Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 11:30 AM

City Council Chambers
305 Third Avenue East - Twin Falls, Idaho

Members: Chairman, Cindy Collins; Vice-Chairman, Marc Lambert, Richard Birrell; Aaron Camacho; Z J Martinez; Sherry Murray; Gabe Ostyn; Brian Rice; Tom Reynolds

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Cindy Collins called the meeting to order at 11:45: AM
A quorum was present.

2) Consent Calendar

a) Approve minutes of April 11, 2017.
MOTION: Brian Rice moved to accept minutes with the following correction, to correct the time of the meeting 11:30 am. Richard Birrell seconded the motion.

3) Items of Consideration

a) Review of Recreation Center Ad Hoc Committee

The AD Hoc Committee as explained by Wendy Davis is to outline the community need for a recreation center, establish objectives for the committee, identifies committee membership, defines the role and sets the duration. Wendy explained the role of the committee as followed: Prepare an RFQ for architectural services to design a recreation center and conduct a feasibility study, 2. review and develop design concepts for a community recreation center, 3. review and identify amenity priorities for inclusion in a community recreation center, 4. review and recommend funding options, 5. take public comment, 6. review alternatives, 7. deliberate, 8. make presentations to community and interest groups, and 9. make recommendations to the City Council. Wendy indicated that the committee membership would consist of twelve voting members to be approved by the Mayor and CIty Council. She also presented a list to the Commission of the entities to be represented. Wendy asked for input from the Commission in regards to who might be appropriate representatives to be on this committee. Wendy also indicated that there would be a Council Liaison and a Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison. Discussion followed. Wendy then directed the Commissioners to think about the project and to email or call her with their suggestions and names of people that might be interested in sitting on this committee. Wendy would like to take this to the Council the end of May and get started in June.

b) Overview of Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan was presented to the City Council and is not finalized yet as there were changes the Council wanted to see made. Wendy brought the new Commissioners up to date with a brief overview of the Master Plan. The level of service was put up for debate at City Council. The level of service is the guiding factor in determining park needs to maintain a certain level of acreage of parks per the population. Our level of service is

3.42 acres per 1,000 population when considering neighborhood and community parks. The national average is more like 4-6 acres. Regional parks were left out and this concerned the Council. The regional parks are the Canyon Rim Trails, Auger Falls and Shoshone Falls/Dierkes. These parks were left out because the focus was more on the community and neighborhood park needs. When large corporations are looking to relocate to a community they will be looking at a Parks Master Plan and Council felt that by leaving out these parks would be a huge disservice to our community. The revision addresses these parks in a little more direct way so that they will be addressed. If we continue to add these in we stay below the national average which is okay, if we add them in we are looking at 26.33 acres per 1,000. That figure influences the new sub-divisions and the number of parks needed. Once this is incorporated into the Master Plan we will have a final Master Plan. Wendy further discussed what the Master Plan is and how it is utilized in the Parks and Recreation departments and all those involved in the community and to familiarize the Commission on how to use it. Wendy also talked about the community survey and how it can be a useful too as well as the analysis. Wendy would like to see the Commission work on the inventory list that was done prior to the survey. She would like each Commissioner take a park or two and visit the park and come back to the Commission with feedback. A general consensus was to have Wendy assign each Commissioner a park or two for them to visit and report back on the next commission meeting.

4) Department Updates

a) Recreation Coordinator/Supervisor Update

Wendy indicated that she would like to have the updates reviewed by each Commissioner and if there are any questions they would be addressed during the meeting. No questions were raised at this time.

b) Pool Updates
No questions at this time.

c) Directors and Parks Update

Wendy gave an update on Arbor Day. Four trees got planted. Cactus Petes showed up and donated $500 for trees. There were two members of the Youth Council present and one of them read the Proclamation. The Boys and Girls Club also showed up.

Nikki Boyd indicated that the bid to continue the Canyon Rim Trail was awarded to Kloepher with an expected date of completion to be September 15, 2017.

Tom Reynolds said that he has been asked about dogs on leash signs at Auger Park. City Code applies to all the parks and there will be signs installed at that park. Wendy would like to review the Code on dogs on leash in City Parks.

5) Adjournment

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The meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm. Next meeting will be June 13, 2017 at the Council Chambers at 11:30 am at 305 3rd Ave E.