

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

DATE OF MEETING: July 9, 2025
MEMBERS PRESENT: Nikki Pollock, Frana Milan, Ron Parga, Charlie Smith, Devin Shea
OTHERS PRESENT: Council Liaison Thompson Remote, Parks & Recreation Director Case, Cindy Mendoza, MIG, approximately 10 members of the public
LOCATION: Meeting was held in the Council Chambers and Virtually

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

MEETING MINUTES – Minutes from the June 11, 2025 meeting were approved.

CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Community members spoke about the following items; RCO funding, equity for swim lessons, splash pad project, condition of facilities and parks, and a recommendation to work with CWU to keep their pool open.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan Presentation #1

Cindy Mendoza, from MIG Consulting, presented overview of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Sustainable Funding Plan. The presentation included:

- Purpose for the plan which is to identify community priorities for the next 10 years; needs for parks, outdoor and indoor facilities and programs; creating a prioritized capital improvement plan and identifying a sustainable funding strategy to balance desired improvements, development and ongoing operations.
- Process which is broken out into the following four phases: inventory and systems assessment (summer 2025); needs and opportunities analysis (summer/fall 2025); goals, objectives, and action planning (fall 2025 & winter 2025); plan adoption and implementation (winter 2025 & spring 2026)
- Community engagement which will include a community needs questionnaire, pop-up events, prioritization workshop, draft plan review.
- Parks & Recreation Commission oversight which includes check-ins at key milestones, share insights of the park system, promote outreach opportunities, ensure plan addresses key priorities

Commission members were asked the flowing questions; What are the most pressing needs for improvement? What opportunities and challenges should this plan address? Are there key stakeholders and community we should engage with or specific strategies we should use to involve the community?

Approximately 6 members of the public provided their feedback on the park plan.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

Commissioner members talked about off leash parks and fishing at Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reported the following: 1. Unity Park concrete removal and replacement is planned for later this month. 2. Fieldhouse project – continuing to look at a public/private partnership to construct the fieldhouse. 3. Recreation programs coming up; summer movies and concerts at Unity Park and The Wall That Heals, coming to Rotary Park the first week in September.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.