



Parks & Recreation Commission
NOTES
Thursday, February 24, 2022, 6:00 pm
Virtual ZOOM Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83130741374>



MEETING QUORUM WAS NOT MET, NO ACTIONS WERE TAKEN. Public input was recorded for communication at the next commission meeting, and the following notes are provided for reference only.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Commission Chair Ken Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Drew Tomasino completed a roll call.
- b. Commissioner Dean Aeling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commission Chair Ken Hahn	Ian Dezember, Parks & Facilities Manager
Commission Vice Chair Linda Stroben	Donald Wieber, Parks Project Coordinator
Commissioner Dean Aeling	Drew Tomasino, Recorder
Emily Estes-Cross, Parks & Recreation Director	

Parks and Recreation Commissioners Absent:

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

2. HONORS & RECOGNITION – None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commission meeting did not meet minimum number for quorum. No action taken.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission meeting did not meet minimum number for quorum. No action taken.

5. VISITORS – Jennifer Dorsett (Dorsett Consulting); Peter Turping, Richland; Paul Jones, Kennewick; Peter Voordepoorte, Pasco; Ryan Nell, Kennewick; Ken Curry

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Lawrence Scott Pickleball Court-** Parks and Recreation Director Emily Estes-Cross shared feedback from community outreach regarding the proposed pickleball court expansion project at Lawrence Scott Park. City staff sent out a mailer to neighbors of the park soliciting feedback. City received 29 email responses: 27 in favor of the project, one in favor but would like to keep the tennis courts, and one not in favor of the project. Donald Wieber shared that the courts at Kamiakin High School are $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the Lawrence Scott Park courts. Five visitors attending the Zoom meeting spoke in favor of the project. No visitors spoke opposing the project.

- b. Columbia Park Ropes Course-** Jennifer Dorsett with Dorsett Consulting, presented to the Commission a proposal to revitalize and operate the ropes course in Columbia Park. Currently has funding to clean up and recertify the course. Commission Chair Hahn suggested that City Staff continue to work through the process with Jennifer Dorsett on contracting her group to operate the course. If Commission action is required, the topic will be revisited at the March Commission meeting, as quorum was not met.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Park Hills Park-** Ms. Estes-Cross reported the neighbor who volunteered to lead the effort to maintain the private park has informed the City she is unable to participate due to personal reasons, and she is unaware of a new neighborhood organizer. Staff emailed the 9 neighbors who provided email addresses at the May 1, 2021 park meeting to see if anyone else wants to take her place. Awaiting responses.
- b. Motorized Personal Transport-** Commissioners Heston and Anderson were not in attendance to give update. Will carry forward.

8. POLL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF

- Commissioner Aeling – Reported on a Department of Natural Resources, Urban Forestry grant opportunity. Recommends applying for full amount of \$40,000 to plant trees in parks. Grant application is due March 4, 2022. Parks and Facilities Manager Ian Dezember suggested Yelm Park be considered if grant is awarded.
- Commission Vice Chair Stroben – No comments.
- Mr. Dezember – KPD renaming ceremony went well.
- Ms. Estes-Cross- Received an inquiry with interest from Hansen Park HOA to build a “Grange” style building for that park. Directed group to the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan and invited to attend a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting with proposal. Summarized a constructive letter from a citizen concerned about litter in Columbia Park. 77 teams participated in Kennewick’s youth basketball league, wrapping up this weekend. Vintage at the Ridge is scheduled for March 11-12. To date, 77 special event and 18 softball/baseball tournament applications for 2022 have been received, on track to far exceed typical numbers. Columbia Park Highway 240 main entrance sign construction is delayed due to supply chain issues.
- Mr. Wieber – No Comments

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Drew Tomasino, Recorder