in session; the numbers have increased.
- Cabin Fever Day with local businesses
- Adult basketball: The official scheduler no longer works with us, so the adult sports coordinator was in charge of scheduling officials for the games.
- Open gym hours for basketball

Chance Munns gave an update on Parks:

- The clean-up of the Parks shop and fleet vehicles. Implementing the lean strategies to improve efficiency at the Parks department.
- Holiday lights have been removed for the season.
- Downtown Commons Christmas tree was transplanted at the golf course.
- Oregon Trail backstop improvements underway, Frontier is next on the list.

5) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:40 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elois Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and "J".

Elois Joseph, Recording Secretary