



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, December 12, 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; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Heather Muth; Todd Shaw; Christiana Sipe-Pauley

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:37 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Kirk Melton, Chairperson; Jade Titus, Vice-Chairperson; Corey King; Ashley Squires; Micheal Metcalf; Heather Muth; Todd Shaw (online); Christiana Sipe-Pauley (online).

Members Absent: Debbie VanEngelen.

Council liaison (present): Craig Hawkins.

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, Parks and Recreation Director; Chance Munns, Parks Superintendent; Elois Joseph, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator.

Guests Present: Arnel Culum, citizen (online); Kelly Herrgesell, Chobani; Max Finberg, Chobani; Rebecca Dittrich, Chobani (online).

2) General Public Input

There was no general public input at this meeting.

3) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the meeting minutes from the November 14, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.
- b) Consider a request to donate a bench donation at Sunway Soccer Complex "In honor of Mikey Danielson (1962-2023)" from Nathan Danielson.

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; Ashley Squires, yes; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Heather Muth, yes; Todd Shaw, yes; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes. Approved 8 to 0.

4) Items of Consideration

- a) Review and comment on concept plan for Baxter's Park

Chance Munns presented the item, including the following:

- Site plan for Baxters was shared.
- Double gated entries, with widened hardscape around this area
- Fencing around the park
- Concrete loop, model hydrant with water bowl, pavilions for shade surrounded by hardscape, inclusion of pea gravel.
- Small dog and All dog area
- Animal activity hill
- Dog washing station
- Creating dog agility station from natural materials (stumps, etc.)

Discussion ensued regarding the washing station, including a washing station on the north side of the park was requested. This would be a total of 3 wash stations at this facility.

Pavilions would include a table and seating area. Not rentable for events but can be used for dog-owners to have shade.

Including additional leashing areas, so that there was opportunity for less interaction with dogs in the common leashing area.

Arnel Culum (attending online) left the meeting at approximately 12:00 p.m.

- b) Consider a request from Chobani to name an area of the trailhead at Poleline and Eastland in recognition of their donation.

Wendy Davis presented background information on this item. The Parks and Recreation Commission needs to consider: if the donation gives Chobani the opportunity to name a section of the space and if the proposed name for the space is appropriate.

Discussion ensued.

Kelly Herrgesell, a representative from Chobani read a letter to the commission outlining the donation and naming request.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Name of the park and name selection process
- What qualifies as a “significant” donation

Discussion ensued to consider two motions.

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to recognize that the donation by Chobani is significant enough to allow naming privileges for the portion of the park. Corey King seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Jade Titus abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest as he is employed by Chobani. Kirk Melton, yes; Corey King, yes; Heather Muth, yes; Jade Titus, abstained; Ashley Squires, yes; Micheal Metcalf: yes; Todd Shaw, yes; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes. Approved 7 to 0; 1 abstained.

Discussion ensued regarding the identified name as proposed by the letter. It was clarified that the

Park would be named separately, with a portion of the facility named by Chobani. The example of First Federal Park at Sunway Soccer Complex was given. The location of the sign was discussed.

Identifying the appropriateness of the proposed name was emphasized as the signage would be permanent per the naming policy.

The need to approach City Council with a proposed name was discussed. An agreement with the City and Chobani was discussed. The agreement in place would require escape clause if the commission is not ready to settle with the proposed name.

Discussion ensued regarding the second motion. It was decided that there was no need for a second motion on this item.

- c) Consider a request to remove six trees at 136, 142, 152, 162 6th Ave N.

Chance Munns presented the request.

Discussion ensued regarding the construction on site and potential damage that may occur to the existing trees. Having a “clean slate” allowing for the removal of all trees, and replacement with new trees for a site was discussed.

MOTION: Micheal Metcalf moved to approve the request as presented, and to allow the replacement to take place at the time of the new development. Corey King seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton, yes; Jade Titus, yes; Corey King, yes; Ashley Squires, yes; Micheal Metcalf, yes; Heather Muth, yes; Todd Shaw, yes; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes. Approved 8 to 0.

5) Department Updates

Due to lack of time, department updates were not discussed at this meeting.

6) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:59 p.m.



Elois Joseph
Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator