



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, December 9, 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

Commissioner Metcalf called the meeting to order at 11:38 AM

A quorum was present.

Members Present: Micheal Metcalf, Debbie Van Engelen, Steve Hayes, Paul Melni, Corey King, Todd Shaw, Olyvia Meyer

Members Absent: Christiana Sipe-Pauley, Tom Bixler

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, Mitch Humble, Chance Munns, Kate Sullivan, Mable Shurtleff

2) General Public Input

No public was present.

3) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Melni seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 7 to 0.

a) Approve minutes from the following meeting: October 14, 2025.

4) Items of Consideration

a) Recreation Center Update

Recreation and Event Center

- Discussion on potential co-location of the Recreation Center and Event Center.
- Feasibility study ongoing; recommendations expected by mid-January.
- Discuss potential shared facilities and shared costs for common areas.
- Committee to await feasibility study results before finalizing project plans.
- Continue community engagement to clarify the purpose and benefits of different facilities.

City Council Meeting

- Previous wavering support was re-evaluated, resulting in a majority favoring project continuation.
- Council to revisit it with further recommendations.

b) Discuss Parks and Recreation budget priorities

Five-Year Plan Overview

- Introduction of capital improvement planning processes.

- Emphasis on the integration of long-term goals into departmental activities.
- Discussion on funding mechanisms, including general and enterprise funds.

Project Prioritization

- Review of parks and recreation projects, including Baxter's Dog Park and playground improvements.
- Discussion on deferred maintenance and prioritization of upcoming projects.

Community Engagement and Funding

- Emphasis on aligning public communications with project goals.
- Exploration of funding opportunities including donations, tax incentives, and public-private partnerships.

- c) Continue Discussion of Parks In Lieu Projects
Commissioner Hayes noted the different projects that appears to have multiple parts and may have different funding sources; from Parks in Lieu funding and capital improvement.
- d) Continue Discussion of Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Update on project developments scheduled for the next meeting.
 - Commission expressed interest in visiting different parks as part of process. Staff to compile updated list.

5) Department Updates

- a) November and December Department Updates.
The Commission looked over the reports. No questions were asked.

6) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 01:07 PM

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