



Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Agenda
5:30 pm Wednesday, September 15, 2021
City Council Chambers

Meeting will be offered both in person and via Zoom at the link below

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Meeting ID: 898 6740 6277

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introduction of New Commission Members
- III. Approval of August 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items
- V. New Business
 - a. Park Partnership Program
 - i. West Ellensburg Park, FairPoint Field Development and Restoration
 - ii. KEEN – Ellensburg Explorers/Exploradores de Ellensburg
 - iii. Ellensburg High School Environmental Club – Reecer Creek Floodplain Interpretive Signs
- VI. Old Business
- VII. Items for October 13, 2021 Commission Meeting
- VIII. Commission Member Reports / Other Business
- IX. Staff Reports
- X. Adjournment

Guidelines for Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items and Public Comments:

Purpose: Allow the public to address the Parks & Recreation Commission on subjects that are not on the regular Agenda at this particular meeting. Comments must concern the City's business or a matter over which the committee has control.

Procedure for Public Participation:

- When recognized, please state your name, and the subject to be discussed.
- Three-minute time limit for citizen comment on non-agenda items (without interruption). Commission will not act on issue. Five-minute time limit for the introduction of new business items, unless extended by a by a majority of Commission members present.
- Submit written comments to Staff representative.
- Speakers are cautioned not to make comments of a personal, impertinent or derogatory nature.
- The Parks & Recreation Commission does not take action at the meeting at which a subject is first introduced during the public comment period. You may wish to concisely state your concern and request placement of your matter on a future agenda.

Questions regarding the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission may be directed to the City of Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Department at (509) 925-8639.

**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.

City of Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Department

‘Park Partnership Program’

Project Description

Project Information

Project Name: West Ellensburg, FairPoint Field Development and Restoration

Description of the project:

The Ellensburg Youth Rugby program is excited to partner with the City of Ellensburg, the City of Ellensburg Parks and Recreation Commission, and the City of Ellensburg Parks and Recreation Department to revitalize the City of Ellensburg’s, FairPoint Field which is an existing and underutilized field space.

This project aligns not only with the short term but also long-term City of Ellensburg Parks and Recreation Master plan by improving existing facilities and creating a space that can be used by multiple user groups. The enhancement of this field space will also help address long-term maintenance issues including an ongoing weed issue created by the existing dirt infield and the removal of two dugout structures which are dilapidated and unsafe. It will create a welcoming and inviting field space that will be easy to maintain with regular mowing and watering.

Revitalizing the FairPoint ball field will help to contribute to the overall aesthetics of the West Ellensburg Park which has seen an increase in park use with the renovation and completion of new pickle ball courts. It will create a more finished edge to the Southeast corner of the park and will create a programable activity space as well as an open field that community members will be able to use for drop-in play and recreational activities.

This project is currently underway having received support from both the Ellensburg City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Ellensburg Youth Rugby has been successful in partnering with local business as well a couple of anonymous donors to finalize the first phase of the project that included the removal of backstop fencing and dugouts in early August. On August 31st the field will be professional surveyed and marked. At this time the Rugby Goal posts will also be located. Once the field is marked, Ellensburg Youth Rugby will be coordinating with a local contractor to have New Goal Posts installed.

The next phase of the project will involve leveling and top dressing the field. This phase will also prepare the existing ground for the installation of a new Sprinkler System. Ellensburg Youth Rugby is seeking support for the purchase of the pipe and sprinklers required to install this new system. Our preferred timeline would be to complete the work this fall so the field could be available for use in Spring of 2022. If funding is not available until after January 1st then we would look to complete this phase of the project either in Early spring or Late Summer of 2022. Ellensburg Youth Rugby will work collaboratively with the City to source and complete the trenching and back fill required to install the new system once a firm timeline can be established.

Project Location (if located within a park facility please be specific): West Ellensburg, FairPoint Ball Field







Field Development

West Ellensburg - Fair Point Field

900 W. 3rd



Goal:

- Create a home field capable of hosting home matches and weekly training.

Community 1st Focus:

- Utilize field space that is not in conflict with existing sports in the community.
- Revitalize existing under-utilized space.
- Develop field space that can be used by other sports (I.e.. Ultimate frisbee, Soccer, Lacrosse).

Develop Character:

- Involve student athletes in maintaining and caring for the facilities they have the privilege to use.

Why West Ellensburg:

- 6.0 Acres (Baseball field is in disrepair and we would like an opportunity to improve the space for priority use).
- Leverage Existing Amenities: Barbeque, Snack Bar, Bathrooms (Seasonal), Electricity, Score Board, Existing Sprinklers & Irrigation, Picnic Shelter, Play Structure and Parking.

