

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2022**

DATE OF MEETING:	September 14, 2022
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Ali Brown, Laci Harrison, KT Kelleher, Nick Zentner, Jackie Adams, Nikki Pollock
OTHERS PRESENT:	Parks & Recreation Director Case, Council Liaison Monica Miller, Six members from the public
LOCATION:	Meeting was held in the City Council Conference Room and Remotely

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

MEETING MINUTES - The meeting minutes from the August 10, 2022 meeting were approved. ***All in favor.***

NEW BUSINESS – Park Partnership Program – Commission Chair Brown provided the Commission and attendees with an overview of the ‘Park Partnership Program’ and then introduced the two project applicants.

Ellensburg Youth Club – Bob Ford and William Yarwood spoke on behalf of the rugby club and their funding request of \$3,752.00 to install a split rail fence around the new rugby pitch at West Ellensburg Park. The installation of the fence would help define the edge of the park and rugby pitch, as well as provide a higher level of security from vehicles potentially driving out onto the grass and damaging the turf. Over 60 local youth participate in the program with continue growth anticipated.

Ellensburg Pickleball Club (EPIC)– Chris Nicolai, representing EPIC, spoke on behalf of their \$9,600.00 request to purchase and install a windscreen, add interior and perimeter chain link fencing, add a storage unit at the park for maintenance equipment, purchase a training wall, repair existing court cracks and to purchase extra nets and equipment.

A motion and second was made to fund both projects at their full request. Motion passed all in favor.

The total amount available in the fund is \$17,591.00, the request total \$13,352, leaving a balance of \$4,239.00. The Commission requested that staff look into the possibility that the balance of the funds could be used and if so do we have the option to, 1. Roll the funds over into the 2023 Park Partnership Program, 2. Put out a second call for proposals, or 3. If the Commission could recommend a project for the funds to be spent on.

OLD BUSINESS – Reed Park Master Plan & Stakeholders Meeting Review – Nick Zentner
Commissioner Zentner provided the Commission with an update on the September 6th stake holder meetings where two concept plans were reviewed.

Commissioner Kelleher asked if there was a possibility to introduce some of the proposed changes through a pilot program to gauge community support. Staff will discuss with the landscape architect.

One idea was to place QR Code information about the park design work at the park so people could be informed about the proposed changes. Community members commented on the proposed design concepts.

Unity Park Next Steps

Staff provided an update on the planning process. Commissioner Kelleher voiced concerns about the lack of community awareness about the project. Commissioner Zentner stated that he still has concerns about losing the parking stalls currently located at the Unity Park property.

ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 12, 2022 MEETING

Unity Park preferred design plan update

Pickleball Disucssion

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Commissioner Kelleher talked about some of the concerns about behavior at Mt. View Park, especially during the evening in the northwest corner of the park and asked about adding some lighting to this corner of the park.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.