

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2018
ACTIVITY CENTER
12:00 NOON

Present:

Greg A. Weitzel, Ronnie Campbell, Brent Martin, PJ Holm, David Pennock, Bill Combo, Jeff Forbes, Jim Hammon, Tom Hersh, Kris Millgate, Dave Radford, Wendy Johnson, Michelle Z. Dingman, Tom Hally

Absent:

Kerry Martin, John LoBuono, Matt Hill

Guest Attendees:

Lisa Jones

CALLED TO ORDER: 12:07

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January Minutes – Kris Millgate motioned to accept as written. Tom Hersh seconded. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Greg distributed copied of 5 different city's Master plans. We are shooting to have an RFQ out for the city of Idaho Falls Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the end of February. Report as per motion made in January.

Tom Hersh expressed concern with member attendance. Will be working with Greg on clarifying policy and bring back to Commission for review and vote. Discussion ensued.

DIRECTORS REPORT –Greg A. Weitzel

- Heritage Park Master Plan discussed. Will be done in three phases which account for future development. Morgan construction donated all the fill and trucking fees. Discussion ensued.
- Electric updated at Sportsman's Island. Will now be able to install security cameras.
- New playground at freeman being installed with a community build with the help from partnering with Idaho Falls Civitans.
- Sandy Downs master plan in the works which will include an indoor arena. Discussion ensued. D. Radford would like to commit county as a partner to build the indoor arena.
- Site plan for the Zoo education center has been solidified. Graphic distributed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Golf – Tim Reinke (Absent with notification)

- Hersh to report.

Zoo – David Pennock

- Education Center location slightly different. Shifted up 20 feet to the east and parallel to property line to save infrastructure costs. Site location selection clarified. Time constraints did play a factor. Discussion ensued.
- Zoo will be focusing more on the Zoo's communication with the public: powerful conservation organization zoos are. 250 million dollars from zoos per year. 3rd largest contributor worldwide. Also experts in animal welfare. Very high expertise and technically trained.
- AZA accreditation next summer all are working hard now to assure keep accreditation.

Recreation – PJ Holm

- Grants and guide work. RTP grant for trail at Heritage Park submitted asked for 120k we match 20k. BMPO 53/10 grant for elderly/disability trail access 260k old dollars being requested.
- Aquatic center updates.
- Ice Arena updates. Fundraiser made \$5,400.00 for local man killed in avalanche. Multi-cultural Olympics great event brought awareness of what P&R/ City has to offer.
- Sports/Rec programing updates.
- New sportsmanship announcement being played at all games events.

Parks/Cemeteries – Brent Martin/Ronnie Campbell

- Sandy Downs retro fitting updated bleachers for installation.
- Signage and wayfinding parks signs installation plan being solidified.
- Weather has not been conducive for ice ribbon or rinks
- Stadium seating going in at sandy downs.
- Cemetery updates
- Prepping for spring sports

BONNEVILLE COUNTY – Dave Radford

- Applaud commission and staff for the acquisition of property near zoo. Shows good planning and foresight.
- Public private partnerships powerful referring to Maeck donation for education center
- Not a lot of overtime for snow removal
- RTP grant also submitted for county for ATV trails
- Need volunteers for bike trail east of Iona into juniper possibility for skiing on in winter. Banff may want to help fund.

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD – Tom Hersh

- Total rounds flat but increase overall due to weather
- Working on next 5 year plan complete by end of September
- Working on where to focus marketing dollars (i.e. PGA Junior League)
- Idaho Falls seeing some growth in the game.
- Sandcreek opening on Wednesday February 7th. Anticipating all tee times full. Sage to open next then pine crest weather permitting.
- No Meeting/Report.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 – Kerry Martin (Absent)

- No Report

SCHOOL DISTRICT 93 – Wendy Johnson

- Swimming pool sanctioned in fall and new high school opening. PJ would like to work with her instead of directly with Rhonda. Need to form advisory group includes all schools.
- Kerry retiring this year from 91 – need new liaison for field usage.

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE – Matt Hill (Absent with notification)

- No report

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

MEETING ADJURNED AT 1:45 P.M.

*Recorded by
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