



**Parks & Recreation Commission  
MINUTES**  
Thursday, January 28, 2021, 6:00 pm  
Virtual ZOOM Meeting



**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Commissioner Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Recorder Tomasino completed a roll call.
- b. Parks & Facilities Manager Ian Dezember led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commission Chair Ken Hahn	Jim Millbauer, City Council Liaison
Commission Vice Chair Linda Stroben	Emily Estes-Cross, Parks & Recreation Director
Commissioner Dean Aeling	Greg Duffy, Parks & Facilities Deputy Director
Commissioner Jack Anderson	Ian Dezember, Parks & Facilities Manager
Commissioner Ty Fischer	Drew Tomasino, Recorder
Commissioner Robb Heston	

**2. HONORS & RECOGNITION** – Isa Quintanilla was honored for her service to the City of Kennewick and to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Isa was congratulated on her retirement.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Aeling made a motion to approve the August 27, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes and December 3, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes. With a second from Commissioner Heston, the motion carried unanimously.

**5. VISITORS** –This meeting, held online thru Zoom, had no visitors in attendance.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Park closing time exception (KAC 9.44-202)  
Ms. Estes-Cross shared the current parks rules and hours, and citizen input on social media that although recreating in parks is one of the few allowed activities during the pandemic, those who work during the day are unable to do so before closing time. Based on input from the Kennewick Police Department that shows there are hardly any issues reported at most parks between sunset and 9p, staff recommends extending the closing time to 9p at five parks: Eastgate, Southridge, Highlands Grange, Lawrence Scott, and Hansen. These parks have appropriate parking lot lighting and walking paths. It was asked if Columbia Park is a consideration for extended hours. Given the risks after dark associated with the river and road, staff does not recommend Columbia Park at this time but will continue to monitor it for future consideration.

Commission Heston moved to extend park hours to 9p at the five recommended parks. Commissioner Fischer seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

b. 2021 Schedule

Commission Chair Hahn provided an overview of the draft 2021 Commission meeting and event schedule.

c. 2021 Work Plan

- Ms. Estes-Cross provided an overview of the 2021 Commission Work Plan.
- Commissioner Aeling volunteered to help with the Canal Dr. tree and Columbia Park Golf Tri-Plex action items.

d. P & R Commissioners expiring terms and notice of online application were provided. Aeling and Fischer terms expire March 31, 2021. Open position vacated by VanSlycke (term expires March 31, 2024) will be filled at this time.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8. POLL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF**

- Commissioner Fischer asked about plans to improve the basketball court at Kenwood Park. Staff reported there are no plans or funds allocated in this biennium to install backboard/hoop or remove or replaced the court. Commissioner Fischer asked about the street light box art. Has a student that wants to participate. Student directed to contact Arts Commission liaison, Rohana Carmichael.
- Commissioner Aeling recommends business cards for Commissioners to give out to public for more public involvement. Commissioner Aeling commented on vehicles driving across the grass at Hansen Park.
- Commission Chair Hahn asked to add Park Mitigation Fees for next months agenda.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Drew Tomasino, Recorder