



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

415 S. Hwy 395, Community Center

Where Life is Sweet

April 13, 2023 at 5:30 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MINUTES

Approval of March 9th minutes.

A. March 2023 Meeting Minutes

3. REPORTS AND BUSINESS

A. Legacy Park Naming

B. Hodge Park Playground Equipment

C. Parks Updates

4. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. COMMITTEE OPEN DISCUSSION

7. NEXT MEETING - May 11, 2023

8. ADJOURN

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Parks & Recreation

March 9, 2023

City of Hermiston

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



PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING





HEROS Sports Complex

- Water infrastructure is nearly complete.
- Planting Next
- Hermiston Lacrosse has tentatively scheduled their first tournament June 10/11
- Tentatively scheduled an outside tournament late September.

“Umatilla Invitational” by
Treasure State Lacrosse





HEROS Sports Complex





Riverfront Park

Section 2, Item A.

- Constructions Stalled
- About 80% complete.





Harrison Park

Estimates in for Basketball Courts:

Lighting Poles/Lights: \$15,727

Concrete: \$99,150

Hoops: \$15,000

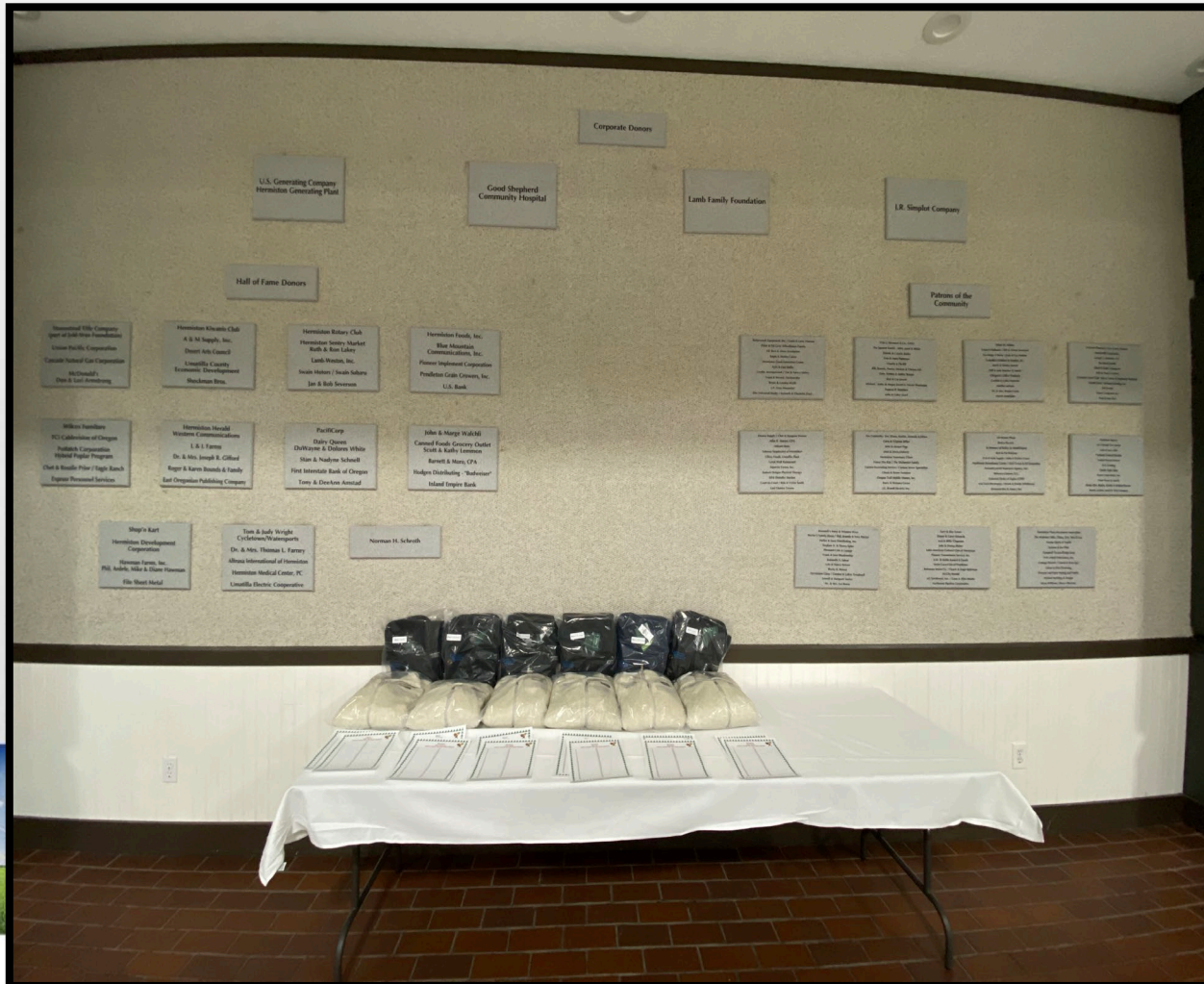
Cameras: ~\$15,000





Community Center

BEFORE





Community Center

AFTER





Community Center

Section 2, Item A.

AFTER





N 1st Place Trail

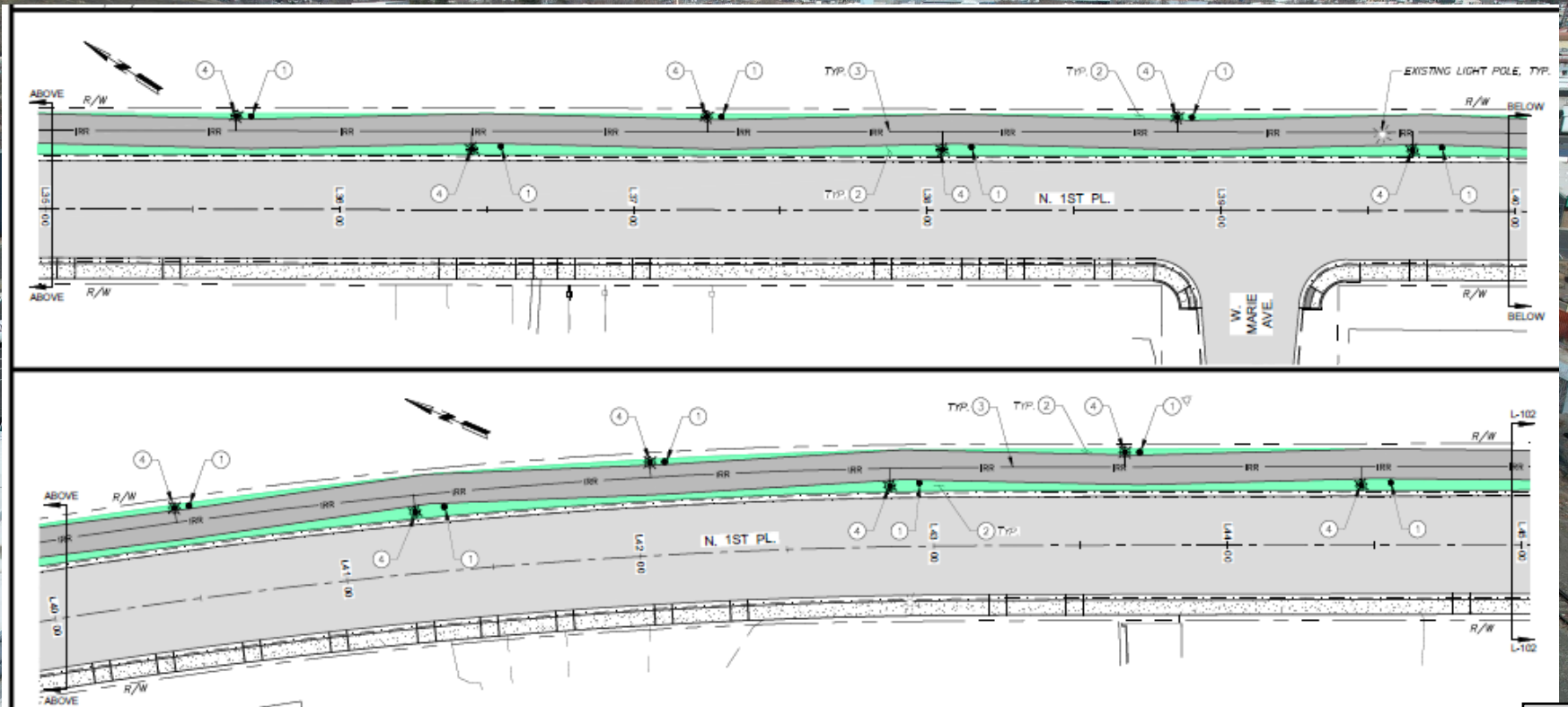
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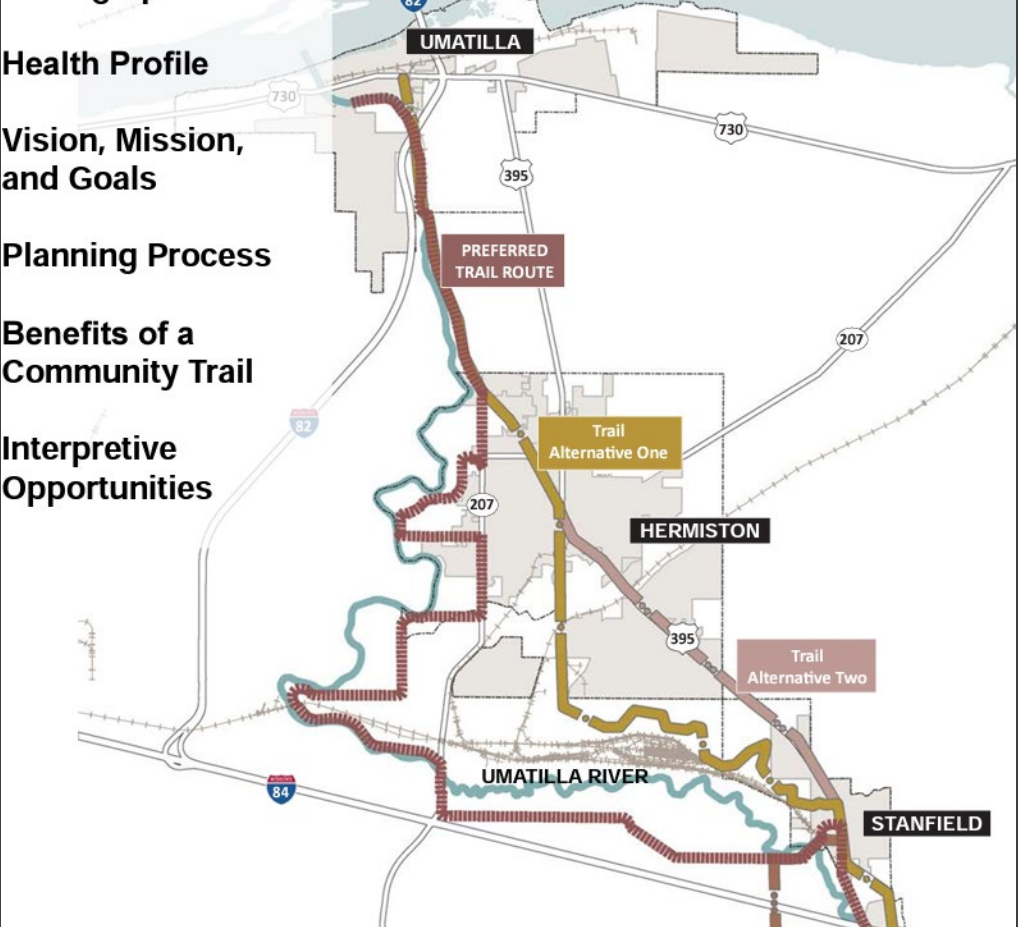
N 1st Place Trail

