

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2023**

DATE OF MEETING: January 11, 2023
MEMBERS PRESENT: Ali Brown, KT Kelleher, Nick Zentner, Jackie Adams, Nikki Pollock
OTHERS PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director Case, Nicole Klauss, City Public Information Officer, Jim Pendley & Kevin Packard, Kittitas County Railroad History Association, Nancy Goodloe & Tylene Carnell, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission, One member of 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 December 14, 2022 Commission meeting were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS –

Election of Commission Officers – Ali Brown and Nikki Pollock were nominated and seconded for the positions of Commission Chair and Vice Chair. **Voted all in favor.**

Kittitas County Railroad History Association – Kevin Packard and Jim Pendley, association members, presented an idea to locate a 7 ½ “gauge riding railroad at Rotary Park. The members spoke about the benefits of the line for the community and telling the importance of the history of the railroad in Kittitas County. The City will be updating the Rotary Park master plan in the upcoming months and the association was encouraged to advocate for the railroad at Rotary Park through that process.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission Overview – Council Member Nancy Goodloe and Commission member Tylene Carnell gave an overview of the DEI Commission and encouraged the Commission to utilize the DEI Commission if they ever needed help with anything. There is a desire to have the DEI assist with the Unity Park grand opening event.

ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2023 MEETING

Reed Park Mater Plan Recommendation

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

Commissioner Kelleher asked how the recently adopted trespass admonishment ordinance would be communicated out to the public. Staff stated that a meeting has been scheduled with City staff who will be most impacted by the new ordinance and that the education component would be discussed at that meeting but in all likelihood much of the education would be provided through the Ellensburg Police Department.

STAFF REPORTS: 1. Staff provided an update on the Ellensburg Racquet & Recreation Center fire and the City's plan to replace the building. The surplus of the ERRC property is going before Council at their January 17, 2023 meeting, the city will not rebuild at the ERRC site. Staff is working with Bruce Dees & Associates, the firm that completed the Rotary Park master plan, to develop a scope of work and fee to

update the Rotary Master plan reflecting the addition of a athletic fieldhouse building. 2. Reed Park – staff will be bringing park plan option D. to the next February 8, 2023 commission meeting for a recommendation to move this plan onto Council for final approval. Bob Droll, from RWD Landscape Architects, is making the final changes based on feedback the City received at the December 14, 2022 community park planning open house. 3. Through the City and Ellensburg School District interlocal facility use agreement, the city has been offering open gyms for basketball and pickleball at Morgan Middle School. On average 25 community members are playing basketball and 24 people playing pickleball. 4. The city has hired a realtor to assist with the sale of the Whitfield Triangle property. Proceeds from the sale of the property will be used to help pay for future improvements at Reed Park. 5. The Rotary Park cross country skiing trails are being groomed as the weather dictates. 6. Staff has begun the planning process for commemorating the city's 40th year being designated as a 'Tree City USA', the oldest Tree City USA community in the state of Washington. The event will take place on Saturday, April 22nd.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.