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**TWIN FALLS CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

March 14, 2012\* \* \* \* \* 11:30 am \* \* \* \* \* City of Twin Falls Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Tennille Adams, Liyah Babayan, Tony Brand, Ryan Horsley and Bill Merritt

**Members Absent:** Jeff Blick, Kevin Dane and Carl Legg

**Council Present:** Shawn Barigar

**Staff Present:** Dennis Bowyer, Mitch Humble and Stacy McClintock

**Guests:** Steve Vawser, Magic Valley Canine Social Club

**MINUTES**

Vice-Chairperson Tennille Adams called the meeting to order at 11:44 am.

**Item #1 Approve minutes of the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting**

Ryan Horsley made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting. Bill Merritt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item #2 Commission Membership**

This is Bill Merritt’s last meeting serving on the Commission. Bill has served on the Commission for over 8 ½ years. He will be receiving a plaque in appreciation for his years of service at a future Council meeting.

Both Ryan and Kevin are eligible to serve another three year term. Ryan and Kevin both have expressed their desire to serve another term. Staff will review their requests with the Mayor to ask the Mayor to re-appoint them for another three year term. Tony Brand made a motion to re-appoint Ryan Horsley and Kevin Dane to the Commission. Bill Merritt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff will not be advertising for an opening on the Commission since staff and the former Mayor has recommended for the Commission to reduce its membership from nine to seven. The reduction in the membership has been achieved by attrition. It will take an ordinance change to officially reduce the

membership from nine to seven. The Commission discussed and agreed to this reduction of the membership at last year's April meeting.

### **Item #3 Parks/Recreation Staff Reports**

Stacy went over the Recreation reports. Adult basketball is wrapping up March 23<sup>rd</sup> and youth basketball has ended. Spring soccer registration ended March 5<sup>th</sup> but we are still taking late registration with the season beginning April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Letters have been mailed out to Men's softball teams with the rosters and fee schedule. This will allow more time for them to get sponsorships before the season starts. Adult Volleyball finished up March 6<sup>th</sup> with issues this season.

Stacy is working on the Spring/Summer guide and should have it finished up by the end of March. Registration for Sporties for Shorties soccer is going on now.

Dennis went over the Parks report. The construction is underway at the Ascension and OTYC restrooms. Porta-potties have been placed at the parks before the restrooms are open for the season. Software upgrades have been done to the Baseline irrigation system. Staff is working with the Street Department hauling dirt for the Courtney Conservation Park. The new heat exchanger for the pool should be installed soon.

### **Item #4 Recreation Center Committee Update**

The Recreation Center Committee met Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> for its monthly meeting. Since that meeting, staff proposed to the City's Finance Committee to ask them if they would be interested in assisting the Recreation Center Committee with figuring out the revenue/expenditures, bonding issues and maybe even a recreation district for a recreation center. At the Finance Committee meeting, staff and members of the Recreation Center Committee discussed the history of the Recreation Center Committee and the direction the City Council gave the Recreation Center Committee. On Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, staff and members of the Recreation Center Committee gave the same presentation to the Finance Committee as they did to the City Council on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The committee's will work together and form sub-committee's to work on these issues. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully a report can be given to Council sometime in May.

### **Item #5 Naming Policy Draft**

At last month's meeting, the proposed Naming Policy was discussed. It was decided that the Commission needed more time to review the policy. After last month's meeting, staff e-mailed out examples of the other communities' naming policies that staff used to develop the proposed naming policy.

Kevin Dane and Liyah Babayan were the only members of the Commission to send Dennis suggestions. Dennis did some minor changes that he showed the Commission on the overhead. He added in the first paragraph, *should promote and celebrate the community's identity, diversity and pride*. He also added on #3 *Local or National historical or cultural significance*. A copy of this naming policy has been forwarded to the City Attorney to review.

Ryan Horsley made a motion to accept the Naming Policy as written. Liyah Babayan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Item #6 Dierkes Lake Watercraft Rental Proposals**

Dennis informed the Commission that the City received three proposals for the rental of canoes, kayaks or other non-motorized watercrafts at Dierkes Lake this year. Proposals were received from: Idaho Guide Service, River and Adventure Toys (Riverrat) and Pryor Paddle Rentals. Dennis and Tennille met to review the proposals but are not ready to make a recommendation yet. The sub-committee should have a recommendation by the next meeting.

**Item #7 Proposed Dog Park Site**

Dennis informed the Commission that the temporary dog park at Frontier Field was successful. March 11<sup>th</sup> was the last day for use of the fields for the dog park and Dennis said there were about 4 to 5 sheets full of names of people who used the park. There is no way to have accurate numbers of the usage of the fields. Steve Vawser and the Magic Valley Canine Social Club helped clean up the area after the dogs.

The City hosted another neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> to consider a permanent dog park at the northeast corner of Shoup Avenue West and Blake Street North. This site is directly west of the Canyon View Hospital. The property is owned by the County and the County is willing to negotiate with the City on a long term lease. This site is also large enough that a community garden could be implemented here as well. Only one neighbor showed up for the meeting and he was in favor of the dog park, he just had some questions.

After talking with Mitch Humble, Dennis stated that a Special Use Permit may not be required at this site like he originally thought. Staff is recommending that the City Council weigh in on the issue before it goes in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission for their review. Dennis showed the Commission the location of the proposed dog park on the overhead. There might be some conditions for approval by the P & Z or the City Council. These might consist of: short term porta potties, long term permanent restroom, curb/gutter/sidewalk along Shoup Avenue and Blake Street, some type of hard packed parking surface and maybe a 3-5 year plan for improvements.

Ryan Horsley made a motion to recommend the proposed dog park site located at the northeast corner of Shoup Avenue West and Blake Street North and forward the recommendation on to the City Council for their consideration. Liyah Babayan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item #8 Update on Projects**

Dennis showed the Commission pictures of the projects at the OTYC restroom, Ascension restroom and the Courtney Conservation Park.

**Item #9 Other Items from the Commission**

Dennis informed the Commission that the City now owns the Evel Knievel jump site.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm.

**The next meeting of the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Commission will be April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 11:30am at the City Council Chambers located at 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East.**

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