



**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**MINUTES**  
Thursday, June 23, 2022, 6:00 pm

City Hall Council Chambers



**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. Administrative Assistant Drea Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commission Chair Ken Hahn	Loren Anderson, Council Liaison
Commissioner Jack Anderson	
Commissioner Robb Heston	Nick Farline, Parks & Recreation Director
Commissioner Evelyn Martinez	Ian Dezember, Parks & Facilities Manager
	Drea Myers, Recorder
	Brandon Lange, Recreation Manager

Parks and Recreation Commissioners Absent:

Commission Vice Chair Linda Stroben  
Commissioner Ty Fischer  
Commissioner Dean Aeling

**2. HONORS & RECOGNITION – None**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Anderson made a motion to approve the April 28, 2021 regular meeting minutes. With a second from Commissioner Martinez, the motion carried unanimously.

**5. VISITORS -None**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Park Audit Returns-Commissioners gave a brief description of what they noted during audits. Parks staff will review the audits and bring back action reports in the August Recreation Commission meeting.
- b. Outdoor Court Repair and Replacement Strategy-Director Farline, advised we are looking at our budget and Outdoor court and surface repair and replacement strategy plus schedule. Requesting thoughts or ideas on how the Parks Commissioners think we should proceed. About 13% of our courts are within the life cycle. Staff asked commissioners to provide feedback on two options: to evaluate the courts and recommend a priority list for repair and or replacement; or have staff provide a list and Commission would assist on prioritization. Evaluate by safety and

- usage first. Commission Chair Hahn requested staff review the current audits and 2021 audits then recommend to the commission, which parks to review. Staff agreed to review and then provide parks for review.
- c. National Night Out- August 2<sup>nd</sup>, KPD and recreation event. Brandon Lange provided an update on this event. The goal of the event is to help promote crime prevention. Commissioners and Council are encouraged to attend.
  - d. Dog Park –Staff provided suggestions on potential locations. Staff showed Hatfield Park. Commissioner Anderson advised, Hatfield Park is often utilized for soccer. Commissioner Heston questioned the element of liability with dog parks. Director Farline advised signage would relieve much of the liability concerns and ensuring staff is on top of maintenance is key. While there is always a risk of liability, typically the liability risks are low. Recreation Manager, Mr. Lange, advised we have recreational immunity, as we are not charging. Once we have a park considered, staff will start a community outreach for public input. The Arboretum, suggested by staff, has a large open grass area that would work well. Not many amenities on the East side of Kennewick and a destination dog park is highly favored in most areas. Hansen Park was discussed, large amounts of grass, water and shade. Hansen Park is 5.3 miles away from Richland Dog Park. Drea Myers will set up a meeting for the three parks commissioners assigned to research dog parks and the Director.
  - e. Motorized Personal Transport Regulations – Commission recommended speed limits, consistency with Richland regulations. Commission Chair Hahn advised they will submit a formal recommendation to KPD. Council will discuss this Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> at the regular Council meeting.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None**

### **6. POLL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF**

- Commission Chair Hahn: Council approved the surplus of Park Hills Park. Ground breaking event at Lawrence Scott Park Wed June 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00p.m. Council will consider doing prayers before meetings in three weeks.
- Commissioner Heston: None
- Commissioner Anderson: Thanked Ian and Brandon for finding gas chlorine, which allowed Swim Team to have a season.
- Commissioner Martinez: None
- Councilman Anderson: None
- Director Farline: Ropes Course working through insurance. Working hard on reconveyance of Columbia Park, reviewing in Pendleton on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>. Suggested procedure updates, such as moving to the dais for our monthly meetings. Commission agreed. Advised he is open to any other suggestions.
- Mr. Dezember: Corp is still reviewing the wood pole replacement at the driving range in Columbia Park and are still in a holding pattern. The light pole at Civic field has been taken down, staff has ordered another pole expecting delivery in 5-6 weeks.
- Mr. Lange: Went over successes, Grange Park consistently used. River Of Fire event July 4<sup>th</sup> will have fireworks on the water. Picnic shelters are first come during holidays. Picnic shelter reservations have stayed at a larger capacity lately. Max capacity at the open swim today for the first time. Recreation is doing well.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Drea Myers, Recorder

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