



**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**MINUTES**  
Thursday, February 27, 2020, 6:00 pm  
Kennewick City Hall Council Chambers



**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Commission Chairman Ken Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- b. Brandon Lange, Recreation, Facility and Marketing Supervisor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Jack Anderson	Jim Millbauer, City Council Liaison
Commissioner Ken Hahn	Emily Estes-Cross, Parks and Recreation Director
Commissioner Linda Stroben	Greg Duffy, Parks and Facilities Deputy Director
Commissioner Ty Fischer	Brandon Lange, Recreation, Facility and Marketing Supervisor
Commissioner Dean Aeling	Isa Quintanilla, Recorder

Excused: Robert Van Slycke  
Unexcused: Commissioner Robb Heston

**2. HONORS & RECOGNITION – None**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Stroben made a motion to approve the January 23, 2020 Minutes. Mr. Millbauer, City Council Liaison, asked that the minutes reflect that new signage is coming (when discussing Underwood and Vancouver Park), under Item #8 - Poll of Commissioners and Staff. With that change, and a second from Commissioner Aeling, the motion carried unanimously.

**5. VISITORS – None**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Park & Recreation Marketing Plan 2019-2020  
Brandon Lange, Recreation, Facility and Marketing Supervisor, reviewed the Marketing Plan, based on the mission of “building a better community by providing an exceptional place to live, work, and play.” He outlined the Parks, Facilities and Recreation purpose and goals, including budget information. He discussed financial assistance program, allowing participants to register for programs at a discounted rate as well as some zero co-pay programs. The City is always changing and adapting to community needs, resulting in a successful past few years and igniting excitement for the future. Mr. Lange accentuated the City of Kennewick slogan, Leading the Way.

Isa Quintanilla, Recorder, will forward a copy of the Marketing Plan to all Commissioners.

b. Concessionaire Recommendation –Ken Serier Memorial Pool

The City did not receive any bids after advertising a Request for Concessions at the Ken Serier Memorial Pool. An option to place vending machines in a secured area near the pool is being considered. The concession building would remain closed.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

Per Ms. Estes-Cross, there is a Senate Bill expected to pass that allows voters to establish self-taxing Metropolitan Park Districts. Commissioner Hahn reported the City Manager had not received interest from City Council on moving forward with an MPD proposal at this time, as it's unlikely voters will support a new tax. Staff will update the Work Plan and remove this item.

8. **Poll of Commissioners and Staff**

Commissioner Fischer asked why Kenwood Park no longer has basketball hoops. Mr. Duffy stated that approximately 15 years ago the hoops had been removed due to neighborhood complaints, vandalism, and noise issues.

The Audubon area in Columbia Park, just off Edison Street, needs cleaning up. Ms. Estes-Cross confirmed that staff is aware of this area which has growing issues, used for dumping garbage and seemingly unsavory activities. Kennewick Police Department has increased patrol in that area.

Commissioner Anderson asked what if there are plans for the 10-acres along Hwy 395 adjacent to the Southridge Complex. Commissioner Hahn commented that it is a great place to spend money for regional sports. Ms. Estes-Cross responded that currently there are no plans for the 10-acre area, nor has any funding been allocated for development.

Ms. Estes-Cross informed the Commissioners that the Sport Facility Feasibility Study is complete for the Vista Field Entertainment District. Consultants recommended a multi-use building, located behind the Toyota Center, to support sports tournament tourism, similar to the Southridge Complex. No funding has been allocated for development.

Commissioner Stroben stated that the dead trees on Kellogg Street have been removed and the area looks great.

Mr. Millbauer commented that he is learning a lot about city parks and activities, and thanked everyone.

Ms. Estes-Cross reviewed upcoming events. Staff is working with/on:

- Ye Merry Greenwood Renaissance Faire - discussing fencing to secure animals
- River of Fire – seeking funding for fireworks. The Three River Carousel Foundation may administer the event as a fundraiser.
- Tumbleweeds – Parks crew looking for solutions, discussing incinerators.
- Columbia River Landing security system has been installed.

- To fulfill sponsorship obligations, a Toyota of Tri-Cities sign has been installed on the Playground of Dreams original main entrance. A second sign will near the parking lot will be installed upon approval of the US Army Corps of Engineers..
- The City is awaiting a response from US Army Corp of Engineers to address the eroding shoreline.
- Playground of Dreams – when vandalized, addressed right away. Staff is looking for funding to install a security system. Commissioner Stroben suggested putting up barriers.
- In Columbia Park, many trees have been pruned or removed.
- Underwood Park trees were assessed. The estimate to remove and prune exceeds the budget. Staff is looking at reallocating monies.
- Kennewick is hosting an Arbor Day event with a tentative date of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, to be held at Underwood Park. Once the details are complete, staff will send out an invitation.

Mark Killinger, City of West Richland Parks and Recreation Board Member, contacted Ms. Quintanilla, Recorder. Mr. Killinger was interested in obtaining information and forms as to how Kennewick Parks and Recreation Commission conducts Park Audits. He learned of Kennewick Park Audits during the 2019 Joint Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, hosted by Kennewick. He was collecting information to take back to his Board.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Isa Quintanilla, Recorder