



Parks & Recreation

City of Hermiston
Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting

November 10,
2022

Committee Members present: Jeff Kelso, Nicole Westing, Lydia Raath, Angel Aguilar, Trista Hindman Hailey Gardner and Carlisle Harrison

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

Not in attendance: Erica Jaurez

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 by Jeff Kelso

MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from October 13th meeting made by Carlisle Harrison, seconded by Lydia Raath. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS & BUSINESS

Presentation by Brandon Artz, presentation attached.

HEROS Sports Complex

- Construction is underway for HEROS, an 18-acre regional multi-sportsplex located at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center in Hermiston.
- Progress on the irrigation mainline for field development. All the piping and conduit donated by JM Eagle and installed through an in-kind donation by Winebarger Welding & Irrigation and Purswell Pump.
- Hermiston Community Foundation has recently put 5-year donation together in support of this project.
- A meeting with City Manager Byron Smith; Al Davis, EOTEC Manager and Brian Rust; Brandon Artz, Parks & Recreation Director and Jason Barron, Parks Manger to discuss logistics on how resources will be shared when EOTEC becomes a City of Hermiston facility in January and how the fields will be managed. Monthly meetings will be held going forward to ensure a good partnership for the HEROS.

Hermiston Family Aquatic Center

See presentation pages 4-6

- Open discussion regarding 2022 pool season including highlights, financials, admissions, concessions, expenses and things to consider for the upcoming season. No actions taken.

Harrison Park

See presentation page 7

- Rendering of proposed Harrison Park Basketball Court to include three courts.
- Estimates for lighting and security cameras are being assembled into a package for Made to Thrive to apply for grants for this project.
- Possible ground breaking in spring 2023

Funland Park

- Tactile map at Funland Park proposed by the Lions Club is moving forward. This tactile map is designed to be read by touch for blind and partially sighted users visiting Funland Park. Estimated project cost is \$12,000-\$15,000
- Committee met and determined map size 5' x 2' to be located on a concrete pad near the entrance of the park. Committee also suggested Playcraft design a shelter for the map to match Funland design.



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Homeless in Parks

- Open discussion regarding the homeless situation in our parks. No actions taken.

SPECIAL EVENTS RECAP

Presented by Mya Hayden & Brandon Artz

- Treats on Main (approx. 4,000 participants) & Beyond at the Community Center (approx. 700 participants)

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

- Rec @ EOTEC Open Gym, Tuesdays/Thursdays 5:00-8:00pm
- Rec It Arena, Friday, Nov 17 – Sunday, Nov 19, EOTEC
- Veterans Day Breakfast, Friday, Nov. 11, Community Center
- Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 26th, Community Center
- Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 26th, The Arc Building
- Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 26th, Senior Center
- Community Tree Lighting, Thursday, Dec. 1st Festival Street
- Lighted Parade, Thursday, Dec. 1st Main Street
- Pancakes with Santa, Saturday, Dec. 10th, Community Center
- Rec It Arena, Friday, Dec 16th – Sunday, Dec 18th, EOTEC

OPEN DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

No scheduled meeting for December.

Next meeting, January 12, 2023