



March 14, 2024

City of Hermiston Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Parks & Recreation

Committee Members present:

Carlisle Harrison	Jeff Kelso
Nicole Westing	Angel Aguilar
Hunter Tibbals	Ericka Juarez

Also present:

Jackie Myers, City Councilor
David McCarthy, City Councilor
Brandon Artz, Parks & Recreation Director
Kelly Schwirse, Parks & Recreation Admin
Kasia Robbins, Recreation Coordinator

Members not in attendance: Lydia Raath

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 by Jeff Kelso

MINUTES

- Motion to approve February minutes from the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting was made by Carlisle Harrison and seconded by Nicole Westing.
- Motion to approve February minutes from the Recreation Projects Fund Advisory Committee minutes made by Nicole Westing seconded by Carlisle Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS & BUSINESS

PICKLEBALL COMMITTEE *presentation by Emmett Walker and Tim Dewald*

- Updates on the committee's search for a permanent location for a pickleball facility.
- Proposed location is at Theater Sports Park, east of the softball fields.
- Facility would include eight regulation size courts and two USA PB Wheelchair SPEC Court ADA Access
- Location contains existing restroom facilities that would be close proximity to the courts.
- Motion made by Carlisle Harrison to accept the Pickleball Committee's proposed location of Theater Sports Park for their facility. Seconded by Nicole Westing. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's recommendation to accept Theater Sports Park as the location for proposed pickleball facility will be presented to City Council before moving forward.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT *presented by Brandon Artz,*

COMMUNITY CENTER ENTRY

- Parks and Rec/Community Center access from Hwy. 395 and 2nd Street is under construction. Parking lot access will be from 3rd Street with two-way Entry/Exit traffic on the north side of the building and one-way exit only on the South side of building. Project is expected to be completed in 90 days.



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RECREATION COORDINATOR

- Recreation Coordinator position has been posted and 10 applications have been received as of today. Closing date is March 22nd.
- Interviews will be held during the second week of April.
- Expected start date for selected candidate is May 1

TEEN ADVENTURE SKATEPARK

- Projected finish date of March 29th
- Save the Date! Skatefest, May 11th, ribbon cutting, demos, skate comps, and family friendly.

HARRISON PARK

- Groundbreaking event tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 22 at noon. Construction to start by end of month, includes pathways, pavilion, basketball courts, lights/cameras.
- Made to Thrive has selected 30' hexagon pavilion for the park.

FUNLAND TACTILE MAP

- Ribbon Cutting and unveiling of the new tactile map at Funland Park will be held on April 23rd at 5:00pm. This project was in partnership with Hermiston Lions Club.

STORY WALK

- Altrusa International is funding a Story Walk along Riverfront Park walking path.
- Story Walk will include 19 double-sided signs by Story Walk Solutions, each displaying 4 pages of a story book. These signs will be evenly distributed along the outside of the walking path loop.
- Installation of signs will be included with the I Love My City event in May.
- Hermiston Public Library will be handling the switching out of books throughout the year.

HERO SPORTSPLEX

- Hermiston Lacrosse will be playing league games starting this weekend.
- Pay-to-Park, pre purchase on hermistonssports.com, no account needed.
- First Lacrosse tournament, March 30th
- Lacrosse Clinics scheduled for July 1-3
- Light poles to be installed next week.

REVENUE REPORT

- See spreadsheet with a current year revenue, year-to-year comparison and youth sports participant numbers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, March 29, 8:00pm at Butte Park
- Youth Soccer, Registration is open. Starts April 13th
- All City League Volleyball, Registration is open. Starts April 8th



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- Spring Bazaar, May 11th, 9am-4pm at Hermiston Community Center
- WBIB Spring Break Sports Camp, April 1st – 4th
- WBIB Basketball Camps, April 1st – 4th
- Farm City Face Off Lacrosse Tournament, March 30th at HEROS Sportsplex
- Denim & Diamonds Family Dance, April 20th 6:00-8:00pm at Hermiston Community Center

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 6:29pm

Next meeting, April 11, 5:30pm