



**Parks & Recreation**

# Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes February 12, 2026

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**Members of the Public:**

None

**Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order by Hunter Tibbals at 5:31 pm with a quorum present.

**Minutes**

- D. Minton moved and C. Harrison seconded motion to approve the minutes:
  - A. January 2026, P&R Committee Minutes
 Motion carried unanimously

**Reports & Business**

**Introduction**

- Introduction of new staff member Telisha Goodwin, Operations Coordinator
  - o Longtime community member
  - o 15 years as a business administrator with Swain dealerships
  - o Former financial analyst with Country Natural Beef
- Round-the-room introductions by committee members, staff, and attendees

**Director's Report**

**Mission Statement**

- Updated mission statement presented:**

“To enrich our community through parks programs and events that promote health and wellness, foster human development, protect environmental resources, and support economic vitality, while providing welcoming places for people to gather, connect, and build relationships and strengthen community bonds.”

- Staff are aligning programs and park development with this mission



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### **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center / Senior Agreement**

#### **Facility Updates**

- Renaming of spaces:
  - Basement → Garden Level
  - Great Room → Terrace Level
- Names reflected in rental structure
- Spaces available for potential future naming

#### **Agreement Updates**

- Meeting held with Mayor, City Manager, and Senior Board representatives
- Removed outdated five-year grant language
- Focus shifted to long-term operational structure

#### **Key Changes**

- Rental revenue split:
  - 70% City of Hermiston
  - 30% Senior Board
- Parks & Recreation to manage all rentals
- City covers utilities, internet, and phones
- Senior Board funds programs and meals

#### **Additional Discussion**

- Adjusted senior program hours (8 AM – 4 PM extended)
- Senior meals reduced post-COVID; regional alternatives noted
- Meals on Wheels discussed as an option
- Emphasis on collaboration and continued discussions (next meeting planned late February)
- Need for improved publicity of community meal options

### **Park & Facilities Updates**

- Work ongoing at Safety Center
- Concrete work and memorial adjustments:
  - Plaques relocated for safety and accessibility
  - Kilby rock, flagpole, and spire to remain
- The Arc Updates:
  - Police Department moving out in April
  - Floor refinishing planned
  - Project completion targeted for fall

### **Aquatics & Pasco Facility Tour**

- Tour of new Pasco aquatic facility by City staff
- Features include:
  - Indoor pool, lazy river, lap pool, indoor/outdoor hot tub
  - Zero-depth entry outdoor area
- Opening expected Memorial Day weekend

### **Bubble Structure Discussion**

- Seasonal dome structure reviewed
- Significant infrastructure and cost challenges identified for Hermiston:
  - Concrete modifications
  - HVAC requirements (~\$900K)
  - Weather and durability concerns



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### **HFAC Swim Lesson Registration**

- 379 participants registered to date
- \$8,000 increase in revenue compared to prior year (same timeframe)
- 551 classes offered
- Continued emphasis on 8-week lesson effectiveness

### **Registration Process**

- In-person registration improvements noted
- Strong attendance and positive engagement
- Online system challenges acknowledged

### **HFAC Splash Pass Fee Update**

- Transition from “family pass” to per-person pricing model

#### **New Pricing Structure:**

- 1 pass: \$85
- 2–3 passes: \$65 each
- 4–6 passes: \$55 each
- 7–14 passes: \$50 each

#### **Additional Notes:**

- Eliminates misuse of family passes
- Encourages group participation
- Fit Pass available (+\$30 upgrade)

### **Belt Park Bridge Project**

- High school students designing and constructing bridge
- Two design options presented
- **Action:** Option #2 selected unanimously
- Emphasis on student involvement and community pride

### **Program/Events Update**

- Daddy Daughter Dance: March 21 (limited tickets remaining)
- Spring Market: March 28
- Arbor Day Tree Giveaway: April 4

### **New Event: Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt**

- Scheduled for April 4
- Business sponsorships and prize donations underway
- Prizes include electronics, gift cards, and recreation passes
- Event details still being finalized

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

- Ticketed event with controlled participation
- Structured egg limits per participant

### **Event Operations**

- Controlled alcohol service (OLCC licensed)
- Food vendors and non-alcoholic options available



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## **Open Discussion**

- Potential landscaping/signage near Welcome Homestead property
- Local basketball games and community support events discussed
  - Pickleball:
    - Possible Rotary tournament (June 27)
  - Additional summer tournament planning
  - Discussion of court coverage feasibility
  - Alternative play locations noted (Hat Athletic Club, EOTEC)

## **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm

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