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N 1st Place Trail



- Health Profile
- Vision, Mission, and Goals
- Planning Process
- Benefits of a Community Trail
- Interpretive Opportunities

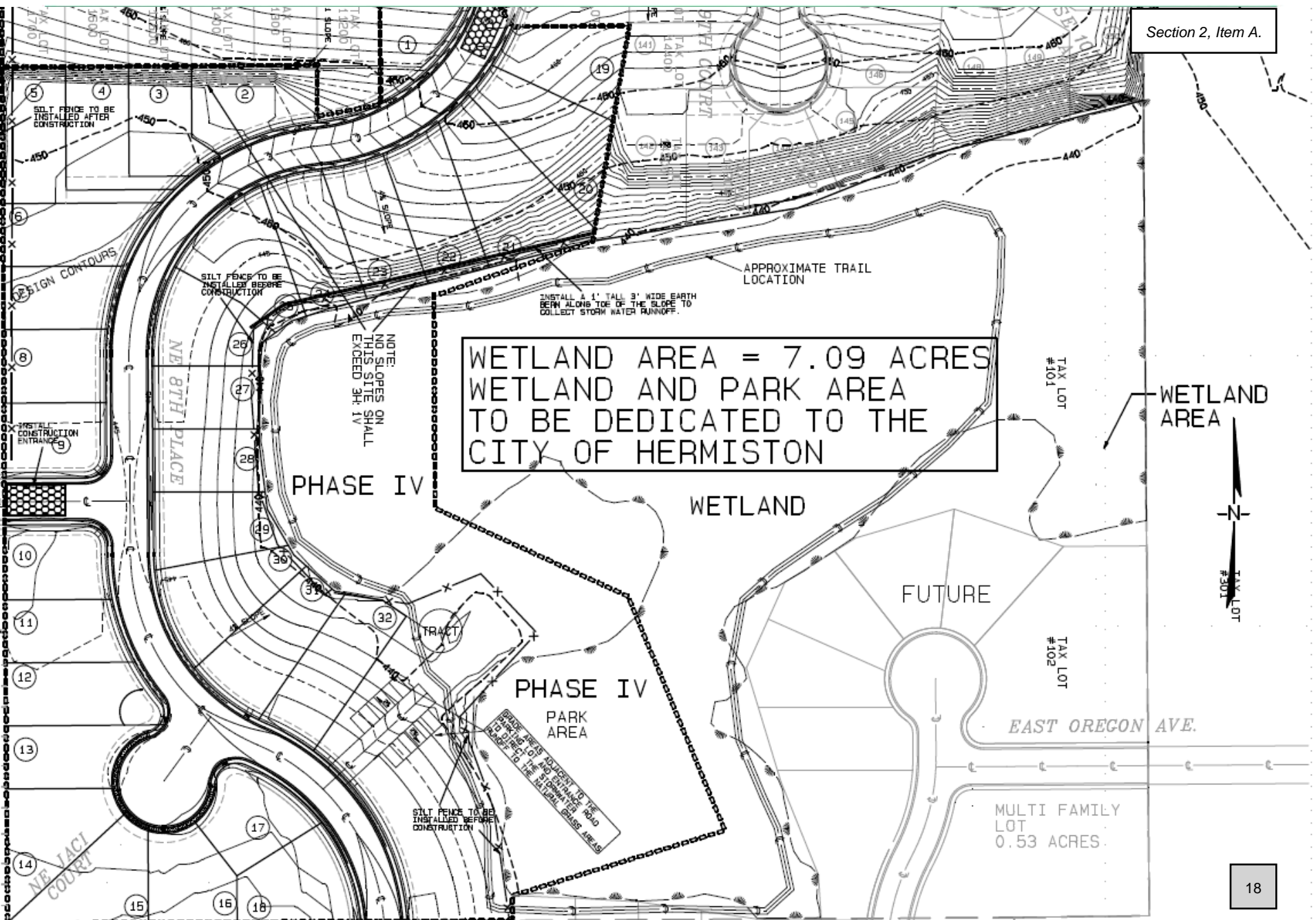
N 1st Place Trail



“Cimmaron” Park



6 Ft Wide Walking Trail
 $\frac{3}{4}$ Minus Gravel
3” base





Teen Adventure Park

Section 2, Item A.



- **50% Construction Documents are in!**
- **Anderson Perry drafting Sidewalk/Curb/Gutter engineering**
- **CA Skateparks will finish docs when they receive AP's portion**
- **30-60 day mobilization**
- **90-120 day construction**



Swim Lesson Registrations

All Summer Registrations

311



Hermiston Family Aquatic Center

SWIM LESSONS

PARENT/TOT
AND
LEVELS 1-6

2 WEEK SESSION
IN PERSON REGISTRATION ONLY

EARLY BIRD
IN PERSON
REGISTRATION

MARCH 11TH

10AM-2PM
HERMISTON
COMMUNITY CENTER





Upcoming Programs & Events

HERMISTON



Live!

Community Events Calendar

hermiston.live

Your source for what's happening in Hermiston!

LET'S PLAY PICKLEBALL

MON/WED
5:00-7:30pm



TUES/THURS
8:00-10:30am

DROP-IN & MEMBERSHIPS

INDOORS AT EOTEC

BIT.LY/HERMISTONRECREATION

FISHING DERBY

for Kids

Ages 2-12
Free Event

MARCH 25

10am - NOON
McNary Ponds



Sponsored by:



541-667-5018 Parks & Recreation

Flashlight
APRIL 7th
8:00pm
Butte Park

For Kids 10 years and under

EASTER Egg Hunt

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Legacy Park Planning

HOW DO **YOU** *imagine*
LEGACY PARK ?



