



Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 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 11:35

Present: Cindy Collins, Marc Lambert, Richard Birrell, Aaron Camacho, Gabe Ostyn, Brian Rice, Tom Reynolds, Z J Martinez

Absent: Sherry Murray

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, Stacy McClintock, Kevin Skelton, Nikki Miller

Council Representative: Nikki Boyd

2) Consent Calendar

a) Parks and Recreation minutes 20170613

MOTION: ZJ Martinez moved to approve minutes as written. Richard Birrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. 8 to 0.

3) Items of Consideration

a) Commissioner's Park Visit Reports

Discussion ensued on the following: Each Commissioner was given parks to visit to see if the needs had been done or needed to be done according to the Master Plan.

ZJ Martinez shared his photos and comments on Sunrise Park. On the playground there is a crack in the plastic rock feature that needs repaired. The pavilion looks old but not bad. It appears to be well maintained. The Master Plan indicates a new restroom facility and that addition would be great. The benches are wood and are in still good condition but could use some work. The basketball court needs some attention on the asphalt and on the basket. Northern Ridge is a hidden gem that is in great shape. A citizen commented that there needs to be more shade. The trees are relatively new so once they have some growth that won't be an issue. The restroom is in great shape and very clean as well as the Pavilion.

Gabe Ostyn visited Ascension park and Sunway Soccer Complex/First Federal Park.

Ascension park is mostly used for soccer. Gabe indicated that he was not aware that Ascension was the City's jurisdiction and asked Wendy for clarification. Wendy indicated that the City has a lease with Ascension Church to use the park and the City made the improvements (restroom). There is a Master Plan to add a walking path and some amenities at that facility. Gabe indicated that there is a lot of use at those fields and asked if there is a fee being charged to use the fields. Stacy indicated that there are no fees to use those fields.

The Rapids helped with the acquisition and sprinklers at the Sunway Soccer Complex so we have not charged them usage fees. In the fall Stacy will be taking a usage fee list to City Council for future usage. Gabe reported that the Park has a beautiful little playground and everything is fairly new and gets heavy use. Restroom is very well maintained. Gabe indicated a basketball court would be a great addition and perhaps a backstop. A sign is not out there and that would be a great addition. A trail around the perimeter may get some use. Shade is an issue and a pavilion would be used a lot if there were one out there. The Sunway Soccer Complex is basically used for soccer however Gabe does not feel that it needs to be 100% soccer. The north eastern quadrant is where more amenities such as a shelter could be placed along with a playground. He also indicated that the City could be a little progressive and include an adult fitness area along with some boulders for boulder play.

Gabe said that he has seen boulders placed in parks and that they get a lot of use.

Basketball courts might be a good addition. Natural shade is also needed. ZJ shared that Lacrosse is an up and coming sport and perhaps the complex could be adapted to that sport as well. Cindy said her workout group worked out there early in the morning and said that the turf on the playground was much easier on the body. School bus drivers are also utilizing the parking lot for training. This park is state of the art and is hugely utilized.

Richard Birrell visited Drury park. and Fairway Park. Drury Park, in the master plan is in need of a pavilion. Rich indicated that he agreed that it was in need of a pavilion and that there is a lot of equipment there. There are no benches around the horseshoe pits therefore no place for spectators. The playground is in great shape. Wendy indicated that the placement of the sewer line has restricted the building of a pavilion however shade of the picnic area could be accomplished. ZJ indicated that he goes by the park frequently and said it gets used a lot. Fairway park is a little hard to find. This is absolutely a neighborhood park/pocket

4) Department Updates

No questions asked.

- a) Recreation Supervisor Update
- b) Recreation Coordinators Report
- c) Parks Update
- d) Directors Update

5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm. Next meeting is August 8, 2017 at 11:30 am at the City Council Chambers, 305 3rd Ave E.