



Parks & Recreation

City of Hermiston

March 9, 2023

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Committee Members present: Angel Aguilar, Trista Hindman, Jeff Kelso, Lydia Raath, Nicole Westing

Also present: Councilors David McCarthy and Jackie Myers; Youth Advisors Julissa Gonzales and Stormie Richmond, Parks & Recreation Director Brandon Artz, staff members Kasia Robbins and Kelly Schwirse

Members not in attendance: Carlisle Harrison, Erica Juarez

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 by Jeff Kelso

MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from January meeting made by Nicole Westing, seconded by Lydia Raath. Motion carried unanimously.

February meeting was replaced by a public information session for Legacy Park. No actions or minutes taken.

INTRODUCTION

Introduction of new youth advisors to the Parks and Recreation committee, Julissa Gonzales Mendoza and Stormie Richmond. Julissa, a junior at Hermiston High School, works as a lifeguard at the Hermiston Aquatic Center and is on City Council as a youth advisor. Stormie is a senior at Hermiston High School, a member of the dance team and is also a youth advisor on City Council.

REPORTS & BUSINESS

HEROS SPORTS COMPLEX

- Water infrastructure is nearly complete, working on details of the big gun sprinklers and how best to water once the seed is planted as to no wash it away.
- Field has been leveled and bases for the light poles have been set. Setting the bases now will alleviate future disruption to the field when the light poles are installed.
- Made to Thrive has purchased a robotic field striper equipped with GPS capabilities to program and accurately mark the fields based on usage such as lacrosse, football, soccer etc. It will also be utilized for marking the parking lots for the Umatilla County Fair.
- Hermiston Lacrosse has tentatively scheduled first tournament for June 10-11
- Treasure State Lacrosse interested to host Umatilla Invitation tournament in late September.
- HERO Sports Parks will be turned over to the Parks and Recreation upon completion and playability of fields. Field equipment including the robotic striper will be included. Parks and Recreation will schedule and manage usage of the fields.
- Umatilla County Fair will continue to offer parking during the fair and will be located on the fields. The grass will be grown out longer to prevent damaging the turf.

RIVERFRONT PARK

- Construction is stalled as a utility trailer containing nearly \$12,000 of playground equipment was stolen. Additional equipment and hand tools were also included in the theft.
- Replacements have been ordered from Playcraft



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HARRISON PARK

- Made to Thrive providing funding for the basketball courts.
- Recent bids received:
- Concrete \$99,150 (previous bid \$180k+)
- Lighting Poles/Lights \$15,727
- Hoops: \$15
- Cameras/Fiber Optics/Internet - no bid yet but estimating roughly \$15,000

COMMUNITY CENTER

- Donor wall complete on south wall lobby. The wall showcases all the donors of the Hermiston Community Center established in 1995 in a updated new display from Mustang Signs of Kennewick, WA
- All donor names were transferred exactly as is from the white plaques on the aged and outdated carpeted great room wall. Once removed, the wall was repainted as an accent wall to enhance the overall appearance of the great room.

1ST PLACE TRAIL

- See Pages 9-12
- Bid was approved to start construction on the 1st Street Trail.
- Trail will be developed along UPRR right of way headed north on 1st Street from Hermiston Ave to Elm Street. The trail will cross Elm Street and continue north on the west side of 1st Street to Geer Road.
- Trail will provide safe walking area along 1st Street as there currently is not a sidewalk. The trail will run along the road while maintaining a safe distance from the railroad tracks.
- With the new infrastructure of water and lift station, improvements along this corridor will include low maintenance trees and shrubs and solar bollard lights.
- Trail will eventually connect to the Umatilla River Trail, a regional trail that Umatilla County is working on. See map on page 12 for Preferred trail route and two alternate trails.
- Timeline to be determined.
- This project is federally, or state funded. No taxpayer funds used.

CIMMARON PARK

- Park to be developed near wetland area located in southeast corner of subdivision off E. Theater Lane. Park area will be located on the small hill area. Page 13-14
- Proposed trail system to surround the park being installed by the developer.
- Playground and small parking lot for recreational activities.

TEEN ADVENTURESKATE PARK

- 50% construction documents are in.
- Anderson Perry drafting sidewalk/curb/gutter engineering to link up with roadway. CA Skateparks will finish construction documents when engineering documents are received from Anderson Perry
- Street department will be installing sidewalks connecting to Orchard Ave. Possible cross walk south of skatepark for high school students to have safe crossing to the park.
- 30-60 day mobilization for CA Skateparks to prepare for construction once all documents are
- Once mobilized, 90-120 days of construction.
- Tentative timeline: Start construction in May with a fall ribbon cutting.

SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

- In person registration was held on February 11th at the community center.
- 311 all summer 8-week registrations generating roughly \$39,000 in sales.



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- Positive feedback from customers as we were better able to accommodate request and help with corresponding session times for families with multiple children.
- Next in person registration this weekend, March 11th for 2 week sessions.

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

- Hermiston.Live for all upcoming events
- Kids Fishing Derby March 25, 10am Noon at McNary Ponds
- Pickleball Monday/Wednesday PM Tuesday/Thursday AM Pickleball will move outside in May to Sunset Courts.
- Easter Carnival April 7th 5:00-7:00pm at Funland
- Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt 8:00pm sharp at Butte Park
- I Love My City, May 20th

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Discussion about results from "Legacy Park "open house on February 9th.
- Review and discussion regarding name possibilities and amenities suggested. Page 18-19
- Discussed possibility of putting out a community wide survey and a separate survey that would include students of Loma Vista Elementary.
- No motions made during this discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment

ADJOURNED

- Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm
- Next regular committee meeting, April 13, 2023