



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 11:30 AM

Members: Chairman, Vacant; Vice-Chairman, Marc Lambert; Richard Birrell; Z J Martinez; Sherry Murray; Gabe Ostyn; Brian Rice; Chance Munns.

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Wendy Davis called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM

A quorum was not present.

Commission members present: Gabe Ostyn, Richard Birrell, Chance Munns and Brian Rice.

Commission members absent: Sherry Murray, ZJ Martinez and Marc Lambert.

Council Liaison present: Nikki Boyd

Staff present: Wendy Davis, John Pauley and Nikki Miller.

2) Consent Calendar

- a) Approve Minutes of the March 12, 2019 Commission Meeting

A quorum was not present so the approval of the minutes will be tabled until next meeting.

3) Items of Consideration

- a) Discuss Council Assignment to Seek Community Input Regarding Smoking in Parks and on Trails

On Monday, April 1, 2019, Twin Falls City Council tasked the Parks and Recreation Commission to seek community input regarding banning smoking in city parks and on city trails. This discussion will focus on how to gain input needed to make a recommendation to council.

Nikki Boyd talked about the Smoke Free article that was in the paper, the input from the large amount of people at the Council meeting and the potential ordinance brought to City Council on Monday night, April 1st.

Wendy explained that the Commission has been tasked to obtain public input in regards to creating smoke free areas in public areas such as parks and trails. Nikki mentioned that the Commission would be doing the legwork to gather the information. Wendy also explained that the current attempt to ban smoking within 50 feet of playgrounds and bleachers is simply voluntary compliance. There are signs in areas that request no smoking. Currently there is no ordinance in place that bans smoking.

Discussion ensued.

The Commissioners present did not see the need to get public input on the issue.

Wendy suggested that staff do some research on ordinances from other communities and find out what the perimeters are and pull staff reports from the past. Nikki Boyd will go back to Council and get some clarity on what the expectation Council has for the Commission.

Nikki asked the Commissioners present if the Commission would just like to do a recommendation based on the past research done. More discussion ensued.

The discussion will be continued at the next meeting with specific direction from Council.

4) Department Updates

Tabled for the next meeting.

- a) Updates

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM