



# TWIN FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION

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## TWIN FALLS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

**August 13, 2013**  
**11:30am**

Twin Falls City Council Chambers  
305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East

### AGENDA

**11:30 a.m.** Call to Order

- 1. Approve minutes of the July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting**
- 2. Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**
- 3. Skateboard Park Rule Request Review**
- 4. Other Items from the Commission**

Si desea esta información en español, llame Leila Sanchez al (208)735-7287

*\*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 July 9<sup>th</sup>, 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. Skateboard Park Rule Review**

During the July Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Shawn Black a professional skateboarder approached the Commission to have scooters banned in the skate park. Through this discussion it was advised that City staff research what other skate parks rules and regulations are. Staff contacted several parks and recreation departments; Boise, Buhl, Idaho Falls, Ketchum, Meridian, and Pocatello.

Boise does allow scooters and bikes in their facility. They have had problems with children (young in age) not supervised and not paying attention getting in the way of skaters.

Buhl does not allow scooters and bikes in their facility. They currently have a city ordinance that has banned everything but skates in their skate park.

Idaho Falls allows scooters and bikes at their facility. Their skate park opened in 2008.

Ketchum does not allow any scooters and bikes in their facility due to the designer advising them that they cause harm to the concrete structure itself.

Meridian does allow scooters and bikes in their skate park. They have not had any complaints as to scooters or bikes in their facility.

Pocatello does not allow scooters and bikes in their facility. However, they are showing up using the facility and the city does not have the resources to enforce the initial rule.

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Ban scooters at skate parks summary:

Yes – Buhl, Pocatello, and Ketchum

No – Boise, Idaho Falls, and Meridian

I did a Google search of skate park rules and regulations. I reviewed the first 20 communities that came up with the search. 17 communities banned scooters (or only allowed skate boards and in line skates), 2 allowed scooters and one community's rules did not mention what was allowed or not.

Below are the rules and regulations for the park that were approved by the City Council back in 2001.

Open from 6:00am to 11:00pm

- Skate at your own risk, the park is not supervised
- The use of protective equipment including helmets, knee and elbow pads and wrist guards is strongly recommended
- The skate park surface is extremely dangerous when wet
- Help keep your skate park clean, put trash in the cans
- Due to the damage they can cause, bicycles are not allowed
- This is your park, please take care of it. Don't tag it
- Respect our neighbors, avoid excessive noise
- City of Twin Falls is not responsible for lost or stolen items
- Glass containers are prohibited
- Skate safe and have fun

The Commission recommendation will be forward to the City Council for their consideration.

#### **4. Other Items from the Commission**

2013-2014 Budget Update, Baxter's Park update, and other items that the Commission may have questions about or issues the Commission wants to discuss.

#### **Attachments:**

1. Staff Reports