Join us
at our Parks Planning
Workshop and share your
ideas for Legacy Park.



PARKS PLANNING WORKSHOP
FEB 9TH 5:30PM

Parks & Recreation

HERMISTON COMMUNITY CENTER

415 S. HWY 395, HERMISTON | 541-667-5018 | BIT.LY/HERMISTONRECREATION



HOW DO YOU imagine LEGACY PARK



Join us Feb. 9th 5:30pm and share your ideas for Legacy Park!
HERMISTON COMMUNITY CENTER

Open House Results
31 Attendees

Section 2, Item A.

- Park Name**
- Amenities**

Park Naming Ideas – Top 5

Punkin Park

Friendship Park

Oasis Park

Legacy Park

Imagination Park

Words that describe the completed park



What Makes a Great Place

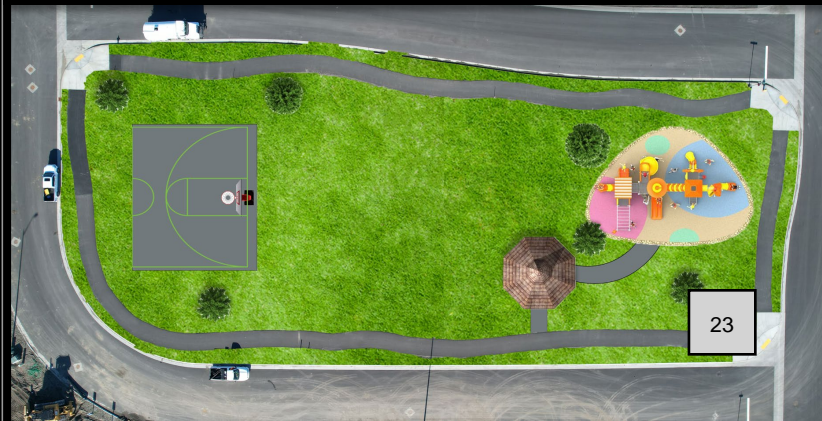


Amenities Wanted

- SPORT COURT**
- OUTDOOR STAGE**
- SPLASH PAD**
- Swings & Slides
- Plants (Ecology)
- Sidewalks, Lighting
- Sports Back Stop
- Restrooms
- Fire Ring
- Resealable Pavilion
- Rock Climbing

Major Concerns:

- Increased Traffic
- Ongoing Construction
- Homeless
- Fast Vehicles
- Drug Use



PARK NAMING SURVEY RESULTS - MARCH 2023

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

A location A geographic feature	Bella Vista Bella Vita Bella Vida	Easy to remember and easy to find. Name of street that it is located and views from the park, The street that it is located on and the views from the park overlooking Hermiston It provides for a diverse name for a diverse community. Its including those that are Spanish speakers too. Plus the street name is close by and stand for "Beautiful View." This is a beautiful life and a beautiful town
A location A geographic feature	Legacy Park Legacy Vista	Name of the housing complex. It, the name of the subdivision, so it just makes sense to name it Legacy Park.
A geographic feature	Sandstation Park Sandpoint Park Vista Park	
A location A geographic feature	North Vista Park Vista Verde	On Bella Vista drive with beautiful green grass in a sea of browns and tans on northern part of the city.
A location A geographic feature	Hill View Park Hill Top Park	the English translation to the nearby school and is on a hill.
A geographic feature	Horizon Park	Geography: Horizon Park (it's so flat in the area, you can see the Horizon from all angles)
A geographic feature	Oasis Park	A beach theme for kids would be a nice. Even better, some small water features or splash area in the summer.
A location	Monte Park	Monte Vista is the builder for the area.
A person	Bob Severson Memorial Park	Bob was a huge community supporter and especially anything for kids! He would be so proud of the growth we've had, including new parks for our kids to create memories!
A person	Chuck Norris Park	After Oregon state representative Chuck Norris, commander of the Umatilla Army Depot, passed away in 2009.
A person	Frost Lane	One of the greatest bullriders and he deserves to be respected and recognized in our small rural town
A person	Kilby Park	To be named after the downed Officer
A person	VICTOR D PARK	It kinda sounds like, "victory," and is a name based on my best friend who isn't feeling the best currently
A person	Adrian B. Stump memorial park	We have a Army helicopter unit here locally and one of my fellow pilots was shot down in Afghanistan. Adrian Stump was his name and he was a part of this unit. I think honoring someone local who lost their life defending this country would be amazing.
A plant or animal	Cardo Ruso Park	Cardo Ruso is Spanish for tumbleweed!
A plant or animal	Lavender Park	include plants such as lavender to the park to increase the beauty of the area, provide scent-therapy, and support pollination. include plants that support being an edible garden such as mint, tyme, rosemary, chamomile, and echinachea. The purpose being to encourage people to take some home for use which I feel would be a great community benifite and draw.
A plant or animal	Sage Park	

