



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 11:30 AM

City Hall, Overflow Room CH-116
203 Main Avenue E, Twin Falls, Idaho

Members: Kirk Melton, Chairperson; Jade Titus, Vice-Chairperson; Debbie VanEngelen, Corey King; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Heather Muth; Todd Shaw; Christiana Sipe-Pauley

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, Vice-Chairperson; Debbie VanEngelen (11:47 a.m.), Corey King; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Todd Shaw; Christiana Sipe-Pauley (online).

Members absent: Heather Muth

Council liaison (present): Craig Hawkins

Staff present: Mitch Humble, Deputy City Manager (11:45 a.m.); Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent; John Pauley, Aquatics Supervisor; Elois Joseph, Recording Secretary.

Guests present: Jane Slickers, public citizen.

2) General Public Input

Jane Slickers, a member of the public, provided input on the Canyon Rim Trail. Concerns regarding motorized e-bikes, scooters, dog walkers, and the various users of the trail was discussed.

Due to the time limit on public input, including this item at the next meeting was requested by the Commission.

3) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the meeting minutes from the October 10, 2023 meeting.
- b) Consider a request for a Bench Donation on the Canyon Rim Trail from Tim and Jill Carroll.

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Todd Shaw seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton, yes; Jade Titus, yes; Corey King, yes; Ashley Squires, yes; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Todd Shaw, yes; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes. Approved 7 to 0.

Mitch Humble joined the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Deb VanEngelen joined the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

4) Items of Consideration

- a) Discussion about accessibility within the parks.

This item was considered after item b)

Christiana Sipe-Pauley had requested this item to be discussed at this meeting, including accessibility in City parks currently and what project plans were in place to make City Parks more accessible.

Chance Munns shared a presentation, including the following:

- Harrison Park was shared. The remodel and implementation of the design was discussed. Restroom, sidewalk extensions, benches, decommissioning of the old playground, boulder wall. The new flatwork would allow for increased accessibility at this site.
- Frontier Park - access route from Pickleball courts to the other side of the park. Decomposed granite surface, promoting accessibility at this site.
- Discussion ensued regarding bridges along the Canyon Rim Trail, trail bridges were improved to help increase accessibility on the Canyon Rim Trail.
- Black barriers that were set in place to prevent playground fall material from spreading outside the set boundaries will be removed at sites where concrete has been placed in an effort to increase access to the playground
- Thomsen Park improvements in collaboration with the South Central Health District was discussed. Including a story walk at this site in collaboration with the TFPL was mentioned.
- Tree clearance issues are being addressed along biking paths.
- Canyon Rim Trail asphalt trail is being maintained to mitigate cracks and damage caused by the natural erosion of the area. This helps increase accessibility at this site.

Discussion ensued regarding the accessibility at the new playgrounds as part of the facility improvements and if that was being considered in the designs. Sound playground, tactile, and accessible parks, including at City Park as a potential site was discussed. Increasing the level of service to various audiences was discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding the process to select park features.

The cost difference between accessible and non-accessible amenities were discussed.

Potentially including a nature story walk or interaction panels with elements in current park improvement designs along sidewalks and pathways was discussed.

- b) Consider a request for a Bench Donation at Sunway Soccer Complex from Nathan Danielson.

This item was considered first, before item a)

Discussion ensued regarding the additional language in the plaque. Naming the caregivers was discussed. Concerns were raised regarding language in public spaces.

MOTION: Corey King Moved to approve the request as presented. Micheal Metcalf seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton, no; Jade Titus, yes; Corey King, yes; Ashley

Squires, no; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Todd Shaw, no; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, no. Failed 3 to 5.

Staff were asked to reach out to the donor, with consideration of the language in the second sentence of the inscription to be modified or removed to align with the donation policy. This item will be tabled for a future meeting contingent on the response from the donor.

5) Department Updates

a) Department Update 2023

Chance Munns gave an update on Parks including the following:

- All restrooms have been winterized
- equipment ready for snow
- leaf clean-up
- Crews are out doing work on Oregon Trail Youth Complex backstops and dugouts
- Roll up doors for the score shacks can be installed
- Frontier and Harmon next
- Snowflakes and stars on light posts in process
- Tree at the Downtown Commons en route will be completed by the end of this month
- City Park lights will be up by the end of the month.

Discussion ensued regarding the sledding hill.

John Pauley give an update on the City Pool including the following:

- Lap lanes and racing lines on the bottom of the pool
- capacity will be increased to 11 lanes
- New lifeguard entry alert system

Discussion ensued regarding the volume of the alarm while the pool bubble was up.

6) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:32 p.m.



Elois Joseph, Recording Secretary