

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Tennille Adams   Marc Lambert   Tony Brand   Carl Legg   Richard Birrell   Joey Martin   Tom Reynolds   Liyah Babayan   Brian Rice  
Chairman            Vice Chairman



**Meeting Minutes Amended**  
Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 11:30 am- City Council Chambers  
305 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave E – Twin Falls, Idaho

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA		
AGENDA ITEMS	<u>Purpose:</u>	<u>By:</u>
I. <b><u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u></b> Request to approve meetings minutes of November 10, 2015	Action	Nikki Miller
II. <b><u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u></b>  1. Parks and Recreation Updates  2. Consider a request to make Disc Golf facilities a priority in the long range plan  3. Review Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Five Year Planning Projects a. Approve Parks and Recreation Master Plan b. Make recommendations for Five Year Plan project priorities  4. Other Items from the Commission	Presentation  Presentation  Discussion/ Action	Wendy Davis  Wendy Davis/Mike Stradley  Commission
V. <b><u>ADJOURNMENT:</u></b>		

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Present: Tennille Adams, Tony Brand, Liyah Babayan, Joey Martin, Brian Rice, Marc Lambert and Richard Birrell.

Absent: Carl Legg and Tom Reynolds

Staff Present: Wendy Davis, Mitch Humble and Nikki Miller

Staff Absent: Stacy McClintock

Council Present: Shawn Barigar

Guest: Mike Stradley, Disc Golf Association

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: N/A**

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **I. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. Request to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting. Joey Martin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Tony Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

1. Park and Recreation Department Updates  
Wendy went over the Department updates with the Commissioners.

Tony Brand asked if the area north of the swimming pool is maintained by the City as there is a tree that has been cut down and is still there. Wendy will follow up with the Parks Department.

2. Consider a request to make Disc Golf facilities a priority in the long range plan.  
Mike Stradley with the Disc Golf Association spoke at a City Council meeting and talked about disc golf facilities. A group was commissioned to sit down and talk about some options and come up with recommendations for the City Council to discuss the needs and concerns for disc golf facilities. Today the discussion will be about facility priorities and budgeting. Mike is here to talk about ideas their group has and let him explain the items the Association would like the Commissioners to consider.

Mike indicated that at this time there is no City of Twin Falls disc golf course. The course at CSI is privately owned, Rock Creek is County and was completely funded by the Disc Golf Club, and there are a few small school courses which are not playable for commissioned tournaments. The popularity of the sport is growing and it is a very inexpensive activity to provide for the community. Mike indicated that the age range for this sport is four to one hundred and four and the cost to build a course is significantly less than a playground. Playgrounds are basically used by children ages 4 to maybe 15, this is something that can be put in for less and provide for a multitude of ages. He believes it is a priority to get a City course as the courses available are getting congested. As the City grows it will become more of need for the course. Events are being run and people are being turned away because we are running out of run. The benefits to having a City course is to be able to run National events which bring in thousands of players and this would bring in revenue for the City. City Council has asked for a proposal by February 2016 and the club needs to work with the Commission to work out the budget needs.

Joey Martin asked about the two sites, one on the Twin Falls side of Rock Creek and one at Dierkes Lake and asked if Mike is asking for two courses. Mike said that in order to host a world championship or a major national tour there needs to be a minimum of four to eight courses to be able to put in a bid for a tournament. The club's goal is to have six courses in the area to accommodate the growth and for the competition play. The area at Dierkes Lake was used by the bow hunters and then by the bicyclists but is not being used. There are 135 members in the club that would purchase the season pass to use the course down at Dierkes. The annex area at Rock Creek is all overgrown and the club will go in and clean up the parks and use the facilities that are unwanted by park goers. In the last eight years of the course being installed at Rock Creek it has been well taken care of and people actually walk in that area again.

The goals in the next twenty years is to see a City of Twin Falls Municipal disc golf course. In the short term, adding these two sites will get the ball rolling.

Tony Brand asked about the maintenance of these courses. Mike indicated that he would like for the City to maintain them however for the past eight years the club has been maintaining the Rock Creek course out of their own pockets. They are willing to help out with the maintenance. CSI and the club are currently working together to get the tee mounts fixed. CSI has set aside \$2000 to get those mounds fixed.

Joey Martin asked how often the location changes for a national tournament. The location changes every year. Joey asked how probable would it be for Twin Falls to get picked. Mike said that the 2016 World Championship is being held in Emporia, Kansas which is smaller than Twin Falls. Twin Falls area is by far a more appealing setting but they have the courses. Twin Falls has much more to offer from low cost on hotels to more to see and do.

Tennille thanked Mike for coming to the Commission with his desires. The Commissioners discussed the needs of the disc golf program.

3. Review Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Five Year Planning Projects.
  - a. Approve Parks and Recreation Master Plan
    - i. Wendy recommended that the Commission focus on section seven of the Master Plan. Section seven addresses need, priorities and makes recommendations. This section identifies long range planning for parks, short term improvements for existing parks and new facilities. There is time to make sure that this document is a good representation of where the Parks and Recreation department is headed.

Tony Brand asked if we approve the plan now can we make changes to it in the future. Shawn explained that this plan gets inserted into the Comprehensive Plan and that all plans are very flexible and used as a guideline.

Liyah asked if there was anything in the document that specifically addressed bicycle trails or connectivity. Shawn indicated that bicycle facilities are addressed where they relate to park areas. Bike lanes and those kinds of activities maybe mentioned here but may be more included in the master transportation plan.

Tony Brand made a motion to approve the Master Plan as presented and seconded by Richard Birrell. Liyah made a motion to amend the motion to approve the Master Plan and include the expansion and enhancement of the current skate park. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Make recommendations for Five Year Plan project priorities.
  - i. Joey Martin made a motion to move the skate park expansion up in the five-year plan and make it a priority. Tony Brand seconded the motion. Joey Martin amended the motion to include adding two new disc golf parks to the long term planning. Tony Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

#### COMMISSION REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm. Next Commission meeting will be January 12, 2016, at City Council Chambers located at 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave E., at 11:30 pm.