



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 11:30 AM

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

Members: Micheal Metcalf, Chairperson; Christiana Sipe-Pauley, Vice- Chairperson; Debbie VanEngelen; Corey King; Steve Hayes; Olyvia Meyer; Todd Shaw; Paul Melni; Tom Bixler

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Metcalf called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM

A quorum was present.

Members Present: Metcalf, Sipe-Pauley, VanEngelen, King, Hayes, Meyer, Bixler

Staff Present: Davis, Munns, McClintock, Etzold, Shurtleff, Green, Humble

2) General Public Input

Megan Ogdon made recommendations on future splash pad projects at Vista Bonita Park. She noted that in Utah the splash pads are not the common cement with sprinkler type; they are river or waterfall-like, which would be more accessible and less likely to spray on park goers. Another idea would be to have a cement ring around the splash pad which can be turned into an ice-skating rink in winter.

3) Consent Calendar

Commissioner Meyer arrived to the meeting at 11:24 am.

- a) Request to approve minutes for the following meeting: May 13, 2025.
- b) Consider a request to remove one Maple and one Hawthorne at 927 Elm St.

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sipe-Pauley seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 5 to 0.

4) Items of Consideration

- a) Consider a request from the Twin Falls Lion's Club to donate a bench to be placed near Evel Knievel jumpsite on the Canyon Rim Trail.
Commissioner VanEngelen arrived at 11:36am.

Director Davis reviewed the request with the Commission. This request includes a logo added with the inscription on the plaque for the bench.

Commissioner Hayes noted he does not believe putting a logo on the bench to be an issue.

Commissioner King noted the policy does not address logos on benches.

Director Davis noted a decision here may set a precedent for future requests. The plaque is measured at 5X6.

Commissioner Metcalf noted the policy does not cover logos/pictures, and it is up to this Commission to approve/disapprove the logo/picture requests.

Director Davis read the policy for the Commission as reference: it does not have any verbiage regarding logos/pictures.

Commissioner Sipe-Pauley noted there are denied requests in the past for special wordings. Commissioner Meyer asked for clarification of past denials and asked what were Council's concerns for those denials.

MOTION: Commissioner Sipe-Pauley moved to approve to the request without the logo. Commissioner King seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Declined 2 to 5.

MOTION: Commissioner Meyer moved to approve the donation of a bench near the Evel Knievel Jump site as presented. Commissioner Hayes seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Passed 7 to 0.

- b) Consider a request from Marsha White for a future donation of a park bench to be placed at Northern Ridge Park.
Commissioner Bixler entered the meeting at 11:56am.

Director Davis reviewed the request with the Commission and noted the placement location is to be determined.

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to approve the request from Marsha White for a future bench donation to be placed in Northern Ridge Park. Commissioner Sipe-Pauley seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 8 to 0.

- c) Consider a request from Beverly and Randall Cullison to donate a bench to be placed near Sportsman's Warehouse on the Canyon Rim Trail.
Commissioner Metcalf asked if the request qualifies to fit all the names within the plaque. Commissioner Meyer asked if there is a limit on the amount of lettering allotted for a plaque and if the font needs to change to fit it all on the plaque. Director Davis noted the Commission is to approve the wording of the inscription and not the length of inscription. Commissioner Metcalf and Commissioner Melni agreed while it is lengthy, the wording does not appear to be inappropriate.
Open Space Supervisor Etzold noted that 13 names would fit on the plaque.
Commissioner King noted a decision to allow a lengthy phrase on the bench may set practice for future requests, and it may not help in making future decisions easier.

Director Davis noted the wording needs to change to "In memory of...donated by" instead of "Loving"

MOTION: Commissioner Meyer moved to approve a request from Beverly and Randall Cullison to donate a bench to be placed near Sportsman's Warehouse on the Canyon Rim Trail as presented. Commissioner Bixler seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 6 to 2.

5) Adjournment

- a) Adjourn to tour Twin Falls Golf Club
The meeting adjourned at 12:16 PM

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