



Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Agenda
5:30pm – April 12, 2023
City Hall Council Conference Room & Remotely

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 847 7558 5646

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introduction of New Commission Member – Frana Milan
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 15, 2023
- IV. Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items
- V. New Business
 - a. Naming of the Pollinator Garden at Wippel Park
 - b. 4th & Pine Pet Relief Station – Ryan Kellogg, Ellensburg Downtown Association
 - c. Select Commission Member for the Rotary Park Master Plan Stakeholder Group
- VI. Old Business
- VII. Items for May 10, 2023 Meeting
 - a. Rotary Park Master Plan Update
- VIII. Commission Member Reports / Other Business
- IX. Staff Reports
- X. 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 – March 15, 2023**

DATE OF MEETING: March 15, 2023
MEMBERS PRESENT: KT Kelleher, Jackie Adams, Nikki Pollock, Ali Brown
OTHERS PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director Case, Council Liason Monica Miller, approximately 18 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 February 8, 2023 Commission meeting were approved as submitted with one change to include a motion made by Commissioner Kelleher requesting that the City place signage regarding the proposed changes to Reed Park, along with a QR code linking to information about the park design process and schedule, which died due to a lack of second.

CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ryan Kellogg, downtown business owner and representing the Ellensburg Downtown Association, introduced to the Commission a pilot program to create a pet waste area in the downtown. The idea is to convert to one of the unadopted downtown garden nodes into an area downtown residents and visitors can take their pets to use the bathroom. The Commission requested that Mr. Kellogg come back to the April meeting to present the proposal in further detail.

A few members of the public voiced their concerns with the Reed Park master plan that went before Council for approval and the negative impact the plan has on American Legion parking; the concern that this the park road is public street without sidewalks; that the Legion Post Commander be notified of all meetings where the Reed Park is going to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS – Reed Waite, community garden organizer, recommended to the Commission that the community garden planned for Wippel Park be called the Wippel Community Garden

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.

A motion and second was made to name the community garden at Wippel Park the 'Wippel Community Garden'. Motion passed all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS - Unity Park Design Update – Brian Bishop from Walker Macy provided the Commission with a design update for Unity Park. Some of the key elements pointed out by Mr. Bishop include:

- Reducing the amount of bathroom stalls from 3 to 2
- Provided a few different options for seating
- Proposed location for the Ellensburg Bull Sculpture
- Stage access
- Water feature options

One member of the public voiced concerns over the water feature and had comments over seating options.

ITEMS FOR APRIL 12, 2023 MEETING

Reed Park Master Plan Update

Pet Relief Stations Downtown

Pollinator Garden Name

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS/OTHER BUSINESS

STAFF REPORTS – 1. Staff told the Commission that the Reed Park master plan was being referred back to the Commission for the purposes of developing a park plan that mitigates the parking concerns of the American Legion. 2. City park restrooms and the gates at Rotary Park & Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park will open Monday, March 20th. The Rotary Park restroom will remain closed due to the field lighting project however two portable bathrooms will be provided. 3. Youth athletic programs continue to very popular, the Tiny Tots t-ball, which had 84 spots available, filled up in a little over an hour and over 200 kids are participating in the youth volleyball league this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

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Members of the Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Commission

Thank you for action taken November 9, 2022 supporting construction a Native Pollinator Plant Garden at Wippel Park.

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

Wippel Heritage Pollinator 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.

When the proposed Ellensburg Morning Rotary Club's native pollinator plant garden project is constructed, it will have a common path with the proposed Wippel Community Garden.

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

Thank you for your continuing support,

Jack Carpenter

Ellensburg Morning Rotary Club



Proposed location for pilot project— southeast corner of 4th & Pine

