

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2023**

DATE OF MEETING:	May 10, 2023
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jackie Adams, Frana Milan, Nick Zentner, Ali Brown
OTHERS PRESENT:	Parks & Recreation Director Case, three members 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 – Meeting minutes from the April 12, 2023 meeting were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS – Rotary Park Master Plan Stakeholder Meeting Review – Jackie Adams, Stakeholder Representing the Parks & Recreation Commission – Commissioner Adams provided the Commission with a summary of the stakeholder meeting that took place virtually on April 19, 2023. In total 10 different groups attended the meeting, most of which already use Rotary Park, such as the Kittitas Valley Junior Soccer Association and Ellensburg Youth Baseball. There were a few groups in attendance that currently aren't using the park for their activities but that would like to, a few of those include the Ellensburg Disc Golf Club, EPiC (Ellensburg Pickleball Club), and the Kittitas County Railroad History Association.

ITEMS FOR MAY10, 2023 MEETING

Poetry Pole and Wind Phone Proposal at Wippel Park

Discussion about Commission Roles and Opportunities for Greater Community Impact

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Staff acknowledged the letter Kathleen Kelleher wrote to the Commission explaining her reason for not seeing reappointment to the Commission.

Commissioner Zentner commented on the increase in traffic at Reed Park, and the surrounding neighborhood, over the course of the last few weeks. He inquired about what the next steps were in the Reed Park planning process and if the process needed to start over from the beginning. Staff stated that the process would not have to start over and that the intention is to develop a new plan incorporating feedback heard at the March 6th Council meeting as well as with the meeting with the Legion.

STAFF REPORTS – 1. Reed Park Plan Update – City staff met with members of the American Legion Board to discuss concerns Legion member shared with City Council on March 6th regarding the preferred Reed Park master plan. 2. Unity Park – staff provided an update on the appeal of the Landmarks & Design Commission approval of the park design and demolition of the old Wells Fargo drive thru bank building. 3. The garden projects at Wippel Park are underway. 4. The 'Ride to Renslow' bike ride is scheduled for May 20th, there will be shorter ride to North Alder Street Park also offered.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.