

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2022**

DATE OF MEETING: May 11, 2022
MEMBERS PRESENT: Laci Harrison, Ali Brown, Ali Burton, Nikki Pollock, KT Kelleher
OTHERS PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director Case, Jason Clifton, Alex Eyre, Ellensburg Arts Commissioner
LOCATION: Meeting was held at the Council Chambers and Remotely

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

MEETING MINUTES - The meeting minutes from the April 20, 2022 meeting were approved. ***All in favor.***

OLD BUSINESS – Skate Park Mural – Based on a request from the Commission at their April 20, 2022 meeting, Jason Clifton, the artist of the skatepark mural and Alex Eyre, a member of the Arts Commission, attend the meeting to discuss the mural. Both indicated that there was a miscommunication in the approval process and that Mr. Clifton was under the impression that all of the approvals were in place. Other contributing factors impacting the mural and process was the delay created by COVID and turnover in City staff and Commission members.

Mr. Clifton responded to concerns from the Commission regarding the message the mural may be sending our community by featuring people from the skateboarding community who have passed away due to chemical dependency or abuse.

Commission member Brown stated she went to the skatepark to talk with skaters about the mural and there was support for the mural.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend Commission approval of the mural as it moves on to the City Council for final approval. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Review of Park Partnership Application - Staff asked the Commission to provide any changes to the Parks Partnership Application in advance of it going out to the public on June 1st. The only recommendation made was that language in the application be amended making it clear that the money is intended for improvements that are capital in nature, either development or purchasing equipment.

Recap of Unity Park Stakeholders Meetings – Staff provided a recap from a series of hourlong meetings with three stakeholder groups; City staff/Boards & Commission, event planners, and downtown business owners/neighbors regarding the planning process for Unity Park.

ITEMS FOR JUNE 8, 2022 MEETING

Unity Park concept plan review. Commission meeting will take place to accommodate park planning event scheduled from 5pm-6:30pm June 8th.

STAFF REPORT

1. Jackie Adams and Nick Zentner are the two individuals being recommended to Council as the two new Commission members, replacing Dan Witkowski and Ali Burton, whose terms expire May 31, 2022. 2. Over 40 youth baseball teams will be in town the weekend of May 14 & 15 playing out at Rotary Park. 3. The property survey work for Reed Park was completed last week. 4. A variety of organizations are planning the 'Ride to Renslow' on Saturday May 21st. The ride will leave Unity Park at 9am and end just out past the newly refurbished Renslow Trestle. 5. On Monday, May 16th, City Council will be hosting a study session to discuss indoor recreational facility needs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.