



Clearfield City Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes November 17, 2021

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

Call to Order

- Chair Wimmer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of minutes

- No minutes to approve.

Open Comment Period

- Chair Wimmer acknowledged no public were present at the meeting.

Staff Reports

- No staff reports were made at the meeting.

Park Watch Reports

- Commissioner Mayer reported he has spent a lot of time at Cornerstone Park, and it is a very nice park.
- Commissioner Mangum asked about plans to replant vegetation along Canal Trail, after work is completed along the sound barrier wall. Mr. Howes responded that UDOT will oversee with a native mix as soon as work is complete.

Holiday Decorating Contest and Commission Dinner

- Discussed time to meet, time needed to drive around and judge the holiday decorating.
- Chair Wimmer suggested dinner is held at a Clearfield owned business, and Wingers was agreed on.
- Departure time of the bus was set at 6:00 pm sharp. Chair Wimmer asked all to remember to be respectful of everyone's time, and to be punctual.



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Discussion on terms of commission members

- Terms expiring in December 2021:
 - Chair Nathan Wimmer; Will end term with no renewal.
 - Commissioner Kristi Bush; Will end term with no renewal. Not present but has previously submitted her intent to end her term to Mr. Howes.
 - Commissioner Connie Dooley; not present. Has not yet notified staff regarding intent to renew term or not.
 - Commissioner Alysa Belford resigned via email the first of November. Her term would expire December 2022.

Council Liaison Minute

- Councilman Phipps expressed appreciation to the commission for the work they have done. Mentioned how significant the Yard of the Week/Year contest is to residents.
- Chair Wimmer added comments that the commissioner position had been a great opportunity for him, and it has been mostly a rewarding experience. He asked future commissioners to remember this commission is all about the community, not just one individual.

Deputy Director's Report

- Reviewed Boonanza and Halloween decorating contest. Boonanza was successful. May rethink doing free pumpkins for decorating for next year.
- Jr Jazz update, participation is very good.
- Christmas tree lighting will be November 29, followed by an open house at the newly remodeled Arts Center.
- Mentioned staffing issues, asked to spread the word about working for the City.

Director's Report

- Updated commissioners on the current compensation study, as the city evaluates wages and positions to remain competitive in the market. Short staffing has also affected revenue.
- Capital projects discussed; current "Mega-Bid" project will soon be under contract. I-15 landscaping is out for bid for design.
- Discussed use of CDBG funds (Community Development Block Grants) For the parks, new garbage cans and tables. New benches in parks and trails.
- Fisher Park has been a challenge to keep clean – at lunch, high school students leave a lot of trash. Mr. Howes has meet with the principal of Clearfield High and the student leaders, and the school will clean up the park two times a week. The City will increase the number of trash cans.
- Discussed goals set for the commission, will discuss new goals in January.
- Open discussion began about the importance of keeping the decorating and yard contests going, Mr. Howes expressed how pleased he has been with the community response. Also thanked outgoing commissioners for their contributions.



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Adjourn

- Commissioner Mayer moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Cordeiro. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.