



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

MAY 6, 2019

ACTIVITY CENTER

12:00 Noon

ATTENDANCE:

Members in Attendance: D. Pennock, J. Graham, T. Hersh, J. Forbes, B. Lee, C. Horsley, K. Hope, D. Radford, J. Freeman, R. Campbell, P. Holm, B. Combo, G. Weitzel and guests from the Bonneville Youth Council

Members Not In Attendance: M. Hill, C. White, J. Hammon, J. LoBuono, P. Lloyd, W. Johnson, T. Reinke

CALL TO ORDER – B. COMBO

B. Combo called the meeting to order at 12:09.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Hersh motioned to approve the April 1, 2019 minutes. K. Hope seconded. All in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – G. WEITZEL

G. Weitzel reported on the following:

- The RECreate I.F. plan public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening on June 18th. The consultants will give the Parks and Recreation Commission an update at our June meeting, including the survey results.
- The cut-off date for the on-line survey is May 24th. We are planning a contest for all those who complete a survey.
- The survey consultant has advised over five hundred surveys have been completed.
- The Five Year Business Plan is about completed.
- The Parks Maintenance Plans and the Recreation Programming Plans are being drafted.
- The Budget Watch is scheduled for May 7th at the library.
- Saturday, May 11th is the Park Playground Build at Community Park with state of the art climbing equipment and a zip line.
- The Spray Park Project will need to go to bid which would delay the opening of a spray park until fall, therefore this will have to wait until next summer.

- Dockless Micro Mobility was discussed. There has been a request for E-bikes and scooters in our community. G. Weitzel explained how we will need to work with several community groups to obtain guidance for the recommendations we give to City Council.

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – P. HOLM

P. Holm reported on the following:

- M. Handke has been setting up image boards in different locations such as the Maeck Education Center opening, the museum lobby, Barnes & Noble, C.E.I., Albertsons, the Bike Month Social, and Sam’s Club. The next step will to set up in elementary and high schools to get input of what kind of services or facilities are wanted from those in that age category.
- The “Happy or Not” customer service satisfaction program was explained. Three units are currently placed at our golf courses, but will be moved from facility to facility. P. Holm explained how the daily reports are interpreted and how these devices will benefit our department.
- The Happifeet App was also discussed as a means in helping to get specific feedback from customers.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Parks & Cemeteries – R. Campbell

R. Campbell reported on the following:

- The zone managers have been hired and will move forward with this new organizational structure.
- The upcoming dandelion season in the parks.
- Field maintenance being done.
- The rock garden restroom is ahead of schedule.
- Major improvements inside the Sandy Downs grandstands.
- Continuing to receive materials for Heritage Park.

Zoo – D. Pennock

D. Pennock reported on the following:

- April 2019 broke attendance records with 16,733 visitors.
- They have a new zebra and are waiting on a new camel calf.
- They are upgrading the zoo interactions.

Golf – T. Reinke (Absent and reported by G. Graham)

G. Graham reported on the following:

- Golf Sales and rounds are up compared to last year at this same time.

- They are working on marketing and advertising, and the website is almost finished.
- They will be requesting the amount needed for a new irrigation system for the 2020 budget with the hope of repaying the City of Idaho Falls for a possible loan.

Recreation – C. Horsley

C. Horsley reported on the following:

- The Parks & Recreation Department took over the Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth baseball leagues. We are close to matching their participation numbers from last year. We expect this to become a successful program ran by our department.

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Next meeting will be held June 17, 2019.

*Recorded by:
Tracy Sessions, Clerk, Parks & Recreation*