



TWIN FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION

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TWIN FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

March 12, 2013
11:30am

Twin Falls City Council Chambers
305 3rd Avenue East

AGENDA

11:30 a.m. Call to Order

- 1. Approve minutes of the February 12th, 2013 meeting**
- 2. Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**
- 3. Dog Off Leash Sites**
- 4. Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake Master Plan Sub-Committee Update**
- 5. Arbor Day**
- 6. Other Items from the Commission**

**Any person(s) needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact Nikki Miller at (208)736-2265 at least two working days before the meeting.*

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STAFF REPORT

- 1. Approve minutes of the February 12th, 2013 meeting – Commission**
The Commission needs to approve or amend the proposed set of minutes

- 2. Parks/Recreation Staff Reports - Staff**
Enclosed are the Parks & Recreation Staff Reports

- 3. Dog Off Leash Sites – Staff & Commission**
Staff presented the City Council a full cost estimate of a complete construction of Baxter's Park. The estimate is approximately \$276,000 (cost estimates are attached). Since this is outside the normal budgeting period, the City Council decided not to allocate any funds for the construction of Baxter's Park during this budget year.

Staff and the City Council discussed how the City of Boise implemented off leash areas in certain parks. The City of Boise tried a one year pilot program at seven different facilities where dogs were allowed off leash during certain times of the day. The City conducted surveys with neighborhoods to determine if a pilot program would be implemented at certain areas or not and did a survey at the conclusion of the pilot program. Support for the off leash program grew from 69% to 83%, while opposition fell from 31% to 17%.

The City Council directed staff and the Parks & Recreation Commission to review parks and other City facilities for dog off leash pilot program.

There are several parks and other City facilities that might work for a pilot program for off leash sites. There are: Auger Falls, Baxter's Park, Fairway Estates, Harrison Park, Jason's Woodland Hills Park, Rock Creek Canyon Parkway, Rock Creek Trails Estates, Sunrise Park, Sunterra retention area, Teton Park, and Villa Vista retention. Map is attached.

Should the Commission approve of this pilot program, staff recommends approval be subject to the following conditions:

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1. Implement a one year pilot program for 2013.
2. Have only three or four sites for the pilot program.
3. Use sites in different areas of town.
4. Hours for dogs off leash are sunrise to 10:00am and 4:00pm to 7:00pm.
5. Have meetings with the neighbors before the program is implemented.
6. Have signage at each site with the hours posted and use most of the same regulation and rules we implemented for the temporary dog park at Harmon Park this past winter.

The recommendations of the Commission will be forward to the City Council for their considerations.

4. Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake Master Plan Sub-Committee Update

The sub-committee consists of Tennille, Craig, Jeff, and Tom. The group met a day in January to review the latest master plan (1997) for the Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake Complex and what has been accomplished since then. Also the group discussed what had not been accomplished from the 1997 master plan recommendations to see if they are still a viable project. The group decided to met on site last week for the next meeting to get a better understanding of the terrain and to review areas that all are not 100% familiar with. Attached is a copy of what had or hadn't been accomplished from the 1997 master plan and discussions of some new ideas. A verbal report of the on-site meeting will be given at the Commission meeting.

5. Arbor Day – Staff & Commission

In Idaho, Arbor Day is celebrated the last Friday in April. In 2013, this would be Friday April 26th. The last seven years, these are the parks where Arbor Day was celebrated at:

- 2006 – Harry Barry
- 2007 – Vista Bonita
- 2008 – Morning Sun
- 2009 – Oregon Trail Youth Complex
- 2010 – Drury Park
- 2011 – Blue Lakes Rotary (was South Estates)
- 2012 – Ascension Park

Staff is recommending that Arbor Day be celebrated at Harrison Park this year. This will be the first time Harrison Park has celebrated Arbor Day. We plan on planting the trees

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along the sidewalk along Harrison Street. Typically we plant 3-4 trees as part of the ceremony. We have formed a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley; they have about 10-15 kids come and help us plant the trees. The last four years, employees of Cactus Pete's have donated funds and help plant the trees also.

6. Other Items from the Commission

Other items that the Commission may have questions about or issues the Commission wants to discuss. Commissioner's reappointments, 2013-2014 Budget timeline, and tour of facilities.

Attachments:

1. Staff Reports
2. Cost Estimate of Baxter's Park
3. Map of Parks & Recreation Facilities
4. Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake Review of 1997 Recommendations