



**Parks & Recreation Commission
MINUTES**
Thursday, April 25, 2019, 6:00 pm
Kennewick City Hall Council Chambers



1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Ken Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- b. Chairman Hahn, asked a member of the audience to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Dean Aeling	Bill McKay, City Council Liaison
Commissioner Jack Anderson	Emily Estes-Cross, Parks and Recreation Director
Commissioner Linda Britain	Isa Quintanilla, Recorder
Commissioner Greg Falk	
Commissioner Ken Hahn	
Commissioner Robb Heston	
Commissioner Robert Van Slycke	

2. HONORS & RECOGNITION – None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Falk moved, seconded by Commissioner Britain, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jack Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Britain, to approve the minutes of March 28, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

5. VISITORS

Taco Cats, Grade 3 - 5 Destination Imagination – Taco Cats representative Alfyn McDonald explained the goal of the organization is to perform service projects, learn to organize and set goals. They use their talents to perform skits, which may include music and puppets, and encourage citizens to volunteer. In 2019 they received 1st place at regionals and 3rd place at a state competition for their Zintel Canyon clean-up project and performance. They created their own props and back drop and memorized their lines.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Welcome Robb Heston, newly appointed Commissioner.

Commissioners and Staff introduced themselves. Commissioner Heston shared information about himself; he moved to Kennewick from Philadelphia in 2000 and is fortunate to make a living and provide for his family. He is ready to serve and give back to his community. His term expires in 2023.

b. Election of Officers – Chairman and Vice Chairman

Commissioner Falk nominated Commissioner Hahn to serve as Chairman. Commissioner Hahn stated he would like to continue to serve as the Chairman. With a second by Commissioner Anderson, the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Britain nominated herself as Vice-Chair. With a second from Commissioner Heston, the motion passed unanimously.

c. Community Center name recommendation

Commissioner Britain outlined the process used by a panel of four to select potential names for the Community Center, formerly known as the Kennewick Senior Center. Nominations from the public were accepted from July 2018 through February 2019. Criteria used to consider nominations submitted by the public and panel included: is the name authentic to Kennewick, marketable, creative, memorable, and respectful. The top three nominations recommended were:

- Keewaydin Community Center
- Kennewick Community Center
- Chinook Community Center

After further discussion, Commissioner Falk made a motion to recommend Keewaydin Community Center to Council for adoption. With a second from Commissioner Van Slycke, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation will go before the City Council for a vote.

d. Park Audit Assignments

By way of a drawing, Commissioners were each assigned a park of which to perform an audit. After their assessment, they will submit their findings at the June 25th Commission meeting. Staff will tally the results and report back in July.

Park Audit assignments:

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| • Commissioner Heston | Fruitland Park |
| • Commissioner Hahn | Hatfield Park |
| • Commissioner Falk | Hansen Park |
| • Commissioner Britain | Lawrence Scott Park |
| • Commissioner Aeling | Monopoly Park |
| • Commissioner Van Slycke | Columbia Center Estates Park |
| • Commissioner Anderson | Canyon Lakes Park |

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Columbia River Landing Status – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, June 15th, time TBD Preliminary Certificate of Occupancy has been received. Once the landscaping is complete, a final Certificate of Occupancy will be filed. Golf course operations will move into the facility in late May. A proposal to operate the kitchen space is being discussed.

b. Toyota of Tri-Cities Playground of Dreams Update

The toys are expected to be delivered on May 7th, and installation will take place before Memorial Day weekend. Grading and surfacing will be complete in early June. Approximately \$115,000 remains to be raised for the additional toys and installation to complete the playground as originally envisioned.

c. Zintel Canyon Updates

Team Rubicon, a volunteer group, removed trees, stumps and bushes April 11th - 13th.

Fire trucks are now able to drive through the trail. Team Rubicon is interested in returning this fall. The City will open up the canyon to those interested in removing wood, provided they sign a Hold Harmless Agreement. Those details are being worked out. Remaining trees that are near homes and could be a fire hazard will be removed by a contractor. Kennewick Irrigation District owns some of the property in the canyon area and will be managing their area. Zintel Canyon has been targeted by graffiti. Staff is looking at solutions to combat this.

d. Park Project Progress

Commissioner Hahn, Van Slycke and Britain are working on the list of recommendations. To date, we have ordered three Happy Human benches for placement at Lawrence Scott Park and Horse Heaven Hills Park. A Happy Human sign will be placed at the new Desert Hills Middle School challenge course area, once the construction is completed.

8. Poll of Commissioners and Staff

Commissioner Britain, Falk and Hahn along with Councilman McKay attended the Arbor Day Tree Planting event at Inspiration Park earlier today. Commissioner Falk commented he now knows how to properly plant a tree. Councilman McKay stated it was fun.

Commissioner Falk stated he may be moving out of the area. He will keep everyone informed.

Commissioner Hahn asked if rabbits (art) will be installed soon at Columbia Center Blvd. and 4th Ave. The Kennewick Arts Commission began this project about eight months ago and will be installed when crews complete other sizeable projects.

Ms. Quintanilla informed the Commissioners that the summer catalog will be available on May 1st. New intern Carter Kovacs is redesigning the layout, and doing an amazing job. Ms. Quintanilla asked that Commissioners review the Commission Contact List and contact her with any updates.

Ms. Estes-Cross reported on upcoming events, including this weekend's tournament using all ballfields. Next month, May 23rd, Commissioners and Staff will tour facilities and parks in lieu of a meeting. We will all meet at City Hall and ride a bus/van together.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Isa Quintanilla, Recorder