



MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Richland City Hall – Council Chambers

625 Swift Boulevard

Thursday, April 13, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Buelt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Buelt, Vice Chair Gutierrez and Commissioners Arnquist, Cunningham, Heaton, Mason, Lunstad, Nune, and Thallapally were present.

Also, in attendance were Parks and Public Facilities Director Hester and Parks and Facilities Project Manager Tyutyunnik.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 13, 2023 AGENDA:

Vice Chair Mason moved to approve the April 13, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agenda. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Motion approved 9-0.

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

- March 9, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- March 23, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting
- March 23, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop

Commissioner Thallapally moved to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, special meeting, and workshop minutes. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Motion approved 9-0.

RECREATION REPORT:

Parks and Public Facilities Director Hester presented the Recreation Report.

Subjects included: Indoor and outdoor volleyball leagues, preparing for aquatics season, community center remodel, a call for an artist for the fitness court, and an upcoming activity guide.

PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

Parks and Public Facilities Director Hester and Parks and Facilities Project Manager Tyutyunnik presented the Parks and Facilities Report.

Subjects included: the demolition of Economy Inn, RCC remodel, update on upcoming master plans, and vehicle access closure of Bushwacker Rd.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Colleen Spadoni, 2351 Harris Avenue

Spadoni thanked the crew for maintaining the parks and trails. Spadoni mentioned two areas that need maintenance attention, the Snyder Street boat dock and an area near tennis courts off Saint Street.

Sara Lindberg,

Lindberg shared her concern regarding the speeds of some electric motor-assisted bicyclists. Lindberg also thanked the park crew for maintaining the parks.

Staff provided Lindberg with information on the park trail policy.

Public Comment closed at 6:21 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Proposed Surplus of Property Adjacent to 2619, 2623 Falcon Lane
 - Darin Arrasmith, Planner

The City owns approximately 1,651 square feet of property located adjacent to and southwest of 2619 and 2623 Falcon Lane in the Falconcrest Phase 1 subdivision. This triangular property is the current location of a trail segment that connects Amon Basin in Claybell Park to the east with the Benton County Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve to the west. The proximity of this trail segment to the residences at 2619 and 2623 Falcon Lane results in frequent trespassing by trail users onto these neighboring properties. In May 2020, City staff was approached by the owner of 2623 Falcon Lane regarding acquiring this triangular property as a means to resolve this ongoing issue. The City has plans to relocate this segment of the trail further away from the residences and no longer needs this property for the trail's alignment. If/when the surplus action is approved, the City will enter into negotiations with the abutting landowner at 2619 Falcon Lane for the sale and purchase of 682 square feet of the surplus City-owned property, and the City will enter into negotiations with the abutting landowner at 2623

Falcon Lane for the sale and purchase of 969 square feet of the surplus City-owned property. Both agreements will be brought before the City Council for consideration at a future date.

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to recommend the City Council's approval of the surplus of approximately 1,651 square feet of real property located adjacent to 2619 and 2623 Falcon Lane and pursue negotiations with the adjacent property owners. Vice Chair Mason seconded the motion. Motion approved 9-0.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Prepared by: 
Patty Roe, Parks and Public Facilities - Administrative Assistant II

Reviewed by: 
Laura Hester, Parks and Public Facilities - Director

Approved by: 
Chair Jim Buelt, Richland Parks and Recreation - Chair