

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF UMATILLA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
June 12, 2018
6:30 PM
Umatilla City Hall, Council Chambers

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Meeting called to order by Chair Finck.
Committee Members Present: Shane Finck, Kassie Williams, Shelly Parmelee, Natasha Ugarte, Tina Ridings and Krystal Wyant.
Late Arrival:
Committee Members Absent:
City staff in attendance: Community Development Director Tamra Mabbott, RARE Volunteer/GIS Matt Tsui, Public Works Director, Jason Barron.
Council Members in Attendance:
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for May 8, 2018. Motion to approved minutes made by Kassie Williams. Motion seconded by Tina Ridings. Motion carried.
- III. OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. Park Improvements – Status report by Jason**
Jason stated public works department is in full swing for the season. They are pretty busy with lots of projects around town. The seasonal position has been filled. Kiwanis park is getting new park equipment that has been ordered. It will take about 6-8 weeks to arrive. Equipment is ADA accessible, has slides and climbing features. They will restore and use previous swing set located at park. Construction at Kiwanis Park has been stalled due to a discrepancy in the property line. Once property line is confirmed will commence construction.
- B. Kiwanis Falls – Status report by Tamra**
Tamra noted there are two projects; Kiwanis Park and Kiwanis Falls. City has collaborated with Good Shepherd Health Foundation and Umatilla/Hermiston Kiwanis to help fund these two projects. Ribbon cutting and donor recognition for the park might be a great idea in the fall since the equipment will go up in the Fall. Umatilla/Hermiston Kiwanis is raising funds for the water fall and for lights at the new basketball court. If the committee would like to participate in the event and ribbon cutting especially Chair Finck, it would be a nice show of support. Committee members suggested inviting some of the students who initiated the survey and possibly a Fastrack representative for their contribution. Tamra noted that Kiwanis Falls is not really a park, but it is on the city’s list of project to redo. City has set aside \$50,000 to go towards the landscaping and water fall. City is hoping to complete the project this Fall or at least start it in the Fall since we are planning on putting a water line thru that area for development. Unofficially, Hermiston might donate to Kiwanis Falls since it is a gateway to both cities.
- C. Review Draft Trail Plan Maps – Matt with group**
Matt presented current trail routes and proposed trail routes. He reported that he is using water and sewer lines for an idea on routes. Open for suggestions:
- McNary: add generators to map

- South Hill: add cemetery, parks, footbridge and Chinaman's hole.
- Downtown: combine Novedades Cruz, combine City Hall and Library, add parks, add marina, add Pioneer Cemetery, add medical clinic and add Java Junkies/retail.
- Proposed trail routes: show existing trail on downtown.

Matt will follow up at the following meeting with; proposed links, interpretive signs and kiosk, develop list of potential interpretive panel topics, and write about existing interpretive panels.

D. Master Parks Plan – Status report by Tamra

Tamra stated she needs to compartmentalize the plan and separate city-owned parks and federal (Army Corps of Engineers/ACOE) land.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Umatilla High School LIT Project (little library) at Kiwanis and Nugent Park

Tamra reported that city and school have an MOU for little libraries located in two city parks. Students at the high school proposed having a library exchange program for residents or anyone interested in books. Jason stated he will revise the location of the libraries since they are not air tight or water proof and they are currently placed at a location where they can get water damage. All together it is a great inner-city book exchange program.

B. Other items of interest

Guests at the meeting talked about utilizing tennis courts in McNary for Pickle Ball tournaments, possibly a small request by residents.

C. Public Comment

V. DATE, TIME and PLACE for NEXT MEETINGS

July 10, 2018 6:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT –

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm