



City of Hermiston  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
Meeting

January 12, 2023

**Parks & Recreation**

Committee Members present: Carlisle Harrison, Trista Hindman, Jeff Kelso, Nicole Westing

Also present were: Councilors Jackie Myer; Youth Advisor Hailey Gardner, Parks & Recreation Director Brandon Artz, Kasia Robbins and Kelly Schwirse Parks & Recreation Staff, Steve Fraizer with Pickleball Club

Not in attendance: Angel Aguilar, Erica Juarez, Lydia Raath

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 by Jeff Kelso

## **MINUTES**

Motion to approve minutes from November 10th meeting made by Carlisle Harrison, seconded by Nicole Westing. Motion carried unanimously.

There was not a meeting held in December.

## **REPORTS & BUSINESS**

*Presentation by Brandon Artz, presentation attached.*

### **2022 in Review**

- **Projects Completed:** Riverfront Park parking lot relocation, splash pad resurfacing, shade structures installed at the pool, Funland fence pickets installed.
- **Upcoming Projects:** Riverfront Park playground completion, Hermiston Skatepark construction, Legacy Park development, Harrison Park improvements.
- **Parks:**

20 Parks and Open Spaces	13 Playgrounds
153+ Acres of Parks and Natural Areas	6 Picnic Shelters
12+ Miles of Walking and Biking Trails	2 Waterfront Areas
- **Aquatics:**

72,000 Aquatic Center Visits	2,995 2-week swim lessons
2,942 Aquafit Visits	108 lifeguards and staff.
- **Programs:** 156+ Programs, Classes and Events Offered
- **Participants:**

1,311 Youth Sports	752 Adult Sports
257 Arts and Theater	495 Summer Camp
5,515 Summer Food Service Meals Served	
2,855 at Managed Events at EOTEC.	
- **Special Events:** Easter Egg Hunt & Carnival; Kids Fishing Derby; Spring/Fall/Christmas Bazaars; 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration; Movies in the Park; Veterans Day Breakfast; Treats on Main & Beyond; Christmas Tree Lighting and Lighted Parade; Pancakes with Santa and more.

### **HEROS Sports Complex**

- Water infrastructure is nearly complete for HEROS, an 18-acre regional multi-sportsplex located at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center in Hermiston.
- Light pole bases to be concreted into place next. Installation of light fixtures can proceed without additional disruption of the grounds.
- Field leveling and planting will get underway early this spring.
- Hermiston Lacrosse has tentatively scheduled their first lacrosse tournament for June 10-11, 2023 at



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the HEROS Sports Complex.

**Riverfront Park**

- Construction of play structure is near 70% completion.
- Remaining poles have been received and are in the ground.
- Construction will continue as weather permits.
- Existing concrete curbing in front of slide will be removed and replaced allowing for the required 6' buffer zone coming out of the slide.

**Harrison Park**

- Bid was received from Goodman and Mehlenbacher Enterprises, Inc. of Kennewick, WA for the Harrison Park basketball court project. Bid included prices for both asphalt and concrete. Asphalt: \$183,336 Concrete \$288,555 Concrete is the preferred surface for the courts.
- Made to Thrive will apply for grants for additional funding on this project.
- A large amount of ground prep work can be provided by Parks & Recreation to reduce costs.
- Additional bid for lighting is roughly \$15,000.
- Security camera and internet bids have not been received as this time.
- No additional parking planned at this time.

**Community Center**

- A new donor wall design has been approved and is in production with Mustang Signs in Kennewick, WA. This new design will be the focal point of our lobby located on the south wall upon entry prominently displaying all the community members that donated to the construction of the Hermiston Community Center.
- All names from the existing donor plaques located on the west wall of the great room have been transferred to the new design.
- Installation date to be determined.

**SPECIAL EVENTS RECAP**

- Successful holiday season of events: Christmas Bazaar, Hermiston Tree Lighting and Holiday Parade, Pancakes with Santa.
- Estimate of 2,500 attendees to the Tree Lighting and Holiday Parade on Main Street.
- Suggestions welcome for additional ideas holiday events. Gingerbread House/Cookie Decorating, Holiday wreath design, family craft night, etc.

**UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

- Rec @ EOTEC Open Gym, Tuesdays/Thursdays 5:00-8:00pm
- Pickleball @ EOTEC Monday/Wednesday 5:00-7:30pm Tuesday/Thursday 8:00-10:30am
- Family Night/Rec It Arena, 4:30-7:00pm Friday, Jan. 13th, EOTEC
- Teen Night/Rec It Arena 7:30-10:30pm, Friday, Jan. 13th, EOTEC
- Rec It Arena, Saturday, Jan. 14th – Sunday, Jan. 15th, EOTEC
- Winter Gala, Saturday, Jan 28th, Community Center

**LEGACY PARK PLANNING**

- Next Parks & Rec meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> will combine with the Legacy Park Planning Workshop.
- The Legacy neighborhood and the community will be invited to attend to give their thoughts on what



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Legacy Park should look like including the naming of the park.

- Workshop to include design charette, word clouds and open discussion.
- Kids will get the opportunity to help with ideas for the park. Blank color sheets with the park outline for kids to draw what they want to see.
- Signage will be posted on the property about park planning
- Door to door canvassing in Legacy neighborhood to encourage park planning participation.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Frazier, Hermiston Pickleball Club, provided information about pickleball at EOTEC and the growing number of people participating.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Next meeting, February 9, 2023