

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2025**

DATE OF MEETING: August 13, 2025
MEMBERS PRESENT: Nikki Pollock, Frana Milan, Ron Parga, Charlie Smith, Devin Shea (remote), Casey Fiske
OTHERS PRESENT: Council Liaison Beauchamp, Parks & Recreation Director Case, 3 members from the public
LOCATION: Meeting was held in the Council Chambers and Virtually

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 5:35pm

MEETING MINUTES – Minutes from the July 9, 2025 meeting were approved.

CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Community members spoke about the 2016 comp plan and the need for a long-term plan at the Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool & Fitness Center.

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Project Priority Discussion – In November 2025, city staff will be bringing forward to City Council amendments to the 2026 budget. Included in those recommendations will be a request to reallocate \$302,800.00 budgeted in the 2025 'Park Acquisition and Development Fund' for new playground equipment or a splash pad. The \$302,800.00 reflects the city's match for a Recreation and Conversation Office grant the city applied for to build 8 tennis courts at Mt. View Park. The tennis court project fell outside the funding level, there was \$42,026,964 in project requests with only \$10,414,382 approved in the Capital Budget. Staff requested a recommendation from the Commission on which project, the splash pad or playground(s) should be funded. Staff also shared with the Commission that these funds weren't eligible for the sloped roof repair at the Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool & Fitness Center however the city had identified another funding source for that project.

Staff provided the Commission with examples of playground equipment that would cost close to \$300,000.00 to purchase and install as well as a \$300,000.00 splash pad.

A motion was made and seconded to use money for a splash pad North Alder Street Park. All in favor.

Community Outreach Events for Park Plan Update – Staff reviewed the pop-up boards created by MIG that will be used for public outreach events and shared the schedule of events and available volunteer opportunities.

Park Partnership Program Review – Staff provided the Commission with an overview of the park partnership program and evaluation process. With three new members on the Commission, staff thought it was important to provide a history of the program and how projects

are selected. The application process is currently open through the end of August, staff will be taking the applications to the commission at their September 10th meeting for their recommendations.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

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

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reported the following: 1. City staff is putting together contracts to start the repair work on the KVMP flat roof and HVAC. 2. "Harmonize" the new sculpture at Unity Park was unveiled on August 1st. 3. The Wall That Heals, a traveling $\frac{3}{4}$ scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial, will be at Rotary Park September 4-7, 2025. 4. City is looking at new garbage cans for the central business district, funding would come from Lodging Tax.

Meeting was adjourned at 7pm.