



Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Agenda
5:30pm – March 15, 2023
City Hall Council Chambers & Remotely

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 834 2962 0644

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 8, 2023
- III. Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items
- IV. New Business
 - a. Naming of the Community Garden at Wippel Park
- V. Old Business
 - a. Unity Park Design Update – Brian Bishop, Walker Macy
- VI. Items for April 12, 2023 Meeting
 - a. Reed Park Master Plan
- VII. Commission Member Reports / Other Business
- VIII. Staff Reports
- IX. Adjournment

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

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

Procedure for Public Participation:

- When recognized, please state your name, and the subject to be discussed.
- 3 minute time limit for citizen comment on non-agenda items (without interruption). Commission will not act on issue.
- 5 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 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.
- On agenda items each speaker's comments will be limited to 3 minutes.

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2023**

DATE OF MEETING:	February 8, 2023
MEMBERS PRESENT:	KT Kelleher, Nick Zentner, Jackie Adams, Nikki Pollock, Laci Harrison
OTHERS PRESENT:	Parks & Recreation Director Case, Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, three members of the public
LOCATION:	Meeting was held in the City Council Chambers and Remotely

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

MEETING MINUTES - The meeting minutes from the January 11, 2023 Commission meeting were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Reed Park Preferred Plan – Staff presented Reed Park plan ‘Option D’ to the Commission for their recommendation to the Ellensburg City Council. This plan was selected as the preferred plan because it most closely aligns with the goals of the master planning process improving park safety by expanding non-motorized access opportunities to and within the park, while still maintaining existing park elements that make Reed Park unique to our community.

A motion was made and seconded to forward the plan as presented to City Council for adoption. Motion passed 5-0.

Fieldhouse and Rotary Park Master Plan Update – Staff talked about the city starting the master planning process with Bruce Dees and Associates, the landscape architects who completed the original master plan for Rotary Park in 2002 as well as the 2013 update. The focus on the plan update will be siting a fieldhouse and identifying a secondary access into the park. Staff anticipates this process starting in the next 30 days.

The City is submitting a funding request to the State of Washington for the fieldhouse, one of the goals of the project is to fund it through private partnerships and local and state dollars.

ITEMS FOR MARCH 8, 2023 MEETING

Unity Park Update -Walker Macy

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

March 15, 2023

Members of the Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Commission

Thank you for action taken November 9, 2022 supporting relocation of the former Ellensburg Downtown Community Garden to Wippel Park. We have met with Park staff and Ellensburg Morning Rotary and discussed naming.

We are pleased to forward our suggested name for review, consideration and recommendation per Ellensburg City Code 2.34.060.

Wippel Community Garden

meets the top criteria of 2.34.060 A *...consideration of naming of public parks, recreational facilities, and features within a park or recreational facility shall be primarily given to:*

1. Geographic or neighborhood location. The garden will be within Wippel Park, identifies its location in the city for the public, and better differentiates this community garden from the Ellensburg Community Garden located at St. Andrews.

When the proposed Rotary-developed pollinator garden installs, the two can be called Wippel Park Gardens, having a common pathway integrating them within the Park. This would be in line with 2.34.060 C. *Selection Process.*

3. All portions of the park or facility will have, as a general rule, the same name as the entire park or facility.

We request that you recommend the name **Wippel Community Garden**, *along with the commission's reasons supporting its recommendation* per 2.34.060 B (2), to the City Council for final action at its next meeting.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Reed Waite
Wippel Community Garden volunteer