



**Parks & Recreation Commission
MINUTES**
Thursday, January 27, 2022, 6:00 pm
Virtual ZOOM Meeting

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Commission Chair Ken Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Drea Myers completed a roll call.
- b. Commission Vice Chair Linda Stroben led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Parks and Recreation Commissioners, City Council Liaison, and Staff Present:

Commission Chair Ken Haun	Ian Dezember, Parks & Facilities Manager
Commission Vice Chair Linda Stroben	Brandon Lange, Recreation Manager
Commissioner Jack Anderson	Drea Myers, Recorder
Commissioner Robb Heston	
Commissioner Dean Aeling	
Emily Estes-Cross, Parks & Recreation Director	

Parks and Recreation Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Ty Fischer (excused)
Loren Anderson, Council Liaison
Brad Beauchamp, Council Liaison Alternate

2. HONORS & RECOGNITION – None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Heston moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stroben, the motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Heston made a motion to approve the Oct 28, 2021 regular meeting minutes. With a second from Commissioner Aeling, the motion carried unanimously.

5. VISITORS – Eric Davis attended via Zoom to observe only.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Commission 2022 Work Plan-** Commission Chair Hahn reviewed the work plan and discussed priorities. Commission Vice Chair Stroben asked if Layton Park were to be sold, would the money stay in Parks? Director Estes-Cross deferred the discussion to take place at the April meeting. Commissioner Heston made a motion to approve the 2022 Work Plan draft. With a second from Commissioner Anderson, the motion carried unanimously.
- b. **P & R Commission 2022 Draft Meeting Schedule –** Lawrence Scott Park Pickleball Complex expansion public input will be added to the February 24, 2022 meeting agenda.

- c. Motorized Person Transport Regulation-** The Commission first discussed the use of motorized personal transport devices, also known as “micromobility,” in 2019 when our region was first approached about interest in an electric scooter and bike ride share program. Since Kennewick’s municipal code does not currently allow for legal operation of motorized personal transport devices, including privately-owned motorized scooters and electric bikes, it was determined staff should review current municipal codes. A cross functional team comprised of staff representatives from police, fire, our Public Works traffic division, the Parks and Planning Departments and the City Attorney’s office is working on a recommendation for Council, and is seeking Parks Commission input for use of devices in parks. The proposed speed limits for motorized personal transport devices being considered by the City of Richland were reviewed. Although one of our primary considerations is establishing connectivity and consistency with our neighboring cities, the standards and regulations should make sense for Kennewick. Commissioners Heston and Anderson will review and report back to the Commission in February or March for a recommendation.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.** Lawrence Scott Park Pickleball Update- Commission Stroben asked if Club 509 will be maintaining all courts (not just the ones they are using). An answer will be provided to the Commission at the February meeting.
- b.** Kenwood Park Citizen Lending Library request- Upon considering a 2021 citizen request to host a lending library at the Kenwood Park shelter, staff advised the purpose isn’t in alignment with the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan or the City’s mission, public libraries are already funded, and there are vandalism, litter, and fire risk concerns associated with the amenity. Commissioner Heston motioned to not allow privately-operated libraries in City Parks. With a second from Commissioner Vice Chair Stroben, the motion carried unanimously.

8. POLL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF

- Commission Chair Hahn – Inquired about a broken toy located in the southwest corner of the Southridge play structure. Parks Manager Dezember advised awaiting parts.
- Commissioner Aeling – Agreed with Commissioner Stroben.
- Commissioner Heston – Congratulated and thanked Director Estes-Cross and advised he would like to do a site visit to Layton Park.
- Commission Vice Chair Stroben - Thanked Director Estes-Cross, she has been great to work with, and congratulated her on her new role with the City of Kennewick.
- Commissioner Anderson – Questioned if playground tile at Southridge had been burned or cut, as it appeared damaged. Mr. Dezember advised it is scheduled to be repaired in 2022.
- Mr. Dezember – A wood pole holding up a section of the golf course driving range netting snapped in half during the January 7 wind storm. The road was closed for twenty-four hours until weather permitted for removal of the pole. US Army Corps of Engineers will provide the application review cost, estimated to take 30 to review. The vendor will repair damaged netting and secure to new pole once USACE approves, contingent on his availability.
- Ms. Estes-Cross – Discussed an email received from a Ridegline Estates resident,

- concerned about the lack of park land and equitable access to greenspace.
- Mr. Lange – Acknowledged Recreation Coordinator Greg Sambrano for his hard work during this basketball season. He has gone above and beyond to ensure the program moves forward for the kids despite pandemic obstacles.
 - Mr. Wieber –Gave an update on the two-sided reader board sign to be installed at the Columbia Park main entrance from Highway 240 and an updated on the Columbia Park restroom repair (destroyed by fire late last year).

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Drea Myers, Recorder