Field Improvements:

- Remove field hazards: bases, existing mound, fix or replace sprinkler box covers (add padding / artificial turf or sod to top of covers).
- Top dress, re-seed or sod dirt infield and base paths.
- Remove infield/outfield berm (edge).
- Install removeable goal posts.
- Clean and make useable existing snack bar.
- Install removeable shelving in existing storage area.

Structural Improvements:

- Remove Baseball Backstops and Dugouts
- Update Score Board to a multi-sport display
- Install 10 Row bleachers with roof and back wall for wind break

Contact Person

Name: Robert Ford

Organization Representing: Ellensburg Youth Rugby

Contact Address: 1507 E Sanders Rd.

City/State/Zip: Ellensburg, WA 98926

Phone: 360.303.5899

E-mail: Ellensburgrugby@gmail.com

Project Cost:

Amount Requested from the City: **\$15,000.00**

Cash Amount from Applicant: **\$17,914.00**

“In-Kind” Amount from Applicant: **\$17,086.00**

Cash from other Sources: NA

Please list other sources: NA

Total Project Cost: **\$50,000.00**

Return completed Application or email to caseb@cityofellensburg.org:

City of Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Administrative Office

501 N Anderson

Ellensburg, WA 98926

Due Date: August 31, 2021

City of Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Department

‘Parks Partnership Program’

Work Plan

Action Item:	Responsible Party:	Start Date:	Completion Date:
Work with City Parks and Recreation Director to identify field space for Ellensburg Youth Rugby	Ellensburg Youth Rugby	2/2021	2/2021
Brief and Receive approval from Parks Commission	Ellensburg Youth Rugby	5/2021	5/2021
Remove field hazards: bases, existing mound.	City of Ellensburg Parks Dept.	4/2021	4/2021
Order and Receive New Rugby Goal Posts	Ellensburg Youth Rugby	4/2021	4/2021
Receive Approval from City Counsel to initiate field project and enhance West Ellensburg’s FairPoint Park	Ellensburg Youth Rugby with the support of the City of Ellensburg Parks Dept. and the Parks Commission	7/2021	7/2021
Provide Certificate of Commercial Liability Insurance	Ellensburg Youth Rugby	7/2021	7/14/2021

Remove Backstops	Ellensburg Youth Rugby	8/2/2021	8/3/2021
Remove Dugouts	Ellensburg Youth Rugby	8/2/2021	8/3/2021
Remove “Turface” Gravel Material	Ellensburg Youth Rugby	8/2/2021	8/3/2021
Fix existing sprinkle heads	City of Ellensburg Parks Dept.	8/5/2021	8/6/2021
Survey Field	Ellensburg Youth Rugby	8/30/2021	8/30/2021
Locate New Rugby Goal Posts	Ellensburg Youth Rugby	8/30/2021	8/30/2021
Install Rugby Goal Posts	Ellensburg Youth Rugby	9/1/2021	9/10/2021
Remove infield/outfield berm (edge).	City of Ellensburg Parks Dept. & Ellensburg Youth Rugby	9/10/2021	9/20/2021
Level existing playing surface, Top dress, re-seed or sod dirt infield and base paths.	City of Ellensburg Parks Dept. & Ellensburg Youth Rugby	9/10/2021	10/1/2021
Trench and Install New In-ground Irrigation System.	City of Ellensburg Parks Dept. & Ellensburg Youth Rugby	Preferred 9/10/2021 Alternate 3/2022 or 8/2022	Preferred 10/15/2021 Alternate 4/2022 or 9/2022

City of Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Department 'Parks Partnership Program'

Budget Plan

1) Personnel				
	Total Cost	Applicant In Kind	Applicant Cash	City's Cash Match
Volunteer Labor Hrs.	\$2,336.00	\$2,336.00		
Sub Total	\$2,336.00	\$2,336.00	\$	\$

2) Supplies/Equipment Materials				
	Total Cost	Applicant In Kind	Applicant Cash	City's Cash Match
International Rugby Goal Posts	\$4,144.00		\$4,144.00	
Goal Post Pads & Field Flags	\$2,670.00		\$2,670.00	
Outfield Fence Padding	\$1,100.00		\$1,100.00	
Sub Total	\$7,914.00	\$	\$7,914.00	\$

3) Professional Services				
	Total Cost	Applicant In Kind	Applicant Cash	City's Cash Match
Survey Field	\$750.00	\$750.00		
Sub Total	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$	\$

