

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2025**

DATE OF MEETING: April 9, 2025
MEMBERS PRESENT: Nikki Pollock, Charley Smith, Devin Shea, Laura Wilson, Casey Fiske (Remote)
OTHERS PRESENT: Council Liaison Beauchamp, Council Liaison Thompson, Parks & Recreation Director Case, approximately 4 members of the public
LOCATION: Meeting was held in the Council Conference Room and Virtually

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

MEETING MINUTES – Minutes from the March 12, 2025 meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Community members spoke about the condition of the Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool and Fitness Center building and the importance of investing in the facility and concerns about the proposed fee increases at the pool.

NEW BUSINESS

Boards & Commissions Training – Assistant City Attorney Aaron Reiman provided the Commission with a training on the Robert's Rules of Order for Boards & Commissions. This training is a required training that all city boards and commissions received.

OLD BUSINESS – Unity Park Rules – At the March 12, 2025, Commission meeting the staff proposed new draft rules for Unity Park that were going to be reviewed by Commission at their April meeting. After further consideration, staff decided to incorporate the current city park rules and regulations and delay creating specific rules for Unity Park. The reasons for this decision were based on the fact that the draft Unity Park rules were almost identical to the general park rules, and it allows time for the park to be used by the public and to determine if a specific set of rules is necessary for Unity Park.

STAFF REPORTS 1. Nine consulting firms responded to our 'Request for Qualifications' to update our City Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Sustainable Funding Plan. The finalist will be invited to an interview scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2025. 2. The City is working with the Unity Park contractor to finish the projects punch list items. 3. The City's Tree City USA/Arbor Day celebration is scheduled for Saturday April 12th at Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park, over 100 trees will be planted with student volunteers from Central Washington University. Also on April 12th, the Ellensburg Downtown Association will be hosting their annual downtown cleanup event. 4. City staff are continuing to review options for the fieldhouse project, including a public private partnership option. 5. Spring sports are in underway, we have 17 teams participating in our adult volleyball league, 85 kids signed up for the running club, and over 180 kids playing youth volleyball. 6. The Anderson Road sewer extension project has impacted traffic in the West Ellensburg neighborhood and parking at Rotary Park. Public Works staff has done a great job of coordinating the work so the closures haven't occurred over the weekends which would create a significant problem when weekend tournaments are scheduled at the park.

Meeting adjourned 6:30pm