Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 11:30 AM

City Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

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

1) **Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order**
ZJ Martinez called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM
A quorum was present.

Commission present: ZJ Martinez, Richard Birrell, Sherry Murray, Kirk Melton, Marc Lambert and Gabe Ostyn (arrived later)
Staff present: Wendy Davis, Stacy McClintock, John Pauley, Nikki Miller
Council present: Nikki Boyd

ZJ Martinez announced the results of the Council Meeting assignments as follows: Suzanne Hawkins as the new Mayor, Ruth Pierce as Vice-Mayor and Greg Lanting as the new Parks and Recreation liaison. ZJ Martinez commended and thanked Nikki Boyd for her work on the Commission and gave her the floor to comment on her position. Nikki indicated that it was her pleasure to serve on the Commission and that she enjoyed the opportunity.

2) **Consent Calendar**
MOTION: Richard Birrell moved to approve the consent calendar. Marc Lambert seconded the motion. Sherry Murray wanted to abstain from voting indicating that she did not have enough information and was not able to hear from Chance Munns on the condition of the tree. At this time Wendy provided the Commission with an explanation on reasons why one would abstain from voting. Discussion followed. Motion passed 5 to 0.

a) Consider request to remove a tree located at 188 Jackson St.

b) Approve meeting minutes of 12/10/19

3) **Items of Consideration**

a) Reconsider a request to approve a plaque inscription from Jamie Tigue with MaVTEC in memory of Cindy Juker.
MOTION: Wendy reminded the Commission that this request as well as the next request had been presented to the Commission earlier in December and upon their approval the requests were sent to City Council. The requests were placed on the Council consent calendar. It was brought to Wendy's attention that 1) the requests were incomplete and 2) the intent of the policy was meant to be very restrictive in what additional verbiage. The two items were taken off of the agenda for Council. Wendy pursued answers and clarity to those who wrote the policy and went back to the individuals to complete the forms properly. Discussion followed. Kirk Melton moved to approve the request for the plaque inscription. Gabe Ostyn seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Motion failed 4 to 2.

ZJ Martinez asked Wendy if the policy could be changed by Council. Discussion followed. Wendy will research the possibility of changing policy.

b) Reconsider a request to approve a plaque inscription from Wendy Parrott-Carroll and Family for Dan Carroll.
MOTION: Kirk Melton moved to approve the plaque inscription. Richard Birrell seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Motion failed 4 to 2.

Wendy shared with the Commission that the discussion to go to Council to change the plaque request cannot be done as it is not on the agenda. It can be placed on the next meetings agenda as an action item, a special meeting can be scheduled or an individual can approach Council as a citizen.

ZJ Martinez asked Wendy to put the discussion as an action item on the February agenda.

c) Continue discussion of Facility Enhancement Plan Needs for : Evel Knievel Jumpsite, Frontier Park, Sunrise Park

Z J Martinez opened the floor to the Commissioners for their input on the purpose for the Evel Knievel jumpsite. Wendy shared that the intent of the acquisition for that property was to protect and preserve. Sherry Murray thought it might work as part of a workout site with stairs on one side, rings/ropes for pulling up and to be designed with Knievel's colors. ZJ Martinez talked with a few individual and thought the site should be preserved with signage and perhaps a pamphlet on the website. Sherry Murray also recommended that there be some way to see the actual jump. Richard Birrell indicated that the Southern Idaho Tourism or Twin Falls is missing an opportunity. He believes that people would like to see the site and perhaps some pictures of the site and the jump. He would like to memorialize the site. Kirk Melton believes the site should be preserved. He likes the idea of drawing tourism to the site and make it attractive. Sherry asked how bad the erosion is. Wendy indicated that the erosion is actually from people walking on the mound. Wendy shared some information she found from 2013 and the cost at that time to make enhancements was 1.8 million. Gabe Ostyn said his first priority is aesthetics sustainability and the dirt mound need erosion control He liked Sherry's idea of being able to use the natural structure for hits training or supplement the running workout. He fills the main focus should informational and a trail head. Gabe is against making it a large tourist item and to leave it a more natural site. One issue would be the traffic. By a travel aspect there is a certain beauty, anticipation and excitement in hard to find treasures. Maybe a restroom, picnic tables or something like Auger Falls. He is totally against dumping a ton of money into it. Mark Lambert agreed with Gabe and that the road needs to be repaired.

ZJ Martinez moved on to Frontier Park and suggested that it should be taking the step to meeting the qualifications on the Master Plan. Kirk suggested lights on the pickleball courts. An additional picnic shelter and possibly more playground toys. Gabe asked about the space next to the pickleball courts and that it needs to be developed. Stacy and Wendy provided some history on these pickleball courts and indicated that it is designated fort 6 more courts. Gabe indicated additional playground equipment would be useful. ZJ Martinez tabled the discussion at this time and will be picked up at the next meeting.

4) Department Updates

a) Department Update

No comments on the updates.

Wendy reminded the Commission of the upcoming Community open meeting for the three parks being held on Thursday, January, 23rd at 6 pm in the Council overflow room.

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM