

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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Thursday
April 25, 2024

5:15 PM

Hamilton Indoor Rec Center
1724 E F Street

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 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. Schott will follow up with an agenda item at later date.

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. 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 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 Egan 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 Gingko 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 installing the restrooms at the Indian Hills Park as well.

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

Minutes Approved On

MAY 23 2024

Clerk/Deputy Signature

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