

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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Thursday
May 23, 2024

5:15 PM

Hamilton Indoor Rec Center
1724 E F Street

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission April 25, 2024 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Cat Harner**
Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

2. **Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 15 minutes)**
Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.
3. **Consideration of Pickleball Courts at Mountain View Park (ACTION ITEM) – Cat Harner / David Schott**
Pickleball is very popular nationwide. Moscow is no different with the construction of pickleball courts at Ghormley Park. The Palouse Pickleball Club and City staff have been in discussions about future pickleball courts and where these may be located. Mountain View Park between the two parking lots makes sense, has ample parking, and is away from housing for any noise impacts. The first step to future pickleball court would be to program the courts into the City of Moscow Capital Improvement Plan

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the inclusion of future pickleball court at Mountain View Park in the Capital Improvement Plan; or take other action deemed appropriate.

4. **Consideration of Sponsorships for Parks (ACTION ITEM) – Cat Harner / David Schott**
The Parks and Recreation Commission advises the Mayor and City Council on matters pertaining to public playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation facilities, and other recreation activities on any property owned or controlled by the City. Staff has heard the desire to look into the possibility of sponsorship for parks. Staff has also heard this from others as well. To begin the process, staff would ask commission members to research this out by means of comparable research. Is it allowed? How much revenue is generated? Is this one-time revenue or ongoing? What are some of the obligations required? This will culminate in a letter from the Chair to City Council through

the staff liaison, who will bring it through the City system. Staff does note, the draft letter would come back for approval by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Assign commission members to begin research on the subject of parks sponsorships; or take other action deemed appropriate.

5. Consideration of the June 8, 2024 Farmers Market (ACTION ITEM) – Cat Harner

The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss their participation in the June 8, 2024 Farmers Market. The commission will discuss the theme, line out staffing, and determine any support needs from staff.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve theme, staffing, and support for the June 8, 2024 Farmers Market; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

6. Consideration of the 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Tour – Cat Harner

Each year the Parks and Recreation Commission goes on a tour of the parks. Last year this was on July 27, 2023. Typically, the tour is during a regular meeting. The commission will discuss the date of the tour and generate a list of sites to visit.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the annual tour date and sites to visit; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

7. Update: West Palouse River Drive Property Study – David Schott

In 2002, the City purchased a 44-acre property located on West Palouse River Drive for the development of athletic playfields. The City worked on development plans for the property but decided not to pursue the project in 2011 due to the approximately \$8 million development cost of the site. In 2013, the City and Moscow School District agreed to jointly fund and develop athletic playfields on the District's 22-acre property located at the intersection of Joseph Street and Mountain View Road, now known as the Moscow School District Community Playfields. That project included the joint construction of one baseball field, three softball/youth baseball fields, and two soccer/lacrosse fields on the property. Through the development of the Community Playfields project, the District retained the right to construct an elementary school on the southern soccer field if needed by the District in the future.

The Moscow School District anticipates the need to construct a new elementary school in the future and is currently considering where it may be located. The District would like better distribution of elementary school locations in the community to serve surrounding neighborhoods. Currently, both Lena and McDonald Elementary Schools are located in East Moscow and near the Community Playfields site, which makes the playfield site less desirable for a future elementary school. The City and District have discussed the potential of locating a future elementary school on the City's West Palouse River Drive Property in conjunction with the potential development of a City park and additional athletic fields.

Staff has prepared a Memorandum of Understanding for City Council consideration for the City and District to jointly fund a planning study to assess the feasibility of developing the property for a future elementary school, park, and athletic playfields. It is anticipated the study will assess pedestrian access, vehicular access and circulation, site grading, building, parking, park, and athletic facility development to determine the suitability of the site for the proposed uses and help inform future decisions regarding the property. The study would be exploratory and would not bind the City or District to any further obligations or actions. It is anticipated that the study would cost under \$50,000, which would be shared equally by the City and the District.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: No action, update.

STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Recreation and Pool Update – Tyler Ochoa**
- 2. Parks, Facilities and Community Forestry Update – David Schott**

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS:

- 1. Parks and Recreation Commission Farmers Market: June 8, 2024**
- 2. Next Park and Recreation Meeting: June 27, 2024**

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