

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMISSION  
FOR THE CITY OF HAYDEN, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO**

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Commission Meeting: 4:00 PM  
Hayden City Hall Council Chambers, 8930 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID 83835

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Troxel called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**Present:** Joel Johnson, Malea Sampsel, Lisa Troxel, **Absent:** Margaux Spendlove.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Troxel led the pledge of allegiance.

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS**

1. **CONSENT CALENDAR** *All items on the Consent Calendar are Action Items*

Motion to approve the October 20, 2021 meeting minutes for the Parks, Recreation & Community Forestry Commission meeting. This motion, made by Vice-Chair Sampsel and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, Carried.

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| <b>Margaux Spendlove:</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
| <b>Joel Johnson:</b>      | <b>Yes</b>    |
| <b>Lisa Troxel:</b>       | <b>Yes</b>    |
| <b>Malea Sampsel:</b>     | <b>Yes</b>    |

2. **VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS** (5 Minutes Maximum on Non-Agenda Items): None

3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Disc Golf Sponsorship

Chair Troxel mentioned that Belle's Brunch House and Chomper Café paid for one hole (shared sponsorship). TDS is sponsoring a hole but hasn't submitted their payment yet. Chair Troxel mentioned that Tumblstone may possibly want to sponsor a 1/2 hole for \$650. Vice-Chair Sampsel will call Commissioner Spendlove to get her feedback. Northwest Specialty Hospital will follow up with Vice-Chair Sampsel, and she will also follow up with Joel Pearl Realty. Chair Troxel also spoke of the possibility of sponsoring a bench near the disc golf course for \$2,000. She will approach the Coeur d'Alene Association of Realtors and possibly Title Companies.

B. Stoddard Park Follow Up

The commission was following up on the small piece of property just north of Stoddard Park that is owned by the city and what may be able to be put into that area. Suzie Cano mentioned that the city didn't receive the grant, therefore this is put on hold pending funding. The commissioners suggested putting out another survey to the area homeowners to get their feedback. Suzie will check with Alan Soderling and Brett Boyer on the next step for this process.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Honeysuckle Beach & Launch Study Update

Melissa Cleveland, former City of Hayden Community Development Director who now is employed at Welch-Comer & Associates, presented the commissioners with information regarding improving the user experience for boaters and swimmers at Honeysuckle Beach. A survey was put out in the spring to the public and several hundred responses were returned. The intention is to have the boat launch and swimming areas separate from one another. They have developed a working group to move forward with this process. The group is working alongside Jon Mueller, a consultant with Architects West, who has created many concepts to consider. Funding sources for the launch are being looked at. Melissa

mentioned that the Dalton Irrigation District owns a property near the dike road that may be considered for a possible new area for the boat launch. Melissa mentioned there are many challenges forthcoming as well as numerous entities involved in this process. The next steps will be to conduct an open house in January or February. Allocate the funding, construct the launch and construct the improvements to the beach area. The commission is in support of this project.

## 5. **REPORTS**

### A. Parks Update

Alan Soderling was not in attendance. Suzie mentioned she is in the process of completing the Tree City USA report which is due by the end of December. She said that the Parks staff has turned off water in the parks and the bathrooms are now closed for the winter.

### B. Recreation & Community Events Update

Suzie mentioned that the Veterans Day ceremony went well, with approximately 150-200 people in attendance. PreK-2nd grade basketball is currently taking place. She is finalizing the Winter Activity Guide and hopes to get it to the schools soon. 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade youth basketball, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade competitive basketball and women's volleyball registration begins soon. Hayden Lights is Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. There is a parade followed by the tree lighting ceremony in McIntire Family Park. The outdoor European Christmas Market is December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> with European food, crafts, etc. That event is being put on by the Hayden Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Johnson will help judge the parade along with possibly Chair Troxel and Vice-Chair Sampsel. The "Friday Night Frights" Halloween trick-or-treat candy giveaway event on October 29<sup>th</sup> had 475 children that attended.

### C. Tree, Parks & Bike Pedestrian Report

There was nothing to report.

### D. Commission Round Table Discussion

Chair Troxel would like to cancel the December meeting. She mentioned that there is a potential new commissioner. Suzie & Brett Boyer will be meeting with her in late November. Chair Troxel said there is a need to find additional commissioners. Vice-Chair Sampsel will reach out to the wheelchair user group or altered mobility groups to hopefully find a new commissioner.

## 6. **ACTION ITEM ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m. This motion, made by Vice-Chair Sampsel and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, Carried.

**Margaux Spendlove: Absent**

**Joel Johnson: Yes**

**Malea Sampsel: Yes**

**Lisa Troxel: Yes**

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Lori Cogley, Clerk