



MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Richland City Hall – Council Chambers

625 Swift Boulevard

Thursday, January 12, 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, Dalton, and Thallapally were present.

Also in attendance were Deputy City Manager Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director Hester, Recreation Manager Jackson, Parks and Facilities Project Manager Tyutyunnik, and Council Liaison Kent.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 12, 2023 AGENDA:

Vice Chair Gutierrez moved to approve the January 12, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agenda. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion. Motion approved 9-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None, Public Comments closed at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2022 MEETING MINUTES:

Vice Chair Gutierrez moved to approve the November 10, 2022, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Lunstad seconded the motion. Motion approved 9-0.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Council Liaison Kent presented the Council Liaison Report.

Subjects included: Contract approved for demolition of Economy Inn, and council candidate interviews for vacant positions.

RECREATION REPORT:

Recreation Manager Jackson presented the Recreation Report.

Subjects included: Activity guide is available online, youth basketball program, and Polar Plunge is scheduled for January 21st.

PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

Parks and Public Facilities Director Hester present the report.

Subjects included: Little Badger Mountain Trail Master Plan open house.

PRESENTATIONS:

Little Badger Mountain Trail
Mike Terrell (MTLA)

Presentation of the proposed trail that will connect Little Badger Mountain to the existing trail to Badger Mountain. The estimated 5.5 miles of trail is the first large-scale trail development project initiated recently.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brien Reep
2208 Legacy Lane, Richland
Comments regarding the proposed master plan of the Little Badger Mountain Trail include concerns with parking, public access, and increased traffic throughout the neighborhood.

Eric Pederson
2200 Legacy Lane, Richland
Pederson commented on the same concerns as Reep regarding the proposed master plan of the Little Badger Mountain Trail.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

4. 990 Gillespie Street (600 Cullum Avenue) Proposed Surplus Darin Arrasmith, Planner

The City owns approximately 7,800 square feet of park property located along the northern property line of Gillespie Parkway. The area of the proposed surplus is adjacent to the property of the former Days Inn motel located at 615 Jadwin Avenue.
(Identified specifically in the attached map.)

The 20 feet on the north side of Gillespie Parkway is currently encumbered by a paved

parking area used by the former Days Inn motel. This paved area (extending between Cullum Avenue and Jadwin Avenue) is the former right-of-way of Harding Street that the City vacated on May 5, 1969.

Based on the criteria outlined in RMC 3.06.030, all City departments had the opportunity to review the proposed property to determine if it is more than the needs of the City. It has been determined that there was no municipal need for the property; therefore, this park area (paved and lined for parking) is proposed to be surplus.

During this review process, the property was also recommended to be sold with preference given to the adjacent landowner as it is needed to access their property.

If the surplus action is recommended for approval by the Parks and Recreation Commission (along with favorable recommendations from the Economic Development Committee and the Planning Commission) and ultimately City Council, the City will enter into negotiations with the owner of the adjacent property for the sale and purchase of the 7,800 square feet of City-owned property as outlined in RMC 3.06.040(B).

Vice Chair Gutierrez moved the motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of surplus of the north 20 feet of real property within Gillespie Parkway between Cullum Avenue and Jadwin Avenue located at 600 Cullum Avenue. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion. Motion approved 9-0.

5. 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Chair and Vice Chair Election

Commissioner Mason nominated Jim Buelt as the 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Chair. Vice Chair Gutierrez seconded the nomination. Nomination approved 9-0.

Vice Chair Gutierrez nominated Samantha Mason as the 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair. Commissioner Lunstad seconded the nomination. Nomination approved 9-0.

2023 Parks and Recreation Chair Jim Buelt and Vice Chair Samantha Mason.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 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