

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2022**

DATE OF MEETING: July 13, 2022
MEMBERS PRESENT: Ali Brown, Fiona Corner, KT Kelleher, Nick Zentner, Jackie Adams, Nikki Pollock
OTHERS PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director Case, Council Liaison Monica Miller, One community member
LOCATION: Meeting was held in the City Council Conference Room and Remotely

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 5:33pm

MEETING MINUTES - The meeting minutes from the June 8, 2022 meeting were approved. ***All in favor.***

NEW BUSINESS – Selection of Chair & Vice Chair – Commission Chair Harrison indicated to staff prior to the meeting that she would like to stay on the Commission however she would no longer be able to serve as chair. The position of vice chair was vacant due to the former Vice Chairs term expiring. Commissioner Ali Brown self-nominated for the position of Chair and Commissioner Pollock self-nominated for the position of Vice Chair. The Commission voted all in favor of the two selections.

Mead Memorial Bench – The Mead family requested approval to place a memorial bench at Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park in memory of their parents Charlotte E Lambson & Robert W. Mead. The land where IRRP sits was previously owned by the Meade family. The Commission voted all in favor for the placement of the bench.

Commission Member Adopted Parks – Commission members adopt city parks which they report back to the commission on. The parks were adopted as such:

Commissioner Adams -	Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park, Rotary Park
Commissioner Zentner -	Reed Park, Veterans Memorial Park
Commissioner Kelleher -	Paul Rogers Park, Lions Mt. View Park
Commissioner Pollock -	McElroy Park, Kleinberg Park
Commission Chair Brown-	Kiwanis Park, West Ellensburg Park
Commissioner Apple -	Whipple Park, Palouse to Cascades Reconnection Route
Commissioner Harrison -	North Alder Street Park

OLD BUSINESS – Review Community Feedback from June 8th Unity Park Planning Event – City staff provided an overview of the feedback from the planning event held at the Unity Park site on June 8th, it's estimated that over 50 community members participated in the event and provided their input on park design. Multiple Commission members expressed their concern over the inclusion of a splash pad at the

site, stating that the benefit of a small splash pad does not outweigh the cost and concerns that a downtown park is not the correct location for a splash pad.

Community member Pat Kelleher provided the Commission with his recommendation the Unity Park design.

Whitfield Triangle Surplus Update – At their July 5, 2022 Council meeting the City Council decided to declare the Whitfield Triangle property to surplus to city needs and directed staff to draft an resolution to sell the property for residential development.

ITEMS FOR JULY 13, 2022 MEETING

Unity Park preferred design plan update

STAFF REPORT 1. The 'Summer Concerts in the Park' start July 21st and run through end of August every at North Alder Street Park every Thursday from 6:30pm-pm. 2. Missoula Children's Theater will be in town the week of July 21st putting on a production of Johnny Appleseed. Open to youth grades K-12. 3. Gladiator Dash will take place Saturday, August 6th, 9:30am at Rotary Park. 4. Walker Macy will be coming back to the Commission in August to present a preferred design concept for the Commission to review. 4. A large homeless encampment was discovered at Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park in a section of the park not utilized by the public. Staff is in the process of having the encampment cleaned up. 5. The extension of the Palouse to Cascade Trail (PTC) Reconnection Route is underway between the intersection of Nicholson Boulevard and Alder Street to PTC trailhead at the Kittitas Valley Event Center. The new section of trail measures .36 miles, bringing the total length of completed reconnection trail to 1.60 miles.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.