



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, March 14, 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 11:32 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: Kirk Melton, Chairperson; Jade Titus (11:33 a.m.), Vice-Chairperson; Corey King; Kevin Jensen; Micheal Metcalf; Heather Muth; Sherry Murray

Members absent: Ashley Squires; Debbie VanEngelen.

Council Liaison (present): Craig Hawkins

Staff present: Mitch Humble, Deputy City Manager; Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director; Chance Munns; Stacy McClintock, Recreation Supervisor (11:57 a.m.); John Pauley, Aquatics Supervisor; Elois Joseph, Parks Administrative Assistant.

Guests present: Todd Shaw, citizen.

2) General Public Input

3) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve meeting minutes from the February 14, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- b) Request to approve tree removal permit at 328 5th Ave East

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Corey King seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton, yes; Jade Titus, yes; Corey King, yes; Kevin Jensen, yes; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Heather Muth, yes; Sherry Murray, yes. Approved 7 to 0.

4) Items of Consideration

- a) Recognition of service for outgoing commissioners: Sherry Murray and Kevin Jensen

Wendy Davis recognized the outgoing commission members Sherry Murray and Kevin Jensen. Their terms of service and participation were mentioned.

Sherry Murray shared her gratitude for the commission, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the City of Twin Falls.

At the March 27, 2023, City Council meeting, commissioners Sherry Murray and Kevin Jensen will be recognized, and two new commissioners to the Parks and Recreation Commission will be sworn in.

b) Discussion and finalization of Public Input Form

Heather Muth presented the Public Input Form.

Discussion ensued regarding the content of the form, and the process for how the form would be handled upon receipt.

Edits were made to the form based on commissioner discussion and input.

Discussion ensued regarding how the commission would receive the feedback received from the Public Input Form. It was decided that staff would filter through the feedback and put the results in a place where it would be accessible to the commissioners for consideration. Including a section in the monthly Department Updates with the feedback was mentioned.

Feedback would be obtained through the form on the website and accessible on site at parks facilities through the use of a QR code.

c) Consider request to remove one Elm at 322 5th Ave N.

Chance Munns presented the request and the arborist review. The staff report was shared.

Discussion ensued regarding the condition and potential life-span of the tree.

The condition of the sidewalk was discussed.

MOTION: Sherry Murray moved to approve the request as presented. Kevin Jensen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton, no; Jade Titus, no; Corey King, no; Kevin Jensen, no; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Heather Muth, no; Sherry Murray, no. Motion Failed 1 to 6.

d) Recreation Center Update

Wendy Davis presented an update on the Recreation Center Committee, including the following:

- A brief history of the committee was discussed.
- Decisions and considerations to this date were mentioned.
- The need to secure a location for the creation of the Recreation Center was discussed.

The City Council's support to complete the feasibility study was discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding the community's desire for a Recreation Center in the City of Twin Falls.

The self-sustainability for the Recreation Center was discussed.

Having a workshop at the next committee meeting was discussed. This way the Parks and Recreation Commission would be able to attend the Recreation Center Ad Hoc Committee meeting to observe. Commissioners were asked whether they would like to attend the next Recreation Center Ad Hoc Committee meeting in an official capacity, but as non-voting members. Discussion ensued.

Commissioners requested staff to ask whether the Recreation Center Ad Hoc Committee would be comfortable with their presence at the meeting in an official capacity.

Appointing a liaison for the Parks and Recreation Commission at the Recreation Center Ad Hoc Committee was discussed.

Councilmember Hawkins shared input regarding the City Council's disposition of the Recreation Center.

5) Department Updates

a) Department Updates March 2023

John Pauley gave an update on the City Pool, including the following:

- Pool circulation system study to help determine future needs to the City Pool
- Water fitness programs are growing and popular with the community
- Upcoming summer programs
- Partnerships with community groups utilizing the City Pool

Discussion ensued regarding the artwork installation.

Discussion ensued regarding when the pool bubble will come down for the 2023 season.

Chance Munns gave an update on Parks, including the following:

- Playground inspections and repairs.
 - Bench installations.
 - Bollards that have been fabricated to replace at the Canyon Rim Trail.
 - Baseline training for Parks staff to help improve efficiency.
 - Certified pool operator training - additional staff have been certified.
 - April is a month for volunteerism - community service opportunities available.
- Earth Day 2023 and Arbor Day 2023 were discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding the impact of the recent high speed winds to the Park facilities and trees.

Stacy McClintock gave an update on Recreation, including the following:

- Start of the Spring Soccer season
- Youth Wrestling in Filer
- Cal Ripkin/Babe Ruth will start soon.

6) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 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