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A plant or animal	Seed Life Park	With recent developments and the continual promotion of the population and business growth, Hermiston has always reflected that ever growing change. We are known for our great community fellowship and we can continue to display that throughout our future parks and recreational facilities. The title, "Seed Life Park," can be viewed as a testimony of that statement. New homeowners and residents can have access to a new beautiful park in Hermiston. Where they can develop, have a sweet life, and continue to grow. Just as a planted seed does.
A plant or animal	Sunflower Station	Because we have so many naturally occurring sunflowers and we could make sure it always had some (in season). It could have sunflower decorations and theme and would be super cute and bright.
A plant or animal	Verbena Park	I thought it went well with the street name Bella Vista. Verbena is a beautiful flower, a heat tolerant perennial and annual. Is within the Verbenaceae family, which contains approximately 150 species.
A plant or animal	Watermelon park	The watermelon branding of hermiston should be much more used than it already is.
Attach name to new school	Loma Park	Easy to remember, close to new school
Dance team for winning state a lot.	Star Dust	The dance team represents Hermiston at state every year and does this town justice. I believe it would be a great honor to name this park after them.
Honoring the past.	Pioneer Park	The original settlers - those that invested and sacrificed everything, and to make this area bloom. Pioneer Park, or something along that line.
Honoring the past.	Veterans Memorial Park	
Q concept	Friendship	
Skyline park	Skyline park	Looks over Hermiston

Loma Vista Park
Los Pepitos Park
Hermiston Park
Vista Park
Bella Vista Park
Cardo Ruso Park
Legacy Park

Top names from students
 at Loma Vista Elementary.
listed by popularity

PARK NAMING SURVEY RESULTS - MARCH 2023

Additional names from students of Loma Vista Elementary.

ACE
ARIN PARK
BABY LEO
BEST PARK
BULL SNAKE FIELDS
CANDYLAND
CAT PARK
COCOMELON HAPPY PLACE
COYOTE PARK
CRISTIANO RONALDO
CURKUS
DONALD TRUMP
DUKES
FAR PARK
FEATURE PARK
FIESTA PARK
FLAT PARK
FLOWER PARK
FUN PARK
FUN WORLD
FUNHILL PARK
GRIVVIN'S DESTINY
GRIZZY SUNBEAM PARK
GWENDOLYN'S PARK
HAPPY LAND
HAPPY WORLD
HERMISTON PARK
JAKE PARK
JESUS IS GOOD
KENNISON PARK
KIDS PARK
KITE
KRISTY VISTA PARK
LAND OF FUN
LAVENDER PARK
LEO THE LION
LEO'S LAND
LIGHTENING THUNDER
LIGHTFALL PARK
LIH PARK
LION PARK
LION'S PARK
LOGO PARK
LOMA
LORAX PARK
MAKENSY PARK
NATIONAL WATERMELON PARK
NATIONAL WATERMELON PARK
NORTH PARK
OCEAN PARK
OREGON PARK
PANDA EXPRESS
PANDA LAND
PORT WATERMELON
PYPE PARK
RANGER
REVENTOLEY PARK
RODINSON
RODRIGUIZ PARK
ROSE PARK
SEA LIFE PARK
SKYVIEW PARK
SOUTH PARK
SPECIAL WORLD PARK
SPRING HILL PARK
SUNLIGHT
SUPER STAR PARK
THE LIONS
THIS OL' HILL
TROPICAL EXPLOSION
TROPICAL PLAY PLACE
VEGI PARK
VICTORIA PARK
WARRIOR VISTA PARK
WATERMELON
WATERMELON WARRIORS
WHITMAN PARK
WILD ANIMAL PARK
WILD WATERS
WIZARD PARK
ZEBRA PARK