



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 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

Kirk Melton called the meeting to order at approximately 11:31 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Kirk Melton, Chairperson; Jade Titus, Vice-Chairperson (left at 12:33 p.m.); Debbie VanEngelen, Corey King; Ashley Squires; Todd Shaw; Christiana Sipe-Pauley (online).

Members Absent: Micheal Metcalf; Heather Muth.

Council liaison (present): Craig Hawkins.

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

2) General Public Input

There was no general public input at this meeting.

3) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve the December 12, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes.

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

4) Items of Consideration

- a) Select a name for the trailhead located at the corner of Poleline and Eastland

Discussion ensued regarding the Naming Policy as it relates to this item.

Wendy Davis presented the request, including the following:

- Chobani's presentation to name the sub-element at this park at a prior Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, because of their donation
- Dollars from the Chobani donation have been placed in the Community Foundation, addressing the concern with the end of year 2023 deadline
- Chobani's request to tie into the name of the facility, pending the Commission's recommendation for the name of the property
- Distinction between the Trailhead property and the activity section sub-element.
- Discussion ensued regarding the naming policy

Potentially, having a community survey to get feedback on the name of the park was discussed.

Discussion ensued. It was decided that the commission would select a name to be recommended to City Council.

Potential names were discussed. Commissioners provided a list of names, including the following: Canyon Rim Trailhead; Canyon Vista Trailhead, Canyon Junction, Pillar Falls Park and Trailhead Junction, Canyon Rim Rendezvous, Canyon Trail Junction.

Discussion ensued.

Names were listed and through an elimination process and votes was conducted to select a final name. The majority vote was for the Canyon Trail Junction

MOTION: Jade Titus moved to recommend to Council that this area be named the Canyon Trail Junction. Deb Van Engelen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Kirk Melton, yes; Jade Titus, yes; Debbie VanEngelen, yes; Corey King, no; Ashley Squires, yes; Todd Shaw, yes; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, yes. Approved 6 to 1.

Jade Titus left the meeting at approximately 12:33 p.m.

b) Discussion regarding citizen identified concerns on the Canyon Rim Trail

Wendy Davis presented the request. The following was discussed:

- The citizen's identified concerns and provided staff with a list. The list was shared with the commission for consideration.
- A brief history of the trail was given. Developments along the Canyon Rim Trail were required to develop and allow access to the trail per zoning ordinances.
- The Canyon Rim Trail map was shared – access points and wayfinding points were shown.

- Signage to go along the Canyon Rim Trail were mentioned. Images of the current sign and fabricated frame were shared. Details of the signs were discussed.
- Addressing concerns about motorized vehicles, specifically e-bikes, were mentioned. Affirming a speed limit of 15 mph regardless of bikes or e-bikes was discussed.
- Adding striping on the trail to address “traffic” issues on the trail was mentioned. Concerns regarding implementing this were discussed including the high maintenance cost.
- Adding a webpage for the Canyon Rim trail was mentioned as a resource for user groups.
- Discussion ensued regarding the impact of signage. Enforcement was briefly mentioned.

Corey King requested an item to discuss the Tree Removal process, specifically arborist report at the February meeting.

5) Department Updates

a) Department Update January 2024

Department updates were not discussed at this meeting due to lack of time.

6) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:08 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 last name.

Elois Joseph
Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator