

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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The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm

PRESENT: Cat Harner, Chair; Gretchen Hayes, Vice Chair; Mark Heinlein; Sally Greene; Richard Gayler (5:17); Susan Steele; Jeff Pilcher; Robert Sproull.

STAFF: Kristie Ingham; David Schott; Greg Morrison; Tyler Ochoa; Cody Riddle; Drew Davis, City Council Liaison.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission February 22, 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.

Hayes moved to approve the minutes Steele seconded. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None. Motion carried

2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 15 minutes)

Amanda Wells (Moscow)- Moscow Baseball Association board member. Referred to last City Council meeting. First year as Umpire Coordinator and is concerned about the number of keys given out for the score box. She would also like a shed put out at the Joseph Fields for holding the umpire's attire instead of in the score box that they do not have access to.

Heidi Hawley (Viola)- Moscow Baseball vice president. Hawley is frustrated with Parks and Recs communication with her. She would like vending machines at the fields, storage for gear, porta potties put out on field 4 and the AED on the outside of building. Hawley would like better solutions with Recreation and an easier process in reserving fields.

Jiam Haung (Moscow)- New to community. Haung believes his children benefit a lot from Moscow Baseball Association. He is just here on behalf of how much work they put into it and appreciates it. Haung has had great experiences with Parks and Rec and hope whatever going on can come to resolution.

3. Consideration of the 2023 Commission Survey Report of Results (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

Staff will present an overview of the 2023 Commission Survey Report of Results.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Accept report; or take other action deemed appropriate.

Schott referred to the Commission Survey in the PRC Packet.

Sproull moved to approve the 2023 Commission Survey Report Pilcher seconded. Roll Call vote:
Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None. Motion carried

4. Discussion: Park Amenities Related to Adult Outdoor Fitness Equipment in Parks and along Trails – David Schott

Staff will start the discussion with recent trends in parks related to outdoor fitness for adults. The commission will then have a discussion on the topic.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: No action, discussion.

Schott let PRC know about the trends that are upcoming for seniors and teens. Schott explained that teens are hard to appeal to as they are more focused at being at playfields. Morrison explained that when they have traveled to the NRPA conference in Texas he found that teens want the American Ninja type of activities more. Schott's experience for doing fitness activities along trails are not highly used. What is trending is outdoor gym type activities which essentially are outdoor adult playgrounds in parks. Hayes explained parks she has been to in Montana that have these types of structures are great for parents and children. Hayes feels like this would be something Gritman might help partner with to help fund. Harner would like to see about possibly even adding something like this onto an existing park. Hayes expressed that banks sponsor parks in other cities is this something we could look into in order to get the funding needed. Davis believes it is something from the past that has been turned down from City Council, but would like to look into possibility of getting it changed. Gayler asked Davis if this has been presented to the new City Council. Davis believes that it has been presented but only to half of the council, but he is in favor of it. Davis told PRC that emails to the Council would help bring this to the forefront. Pilcher would like to look into since the economy is getting worse and thinks it is a better way to partner with community identities to help with things as prices in parks will only go up. Pilcher also expressed that he has older kids and if they go to a park it is not to play on the equipment. His children are just going to hangout sit and talk with friends. If we can create that environment to hangout, sit and socialize he believes this would also help. Harner would also like to see intermural sport for the older children that don't make sports teams in schools or that need something to do in off seasons of sports as well.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Recreation and Pool Update – Greg Morrison / Tyler Ochoa

Ochoa updated PRC that Micro Soccer is going, Rec has a great HIRC and Eggan staff for the Summer, just finished up hiring managers for the HLAC and finishing interviewing lifeguards right now. Morrison updated PRC that Jr and Sr softball is about to begin, Pepsi will be letting us use a TV for our concessions sign in the HLAC, prices have gone up this year for things in the HLAC, pool passes are already being sold with Ingham having children change pictures on passes every 2 years. Morrison also updated on the reseeded of the grass where the fence was moved from the HLAC. This is Morrison's last PRC. He thanked the PRC for putting up with him. He expressed just how much he has learned from them and how much PRC pushed him to be better. The City is in process of hiring for Morrison's position and should find out early next week.

2. Parks, Facilities and Community Forestry Update – David Schott

Schott updated PRC that Harvest park won the Earth Day award for Heinlein's work on the Dog Leg. Schott invited PRC tomorrow at 12:15pm to the Arbor Day celebration at Ghormley Park. It will be from 12:15pm-1pm with a ceremony followed by a walk across the park where along with West Park Elementary School students they will plant 3 crabapple trees and three Ginkgo trees. Schott also invited PRC to the Bike to Work Day put on by MPC on May 17th at the corner of 6th and Main St. Schott updated PRC on Milton Arthur Park and that the contractor will start in early May, Tanner Paulson who works for Parks at MSD Playfields last day will be April 30th and they are working on hiring for his position. On May 20th they will be craning in the restroom at the Indian Hills Park.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS:

1. Next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting: May 23, 2024
2. Parks and Recreation Commission Farmers Market: June 8, 2024

ADJOURN 6:15pm