



Parks & Recreation

City of Hermiston

September 8,
2022

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Committee Members present: Jeff Kelso, Nicole Westing, Lydia Raath, Angel Aguilar, Carlisle Harrison

Also present were: Councilors Jackie Myers and Lori Davis; Brandon Artz, Parks and Recreation Director; Kasia Robbins, Mya Hayden and Kelly Schwirse with Parks & Recreation

Not in attendance: Trista Hindman, Erica Juarez

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:33 by Jeff Kelso

INTRODUCTION

New committee member Angel Aguilar, Multi-media Consultant with the Hermiston Herald, was approved for Position #6 to serve a 3-year term thru October 31, 2025

MINUTES

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

No regular meeting scheduled for August, 2022.

REPORTS & BUSINESS

Presentation by Brandon Artz. See attached.

Hermiston Family Aquatic Center

- Aquatic consultants Counsilman-Hunsaker were on-site to perform an audit of the aquatic center facility. The audit was directed by City Manager Smith to review the facility in it's current state and determine the approximate remaining life span. Audit focused on the overall structure, pumps and mechanicals of the pool facility. A report reviewing their findings will be available in 3-4 weeks. These findings will better determine what function the outdoor pool will play when planning for a future indoor pool facility. In short, our facility is in above-average condition for being nearly 20 years old.
- Algae made an appearance again during the week preparing for Labor Day weekend. Green and black algae were both present in the pool. Green algae is safe to swim in and does not present any problems however black algae does pose more harm to be in. Attempts to scrub the algae out was futile therefore the decision to close the multi-use pool (MUP) during the Labor Day weekend public swim.
- Extended season for water aerobics, lap swim and swim time will be offered using the 50m pool through September. MUP will not be in use for the extended season.

Riverfront Park

- Multi-level play structure is currently under construction. Target date for completion is November 1st.

Splash Pad

- Anderson-Perry estimate of \$100,000 for the construction of a new pumphouse. This is an increase of nearly \$60,000 from the initial estimate. This project will temporarily be put on hold.
- Work on the concrete resurfacing of splash pad will begin in the next 2 weeks.
- Splash pad has remained open past Labor Day until the project starts

4th of July Fireworks

- Representative of Western Display Fireworks was out to tour Butte Park and the Butte. They were quite excited about the venue and are looking forward to creating a custom show for Hermiston.
- A proposal for the 2023 firework show is currently underway.



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Teen Adventure Skate Park

- Hermiston Parks & Recreation was not selected for the grant to fund Phase II of the Teen Adventure Skate Park.
- Phase I of the skate park will move ahead as planned with minor modifications.
- Review of the plans by Clint Spencer of the City of Hermiston Planning Department determined that minor modifications need to be made to the location of the restrooms, moving them back from the boundary line. Additionally, sidewalks must be installed from the school district facility to the corner of Orchard and 1st St. (new rendering on Page 6). Cost of sidewalks are not included in the grant funding for Phase I.
- Teen Adventure Park Phase I with modifications will be presented to the Planning Commission on Wednesday.
- Possible ground breaking in spring 2023

Special Events

Presented by Mya Hayden.

Mya Hayden is the Hermiston Parks & Recreation Special Events Coordinator. Mya works directly with the Hermiston Downtown District by providing support in the organization and coordination of the following events_

- Art Festival, May 14th: Featuring local paint artists
- Cork & Barrel, June 25th: Wine, beer, appetizers and live music 21+ event
- Spud Fest, July 9th: Vendors, entertainment and kids' stuff
- Melon Fest, August 20th: Vendors, entertainment, family activities
- Cork & Barrel, June 25th: Wine, beer, appetizers and live music 21+ event

OPEN DISCUSSION

Discussion among committee members regarding special events hosted by Parks & Recreation and/or event partners. Discussion included but was not limited to: community involvement, family events, adult events, signature events. Entertainment; food and beverages, alcohol; time of year we host events; value of event being held.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events & Programs

- Kiwanis Kids Day, Saturday, Sept 17th 10:00am-2:00pm at Butte Park
- Harvest Bazaar, Saturday, Oct 1st 9am-4:30pm at Hermiston Community Center
- Community Yard Sale, Friday, Oct 7th 9am-4pm at Hermiston Community Center
- Faith & Blue Weekend, Saturday, Oct 8th 11am-4:00pm at EOTEC Fair & Rodeo Grounds.
- Treats on Main & Beyond, Monday, Oct 31st 3:00pm-6:00pm Main Street & Hermiston Community Center

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Next meeting October 13.