4) Construction Capital				
	Total Cost	Applicant In Kind	Applicant Cash	City's Cash Match
Deconstruction and Removal of Backstops	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	
Dig and Install Rugby Posts	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		
Topsoil & Hydra Seed	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$2,000.00
Irrigation Pipe and Sprinklers	\$12,000.00			\$13,000.00
Irrigation Trench and Back Fill	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00		
Sub Total	\$39,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$	\$15,000.00

Project Total	Total Cost	Applicant In Kind	Applicant Cash	City's Cash Match
\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$17,086.00	\$17,914.00	\$15,000.00



City of Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Department 'Park Partnership Program'

Introduction

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Program Guidelines

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Project Timeline

Application Due Dates: Applications must be submitted by 5:00pm on August 31st. Applications shall be submitted to the Parks & Recreation Department Administrative Office, located on the 2nd floor of City Hall, 501 N Anderson, Ellensburg, WA 98926.

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Project Eligibility

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City of Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Department
'Park Partnership Program'
Project Description

Project Information Project Name: **Ellensburg Explorers/Exploradores de Ellensburg**

Description of the project: The Kittitas Environmental Education Network (KEEN) requests funding to provide tuition-free half-day nature day camps in Ellensburg city parks in the summer of 2022. Ellensburg Explorers will allow children to play and learn at McElroy, Kiwanis, Mountain View and Irene Rinehart Riverfront Parks. KEEN's educators will guide participants in nature-based exploration and science learning. KEEN will endeavor to provide all programming in English and Spanish.

Project Location (if located within a park facility please be specific): McElroy, Kiwanis, Mountain View and Irene Rinehart Riverfront Parks

Contact Person

Name: Jill Scheffer

Organization Representing: Kittitas Environmental Education Network

Contact Address: 414 S. Willow Street

City/State/Zip: Ellensburg, WA 98926

Phone: 509-551-8807

E-mail: kittitasee@gmail.com

Project Cost

Amount Requested from the City: \$10,000

Cash Amount from Applicant: \$

"In-Kind" Amount from Applicant: \$10,000

Cash from other Sources: \$

Please list other sources:

Total Project Cost: \$20,000

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City of Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Department
‘Parks Partnership Program’
Work Plan

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City of Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Department
‘Park Partnership Program’
Budget Plan

1. Personnel				
	Total Cost	Applicant “In-Kind”	Applicant Cash	City’s Cash Match
Educators	\$10,320	\$2,800		\$7,520
Bookkeeper	\$200	\$200		
Sub Total	\$ 10,520	\$ 3,000	\$	\$ 7,520

2. Supplies/Equipment Materials				
	Total Cost	Applicant “In-Kind”	Applicant Cash	City’s Cash Match
Program insurance	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Educational supplies	\$4,480	\$2,000		\$2,480
Sub Total	\$ 9,480	\$ 7,000	\$	\$ 2,480

3. Professional Services				
	Total Cost	Applicant “In-Kind”	Applicant Cash	City’s Cash Match
Sub Total	\$	\$	\$	\$

4. Construction Capital				
	Total Cost	Applicant "In-Kind"	Applicant Cash	City's Cash Match
Sub Total	\$	\$	\$	\$

Project Total	Total Cost	Applicant "In-Kind"	Applicant Cash	City's Cash Match
	\$20,000	\$10,000		\$10,000

Notification Process

A call for projects will be published in the Daily Record, the City's official newspaper.

A call for projects will run on the City's website (www.ci.ellensburg.wa.us).

A call for projects will be posted at City owned recreational facilities and at Ellensburg City Hall.

Unsuccessful applicants from the previous three years will be notified about the call for projects.



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City of Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Department
'Park Partnership Program'
Project Description

Project

Information

Project Name: Reecer Creek Floodplain Interpretive Signs

Description of the project:

In 2019 the Ellensburg High School Environmental Club designed and received a critical areas permit (attached) for three additional trails to the Reecer Creek Floodplain. The trails were constructed in Spring 2021. We would like to add six interpretive signs, two per trail throughout the Reecer Creek Floodplain. The signs will be providing information on the surrounding area and wildlife. Drafts of the signs are at the end of this application.

We will be using signs made by Pannier Graphics. Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group has used Pannier in the past after careful research of several sign manufacturers.

