

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF UMATILLA**  
**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
November 13, 2018  
6:30 PM  
Umatilla City Hall, Council Chambers

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- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Meeting called to order by Chair Finck.  
*Committee Members Present:* Shane Finck, Kassie Kennedy-Williams, Tina Ridings and Krystal Wyant.  
*Late Arrival:*  
*Committee Members Absent:* Shelly Parmelee, Natasha Ugarte  
*City staff in attendance:* Community Development Director Tamra Mabbott, Interim Public Works Director Leon Scheel, Chris Foreman and Derek Harrington, Parks Department, Darla Huxel, Police Chief.  
*Council Members in Attendance:* none  
*Guests:* Debra and Roger Fish, Bob Adams

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 11, 2018 minutes not presented.

**III. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. City Parks Update – 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. Chief Huxel asked what type of lights would be installed Leon Scheel noted they would be LED with a timer. Kristle Wyant asked about a curfew? It is 10 pm on weekdays and midnight on weekend.

**B. Kiwanis Falls – Status report by Tamra**

Tamra Mabbott reported city is looking for an additional design proposal. Also, timing of construction will be contingent on Vadata trenching under Highway 730 so water can be plumbed at location.

**C. Master Parks Plan**

Tamra Mabbott reported this plan is on hold while staff is focusing on Master Trail Plan.

**D. Master Trail Plan**

Staff and committee spent time discussing the draft plan and which projects were priority. (Apologies note taker was focused on discussion and did not take detailed notes.)

Priority #1 for committee is the “Project #1 Bluffs to Riverview” segment. It is an important link on Powerline Road and a safer route along Powerline. Will also include a road crossing on Powerline.

Priority #2 for committee is “Project #5, extend trail to bridge.” Staff indicated they

would look at the Army Corps of Engineers lease for the trail on the west side of Umatilla River. The Umatilla River trail is great for fishermen/women and kayakers.

Other notes. It was noted the need for parking along River Road – for people trying to access Chinaman’s hole and for kayakers who park and put their boats in at Threemile Dam.

Umatilla High School Cross Country trail is in better shape and it would be good to connect to that.

In terms of river access, important to keep moving on efforts. Asphalt is not a priority. River trail may be more appropriate as a gravel or dirt path. Trails along the river are great but given ACOE ownership those may be longer term.

Connector missing between the cross walk at Madison and Tyler Streets.

Downtown area is great for prescription trails (Rx Trail program of Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation). A loop from Chamber office in and around the Marina would make a good location for a one or half mile loop.

Bob Adams noted that the end of Marina Park to city wastewater treatment plan is “sacred area” the Native Americans would like to protect. He has had to run people off that area.

Mrs. Fish asked about a bridge across the Umatilla. Staff noted it has been discussed generally but no specific plans.

Third Street parallels the Columbia River so that may be an option for alignment connecting Umatilla River to Marina Park.

Projects \$17 and #18 are on ACOE lands. Good to develop a pamphlet with mileage, etc.

Third Street improvements, soccer field to McNary dam with connectors should be another priority.

Nature trails at McNary – priority is to mark them

Kassie Williams noted Project #22 would connect people from McNary. Could follow the sewer line easement. This also provides a link to transit service.

Project #5 – Kristle, Kassie and Tina thought this was a high priority.

Project #22 is also a high priority. It would be great if city could install compacted gravel as an interim surface improvement.

Lights are needed along existing trails, especially the footbridge across Umatilla River. Chief Huxel noted that as an interim measure city could install lights with a glare pointed toward the footpath.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

None

- V. Public Comment** Bob Adams and others noted the need for more fish cleaning area at the Marina Park and also that there is no fee for boats to launch.

**VI. DATE, TIME and PLACE for NEXT MEETINGS**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

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