

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2021

DATE OF MEETING: August 11, 2021
MEMBERS PRESENT: Laci Harrison, Dan Witkowski, Ali Brown, Fiona Corner
OTHERS PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director Case
LOCATION: Meeting was held via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER – Commission Chair Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

MEETING MINUTES - The meeting minutes from the July 14, 2021 meeting were approved as written. *All in favor.*

OLD BUSINESS – Update of 6 Year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Schedule – The Commission reviewed the 6 Year CIP and made the following recommended changes:

- Reducing the budgeted amount of the Wipple Park Improvements (project #23) from \$105,000.00 to \$21,000.00.
- Adding the Rotary Park fieldhouse building at \$3,000,000.00 as project #13.
- The Commission requested moving all unfinished projects back one year to reflect the new six-year planning horizon.

ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 MEETING

Park Partnership Program – the Commission discussed the due August 31st due date for the park partnership proposals and decided to push back the meeting from September 8th to September 15th to allow the Commission ample time to review the applications. The Commission also decided that if more than 6 applications were submitted, then a second September meeting would be added, and presentations would be split up over the course of two meetings.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

Commission Chair Harrison gave an overview of the commissioner interview process she participated in with the Mayor for the three commission vacancies. A total of 14 people interviewed, with the top three applicants being recommended for appointment at the August 16, 2021 Council meeting.

STAFF REPORT – 1. The West Ellensburg Park baseball field backstop fencing, and dugouts were removed to make way for turf improvements planned as a part of creating a multi-use turf area that can be used for rugby, soccer, and flag football. 2. Waiting on guidance from the WIAA on high school sports to determine if we can offer programs at school district facilities, specifically youth and adult sports programs. 3. Due to staffing issues the Stan Bassett Youth Center is currently closed. Staff is recruiting for AmeriCorps members and part time staff. The goal is to open the facility back up in time for the start of the school year. 4. Staff provided an update on the Reed Park and Unity Park master planning process, as well provided some information about the comprehensive plan amendment submitted by the Ellensburg Downtown Association to change Pearl Street, between 4th & 5th Avenue into a pedestrian only area. 5. Concerts in the park are taking place Thursday nights, 6:30pm-8pm, at North Alder Street Park through 8/26.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm.