



Clearfield City Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes August 18, 2021

PRESIDING:	Nathan Wimmer	Chair
PRESENT:	Kristi Bush	Commissioner
	Tony DeMille	Commissioner
	Connie Dooley	Commissioner
	Jim Cordeiro	Commissioner
	Matthew Mangum	Commissioner
	Thomas Mayer	Vice-Chair
	Paul Nielson	Alternate Commissioner
STAFF PRESENT:	Curtis Dickson	Community Services Deputy Director
	Vern Phipps	Council Liaison
ABSENT:	Alysa Belford	Commissioner
	Eric Howes	Community Services Director
	Aubrie Miller	Youth Commissioner

Call to Order

- Chair Wimmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

- Commissioner Mayer moved to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2021, meeting, as written, seconded by Commissioner Cordeiro. The motion carried on the following vote: Voting AYE – Commissioners Bush, DeMille, Dooley, Mangum, Cordeiro, Mayer and Nielson. Voting NO – None.

Open Comment Period

- Chair Wimmer acknowledged no public were present at the meeting.
- Introductions of new Commissioners Tony DeMille and Matthew Mangum.
- All current Commissioners and Staff introduced themselves to the new Commissioners.

Staff Report

- No staff report was given.

Park Watch Reports

- Commissioner Dooley gave compliments to staff regarding the good condition of the basketball courts at Fox Hollow.
- Concerns were expressed regarding the condition of the Kiwanis Park restroom. Mr. Dickson confirmed that renovation is planned with the FY22 budget.
- Reports of fires being built at night on the Rail Trail. Mr. Dickson will notify the PD Dispatch.
- Chair Wimmer discussed Park Watch and Trail Assignments.
- Commissioner Bush expressed concern about Chinese Elm trees at Central Park.



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Halloween Decorating Contest

- Mr. Dickson reviewed how the Halloween Contest is conducted.
- Kimberly Martin, in the Customer Service Department, will be the point of contact for the contest. Sheila Olsen has retired, and her position has not yet been filled.

Council Liaison Minute

- In response to Commissioner Dooley's query regarding neighborhood flood damage, that was due to an infrastructure issue, Councilman Phipps explained the availability of Good Neighborhood Funds, and Summer Palmer is the person to contact.
- Commissioner Bush questioned where funding would be for city beautification, especially for trees. Expressed concern about how close new projects are built to the road on State Street. Mr. Dickson assisted in explaining what the city can be responsible for versus the developer or private owner.

Commissioners' Minute

- Chair Wimmer stated that commissioners' minute had been covered earlier, during introductions.

Deputy Director's Report

- Parks Division:
 - The biggest problem is staffing.
 - Drought has created many challenges, including an increase in noxious weeds. The new central irrigation system has been very successful in reducing water use.
- Aquatic and Fitness Center
 - Daily admissions are on the rise, memberships still fluctuating. Covid is still affecting long term membership commitments.
 - Staffing is also an issue, running at approximately 50% staff for part time positions. Full time staff continues to fill in.
- Recreation
 - They recently hosted a state Pickleball Tournament. Commissioner Dooley commented that the commissioners would volunteer to help with events like that, but they are never asked to. Mr. Dickson said he would pass that info onto the Recreation Staff.
- Arts Center
 - It is four to six weeks before the Center renovations will be completed. Currently painting the interior. Next week ceiling grid goes back in, followed by the heating and electrical. Flooring and punch list last. Open house planned when it is completed.
 - Currently producing "Mama Mia" at the Bicentennial Park Amphitheater.
- PARAT Tax Use, General Fund Capital Projects
 - Finishing up Pickleball courts, new restroom ground being prepped, will be delivered next month. Additional pavilions and benches will be installed. The parking lot will be paved and curbing added. A new sound system is planned.
 - Extension of Canal Trail, so it does not re-route through the neighborhood. Working with Wasatch Front Regional Counsel and waiting to see if grant monies are available.
 - Introduced to commissioners the combined bid process coming up for several smaller projects, as a "not to exceed" contract.
 - New playgrounds planned: Jacobsen and Kiwanis.



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- Commissioners' questions:
 - Is appreciation being shown to the volunteer staff (coaches, etc.) as had been previously discussed? Mr. Dickson reviewed measures that are taken, and coaches receive a \$25 credit on their recreation account to use when they sign up for programs.
 - What is happening with the old library building? Mr. Dickson reviewed different options, private parties are negotiating to purchase the building, and possible plans to renovate the amphitheater. Nothing is firm yet.

Directors Report

- Mr. Howes was absent.

Adjourn

- Commissioner Dooley moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bush. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.