



# City of Hermiston Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

## *Parks & Recreation*

Committee Members present:

Carlisle Harrison	Ericka Juarez
Jeff Kelso	Nicole Westing
Angel Aguilar	Lydia Raath

Also present:

Jackie Myers, City Councilor  
 David McCarthy, City Councilor  
 Brandon Artz, Parks & Recreation Director  
 Kasia Robbins, Parks & Recreation/Family Aquatic Center  
 Kelly Schwirse, Parks & Recreation  
 Julissa Gonzalez Mendoza, Youth Advisor  
 Rebecca Godoy, Youth Advisor  
 Jeanine Heredia, Youth Advisor  
 Leslie Mendoza Romero, Youth Advisor

Members not in attendance: Trista Hindman

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:32 by Jeff Kelso

### MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from October 12, 2023 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting made by Carlisle Harrison, seconded by Erica Juarez. Motion carried unanimously.

### REPORTS & BUSINESS

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** *presented by Brandon Artz*

#### **HARKENRIDER SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER**

- Rendering of basement concept design and floor plans.
  - o Features: AV presentation wall equipped with built in all standard audio/visual hookups; kitchen with island, ample cupboard and drawer storage, two refrigerators and sink; decorative wall; two restrooms; storage area to house tables, chairs etc.; AV equipment room.
- Architecture and construction estimates have come in over budget. Extra features that would enhance the overall aesthetics and functionality of basement space may have to be omitted from the plans at this time to remain within the budget. Possibility of adding features at a later date if additional funding is available.



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### **BELT GREENWAY TRAIL**

- Former Parks Director, Larry Fetter, applied for and was awarded a \$250,000 grant for the development of the Belt Greenway Trail. A multi-modal trail, approximately 2,822lf starting at Belt Park thru Sunshine Court Recreation Easement, Avamere Recreation Easement and ending at Buttercreek Apartments. Project also to include the addition of ADA sidewalk ramps and crosswalks.
- Selection committee is currently evaluating RFP through ODOT. Final selection to be made next week.
  - o Cost of this project is expected to exceed the total grant amount and ODOT is working with Parks & Rec to develop an updated comprehensive cost analysis to be able to apply for additional grand funding for this project.

### **BARK PARK SHELTER**

- Shelter is fully complete. Marlette partnered with us on this project, providing volunteers and donation of materials.
- Concrete pad extended into main entry area with the addition of grass saver mesh to help keep the grass from being torn up around that immediate area.
- Dog water fountain will be installed in the spring of 2024.
- Future installation of solar lighting at the shelter.

### **CIMMARON PARK & TRAIL**

- Installation of a paved parking lot and an approximately half mile gravel walking trail around the wetlands is finished and open for use.
- Within the year, the development company will transfer the park to the City of Hermiston at which time the park naming process will commence. Time frame for completion of the park with irrigation, grass, play structures, interpretive signs and natural scape is within 4 years.

### **TEEN ADVENTURE SKATE PARK**

- Completion of skate park on track for mid-December, subject to change
  - o Plumbing and electrical work is underway in preparation for relocating the restroom facilities.
  - o Contractors are in the process of finishing sidewalks, curbs and gutters along first street.
- Limited-edition Halloween Skate Decks have arrived. Due to popularity and selling out, additional are on order.

### **HORIZON PARK PLAYGROUND**

- Budget for playground structures is \$70,000. Three bids were received for this project.
  - o **Option #1:** Playcraft \$67,632 *Shipping not included \$1,500*
  - o **Option #2:** MRC \$70,036 *Shipping not included \$8,000-\$10,000*
  - o **Option #3:** NW Playgrounds \$56,369 *Shipping not included. \$2,500-\$3,000*
- Called for a vote on one of the three options presented. Option #1/Playcraft received a unanimous vote.
  - o Playcraft included a significant a discount and free "Thunderdome" sphere structure with use of points from previous purchases for Riverfront Park and Funland Playground.



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### **KIDS IN PARKS – TRACK TRAILS**

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kids in Parks – Track Trails at Riverfront Park / Oxbow Trail
- Project funded by: Oregon Parks Forever. Funding programs and projects that enhance the experience of using Oregon Parks & Forests. Currently funding 50 Track Trails in Oregon w
  - o Kids in Parks is a network of family-friendly outdoor adventures called Track Trails. Fun self-guided activity brochures and signs turn a visit into an incredible outdoors experience. Kids can track their adventures and earn prizes online.
- What is provided by Oregon Parks Forever: Custom Eastern Oregon full size Kiosk with three brochure boxes at Riverfront Park near the playground, smaller post at Oxbow trail head with one brochure box and three brochures of our choosing. (Total Value \$6,000)
- Parks & Recreation will install the signs and be responsible for brochure printing and replenishment.

### **COMMITTEE VACANCY**

- Committee member, Trista Hindman, and her family are moving to southern Illinois in mid-December

### **UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

- **Rec it Arena, EOTEC, November 17-19**
- **Christmas Bazaar** at three locations, November 25 9am-4pm
  - Hermiston Community Center SOLD OUT
  - Harkenrider Senior Activity Center SOLD OUT
  - Maxwell Pavilion SOLD OUT
- **Hermiston Tree Lighting Celebration**, Festival Street, 4:30pm
- **Lighted Holiday Parade**, Main Street, November 30 5:45pm
- **Pancakes with Santa**, Community Center, December 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00am
- **Rec It Arena, EOTEC, Dec. 15-17**
- **Volunteer Recognition Dinner, Community Center, January 20**
  - Initial planning stages of a Volunteer Recognition Dinner to celebrate all our volunteers and recognize them for the work they put in. Daycare to be provided at EOTEC. We will also be awarding a volunteer of the year that will also be honored with being the grand marshal of the 2024 Lighted Holiday Parade.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

### **ADJOURNED**

- Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm
- Next meeting, January 11, 2024 5:30pm