Project Location (if located within a park facility please be specific): Rotary Park, Reecer Creek Floodplain (see map at end of application)

Contact Person Name:

Jeff Hashimoto

Organization Representing: Ellensburg High School Environmental Club

Contact Address: 1203 E. Capitol Ave

City/State/Zip: Ellensburg, WA 98926

Phone: (509) 933-1409

E-mail: jeff.hashimoto@esd401.org

Project Cost

Amount Requested from the City: \$2250

Cash Amount from Applicant: \$ 1250

"In-Kind" Amount from Applicant: \$ 1000

Cash from other Sources: \$ 0

Please list other sources: N/A

Total Project Cost: \$ 4500

Return completed Application or email to caseb@cityofellensburg.org:

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City of Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Department
‘Parks Partnership Program’
Work Plan

Action Item	Responsible Party	Start Date	Completion Date
Design Interpretive Signs	EHS Environmental Club	March 2021	October 2021
Order Signs from Pannier Graphics	EHS Environmental Club and Pannier Graphics		
Install Signs	City of Ellensburg Parks Department	November 2021	November 2021

City of Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Department
 'Park Partnership Program'
Budget Plan

1. Personnel				
	Total Cost	Applicant "In-Kind"	Applicant Cash	City's Cash Match
Sign Design	\$500	\$500	0	0
Trail Design Construction	\$500	\$500	0	0
Sub Total	\$ 1000	\$ 1000	\$ 0	\$ 0

2. Supplies/Equipment Materials				
	Total Cost	Applicant "In-Kind"	Applicant Cash	City's Cash Match
Signs from Pannier Graphics	\$3000		\$1250	\$1750
Sub Total	\$3000		\$1250	\$1750

3. Professional Services				
	Total Cost	Applicant "In-Kind"	Applicant Cash	City's Cash Match
Sign Installation by Parks Department	\$500	0	0	\$500
Sub Total	\$500	0	0	\$500

4. Construction Capital				
	Total Cost	Applicant "In-Kind"	Applicant Cash	City's Cash Match
Sub Total		\$	\$	\$

Project Total	Total Cost	Applicant "InKind"	Applicant Cash	City's Cash Match
	\$ 4500	\$1000	\$1250	\$2250

The Riparian Zone

Look ahead! Do you see the cluster of trees by the stream? Notice how different it looks from the rest of the floodplain behind you. The area near the stream is called the *riparian zone*.



Photo: Cedar Cunningham

This habitat creates transportation routes for animals along the streamline. The trees provide shade and prevent erosion. The riparian zone protects animals in and around the stream like fish, otter, deer, coyotes, and songbirds. The picture is a Yellow Headed Blackbird near here. Look around for signs of animals in the riparian zone.

Ellensburg High School Environmental Club 2021



Grasses in Reecer Creek

Look at all this grass! If you look carefully you can see all the different varieties! Do you see how some of the grasses grow in clumps? How some have longer leaves and seeds that rise above the plant? Many of the grasses here are Bluebunch Wheatgrass, Great Basin Wild Rye and Sandberg's Bluegrass.



The deep rooted grasses and plants help the floodwater spread out and absorb into the ground instead of going into unpredictable places!

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Ellensburg High School Environmental Club 2021

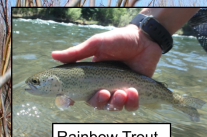


Fish in Reecer Creek

When you look into the water, what do you usually look for? Is it fish, insects, or plants? Well, if you are looking for fish, you may see different types of trout or salmon.



Juvenile Chinook Salmon



Rainbow Trout

Some of the species of trout that are common in Reecer Creek are rainbow and steelhead trout. Steelhead trout and rainbow trout are genetically identical, and breeding within the species is relatively common.

There are two species of salmon in Reecer Creek: Chinook and Coho. Steelhead trout and salmon have a life cycle of around four years, and they migrate to the ocean for an average of two and a half years.



Juvenile Coho Salmon

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Land Animals



One very common animal in this area is the beaver. Beavers cut down trees and branches to build dams and shelters. Many other animals use the ponds that beavers create as their habitat. Can you see signs of beavers around you?



Cottontail rabbits are very common in this area. They like to live in dense thickets and bushes. If you are quiet and alert, you might spot one nearby!



Coyotes are a relative to the domestic dog. Coyotes have adapted to live almost anywhere. Can you see any coyote tracks nearby?



A common species of skunk in this area is the *Striped Skunk*. This species of skunk prefers to be in open pastures and fields, as well as near open bodies of water.

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Floodplain Restoration

The Reecer Creek Floodplain Restoration project aims to:

- Improve flood management
- Enhance salmon habitat
- Provide educational and recreational opportunities



Photo taken October, 2011



Photo taken May, 2021

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Locations of Proposed Interpretive Signs



Entrance to Nature Trail



Sample of Sign From Pannier Graphics Single pedestal, metal frame

