



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, June 14, 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 (left at 12:58 p.m.); Kevin Jensen; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Heather Muth; Kirk Melton

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Sherry Murray called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Sherry Murray, Chairperson; Debbie VanEngelen, Corey King (left at 12:55 p.m.); Kevin Jensen; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Heather Muth; Kirk Melton

Members Absent: Jade Titus, Vice-Chairperson

Council Liaison (absent): Craig Hawkins

Staff Present: Mitch Humble, Deputy City Manager; Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director; Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent; Jarrod Bordi, Parks Supervisor; Stacy McClintock, Recreation Supervisor; John Pauley, Aquatics Coordinator; Elois Joseph, Parks Administrative Assistant.

Guests Present: Sarah Bender, citizen; Tami Billman, citizen; Kyli Briscoe, citizen; Arnel Culum, citizen; Brent Culver, citizen; Linda Culver, citizen; Corey Deadmond, citizen; Fran Florence, citizen; Rob Sturgill, citizen.

2) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the meeting minutes from the May 10, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.
- b) Consider a request from Erin Cazee to donate a bench along the Canyon Rim Trail in memory of Brian Hall.
- c) Consider a request from Jack Simpson to donate a bench along the Canyon Rim Trail in memory of Esther Simpson.

This item was discussed as an item of consideration before the introduction of Parks Supervisor Jarrod Bordi.

The language of the plaque inscription in the request for the bench donation was

discussed as not meeting the donation policy criteria. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Corey King made a motion to approve the request with language permitted in the donation policy. Kevin Jensen seconded the motion.

Further discussion ensued. The Commission was requested to clarification the permitted language. The motion was amended.

MOTION (amended): Corey King made a motion to approve this item with the wording limited to "In honor of Ester Simpson. Donated by her family." Roll call vote determined all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 8 to 0.

- d) Consider a request from Fran and Betsy Florence to donate a bench to be placed in City Park in memory of Mary Alice Florence and Alice "Doyne" Jacobson.

Kirk Melton requested to move item c) from the consent calendar to items of discussion for further discussion.

MOTION: Kirk Melton moved to approve the consent calendar items a), b), and d). Corey King seconded the motion. Roll call vote determined all present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 8 to 0.

3) Items of Consideration

- a) Introduce Parks Supervisor Jarrod Bordi

Parks Superintendent Chance Munns introduced new Parks Supervisor Jarrod Bordi. Jarrod Bordi is replacing Todd Andersen who has retired.

- b) Consider a request to reconsider the selection of Sherry Murray as Chairperson

Sherry Murray requested the Parks and Recreation Commission to reconsider the her nomination and election as Commission Chairperson.

Sherry Murray officially stepped down as Chairperson and re-opened the floor for nominations and re-election.

Sherry Murray nominated Kirk Melton for Chairperson. Corey King seconded the nomination for Kirk Melton. Kevin Jensen affirmed the nomination.

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote determined all present voted in favor of the election of Kirk Melton as the Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson. Approved 8 to 0.

Sherry Murray turned the meeting over to Chairperson Kirk Melton.

Discussion ensued regarding allowing commission members to run certain parts of the meeting so that commission members feel more equipped to run for Chairperson and/or vice Chairperson in the future.

c) Harrison Park and Baxter's Dog Park Improvement Discussions

Wendy Davis explained a brief history of the request. The current improvement plans for Harrison Park were discussed.

Discussion ensued. The status of Harrison Park as part of the Facility Enhancement Plan was discussed.

Kirk Melton opened the floor for public input, with a limit of 2 minutes for each member of the public present.

Tami Billman spoke about Harrison Park, including the following:

- the need for a picnic shelter
- request for restrooms – currently a portable toilet is on site
- new playground – most immediately there is a large crack in the playground slide
- including picnic tables for seating that remain throughout the year
- lack of signage to identify Harrison Park

Discussion ensued regarding parking concerns with this location. It was clarified that most patrons of this park walk to the location.

Linda and Brent Culver spoke about Baxter's Dog Park, including the following:

- lack of water in the dog corrals
- worn turf in the park
- non ADA compliance at the park – request for consideration for elderly and/or wheelchair bound individuals
- lack of poop stations for cleanup
- including separate corrals for unleashing the dogs
- lack of seating at the dog park
- lack of shade for dogs and dog owners
- entrance to the park - access concerns in the winter due to mud in the park

Discussion ensued regarding the request for ADA accessibility and difficulty accessing the park during the winter due to mud and ice.

Including concrete on the high-traffic areas was suggested as a means to improve accessibility.

Linda and Brent Culver requested to be invited to the next meeting where this discussion would be conducted, or to have a site visit with the Parks and Recreation Commission at Baxter Dog Park.

Arnel Culum spoke about Baxter's Dog Park, including the following:

- increasing parking
- mud that accumulates
- including a shelter at the Park for shade

Sarah Bender spoke about Baxter's Dog Park, including the following:

- entry area of the park – grass in this area does not work because of the high traffic of dogs and dog owners that causes damage to the grass.
- placing pea gravel or concrete in the center of the park where mud usually accumulates would be beneficial
- including additional seating and/or a shelter at the park
- rules at the park currently state that persons under the age of 12 need to be accompanied by an adult – request to increase age limit for unattended children increased to 15 or 16 years of age.

Corey Deadmond spoke about Baxter's Dog Park

- include a trash can on site
- mud concerns – concerns that the sprinklers are overwatering in an area causing the puddles and mud.

Discussion ensued regarding the material for the pathway in consideration that concrete gets hot. Linda Culver gave an example of the Meridian Dog Park located in Meridian, Idaho; where there are three different materials used on the park surface. The surface is covered in – concrete, pea gravel, and astro-turf; there is also an area with real grass that is closed during the winter. This allows for year-round use.

Discussion ensued regarding the option for an agility course at the dog park. Including a water feature over an agility course was mentioned.

Discussion ensued regarding the Facility Improvement priorities. Tami Billman was asked to rate the priorities at Harrison Park. The following priorities were mentioned:

- Playground equipment was identified as the first priority,
- the second was a sign,
- the third was to include picnic tables that stay year-round at the park.

Having a picnic shelter, over a restroom was discussed. The need for a restroom facility at this location was emphasized.

The cracked slide at the park was mentioned.

Discussion ensued regarding the priority status of Baxter's Dog Park on the Facility Enhancement plan priority list based on the expressed interest from the community.

Discussion ensued regarding the necessity of restrooms at Harrison Park and a higher priority than what was mentioned before.

Conducting a site visit to Baxter's Dog Park at a future meeting was discussed.

Corey King left the meeting at approximately 12:58 p.m.

Rob Sturgill presented a request for space at one of the parks facilities for Lacross, including the following:

- Sunway Soccer Complex was discussed as a viable location for this sport.
- Tournaments, and the community's interest in this sport was mentioned
- It was specified that a football field size field (110 yds by 60 yds) would be adequate space for this request.
- Utilizing a retention area was discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding the types of spaces required for Lacross.

d) Continue Parks Philosophy discussion

This item was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

4) Department Updates

a) Department updates

John Pauley gave a brief update on the City Pool including the following:

- movies in the park collaboration with the City Pool.
- upcoming Youth Triathlon
- the upgraded ADA accessibility improvements at the pool.

5) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elois Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

Elois Joseph, Recording Secretary