



Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

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Committee Members present: Jeff Kelso, Nicole Westing, Lydia Raath, Angel Aguilar, Trista Hindman and Erica Juarez

Also present were: Councilors Jackie Myers and Lori Davis; Brandon Artz, Parks and Recreation Director; Kasia Robbins, Mya Hayden and Kelly Schwirse with Parks & Recreation

Not in attendance: Carlisle Harrison

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 by Jeff Kelso

MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from September 8th meeting made by Nicole Westing, seconded by Trista Hindman. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS & BUSINESS

Presentation by Josh Burns, Made to Thrive/HEROS at EOTEC. See presentation pages 2-8

- Presentation on the **Hermiston Oregon Sportsplex (HEROS)** project underway at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center. This presentation included goals for the project, cost, timeline and sponsorship and fundraising opportunities.
- Committee engaged in open discussion regarding the role Parks & Recreation will play upon completion of this project followed by questions/answers directly related to the project and its usage within the community.

Presentation by Brandon Artz. See presentation pages 9-15

Riverfront Park

- Work has continued on the playground but has since been delayed until late November while waiting on several missing parts.
- Parking lot light installation will begin.

Splash Pad

- Concrete has been restored on the splash pad with improved traction with a new paint scheme. Cost of restoration is \$37,821.50.
- Water features and structures will receive fresh paint and be ready to open in Spring 2023.
- Fencing along the north, east and south sides of the spray park will be removed this winter. Fencing shared with the dog park on the west side will remain.

Harrison Park

- Made to Thrive has proposed the addition of a three-court basketball complex as a means to keep kids in the neighborhood active and involved in activities.
- Lights and cameras that cover the park are surrounding area are also being considered.
- Made to Thrive is applying for grant opportunities for this project.

Greenwood Park

- Camera system and new lights have been installed overseeing the park and surrounding area.



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Harkenrider Senior Activity Center

- New highly visible signage on the west side of the building has been installed.
- Fall of 2023 will provide more opportunities for rental space and general utilization for the community while still maintaining a senior focused activity center.

Teen Adventure Skate Park

- Notice to Proceed has been received and construction will begin in Spring 2023.
- Construction documents with California Skate parks are nearing 50% completion at which time they will be reviewed by our engineers, Anderson-Perry, for accuracy of how the skate park will be positioned on the site.
- Anderson-Perry will be developing construction documents to install in the necessary sidewalk and curbing from the Hermiston School District Maintenance Building to the Orchard Ave. intersection.
- California Skate Parks will construct the sidewalks and curbing. City of Hermiston will pick up the cost.

SPECIAL EVENTS RECAP

Presented by Mya Hayden & Brandon Artz

- Cork & Barrel, Saturday, Oct. 1st on Festival Street. Partnering with the Hermiston Downtown District, this evening 21+ event had 100+ people in attendance. Featured performer: Illusion of Elvis.
- Faith & Blue, Saturday, Oct. 8th at EOTEC Fair & Rodeo grounds. Partnerships with Kiwanis, Agape House, area churches and law enforcement agencies came together to create this successful event.
- Roughly 300-350 people came out to enjoy the event and plan to make this an annual event.

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

- Scarywood Trip for teens, Thursday, Oct. 20th
- Haunted Hustle 5K, Saturday, Oct. 22 Oxbow Trail, costumes, campfire and smores to follow.
- Treats on Main & Beyond, Monday, Oct 31st 3:00-6:00pm Main Street & Hermiston Community Center
- Rec @ EOTEC Open Gym, Tuesdays/Thursdays 5:00-8:00pm
- No School Day Camp, Friday, Oct. 14, 27, 28 Community Center
- Veterans Day Breakfast, Friday, Nov. 11, Community Center
- Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 26th, Community Center
- Community Tree Lighting, Thursday, Dec. 1st Festival Street
- Lighted Implement Parade, Thursday, Dec. 1st Main Street

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Brief discussion among committee members regarding events targeted for teens.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Next meeting November 10.