



MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Richland City Hall – Council Chambers

625 Swift Boulevard

Thursday, August 8, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Vice Chair Gutierrez, and Commissioners Buelt, Cunningham, Hodges, Lunstad, and Waltrous were present.

Chair Mason and Commissioners Gubba, and Thallapally were absent.

Parks and Public Facilities Director Waite, Recreation Manager Piper, and Council Liaison Kent also attended.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 8, 2024, AGENDA:

Commissioner Buelt moved to approve the August 8, 2024, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agenda. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion, which was approved 6-0.

2. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 11, 2024, MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Lunstad moved to approve the July 11, 2024, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. Vice Chair Gutierrez seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Council Liaison Kent presented the Council Liaison Report.

Subjects included a recap of the 2024 National Night Out/City Fair event and a council agenda item regarding amending Chapter 8.10 of the Richland Municipal Code related to public camping.

RECREATION REPORT:

Recreation Manager Piper presented the Recreation Report.

Subjects included Art in the Park, Live @ 5, 2024 National Night Out/City Fair, Iron Man impact maps, and other preparation for the Iron Man event; Fall Carnival at John Dam Plaza; safety training at George Prout Pool; and extending dates for lap swim. NFL Flag football registration and coaches are needed.

PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

Parks and Public Facilities Director Waite presented the Parks and Public Facilities Report.

Subjects included recognition to the Parks crew for the setup, park maintenance, and upkeep for events. Claybell Park pickleball courts resurfacing is complete, arborist work in the parks, and an update on the removal of Howard Amon swim dock.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nancy Doran, Richland

Doran supported the recommendation to approve the Urban Greenbelt Trail (UGT) Naming Proposal, which is a business item on the agenda.

Public Comment closed at 6:29 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

3. Hanford Reach Citizen's Group Presentation

Rick Leaumont - Hanford Reach Citizen's Committee

Pauline Schafer - Reach Museum Education Programs

Leaumont presented the history of the Hanford Reach National Monument to the committee, celebrating its 25th anniversary of establishment, and proposed a way to educate, inspire, and build public support. Beaumont proposed sharing the information using kiosks, both existing and new, at Leslie Groves.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Urban Greenbelt Trail (UGT) Naming Proposal

- C. Wait, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Waite provided a brief history and update of the architect, G. A. Pehrson, and the naming proposal to add to the current Urban Greenbelt Trail (UGT).

Waite also provided the current policy for naming and examples of naming other Parks and Greenways. The proposal is to add to the name of the Urban Greenbelt Trail rather than completely changing the amenities' name.

Commissioner Buelt moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that Richland City Council adopt the G. A. Pehrson Urban Greenbelt Trail naming proposal as per the Parks and Recreation Policy for Memorials, Gifts, Monuments, Statues, Works of Art and Naming Procedure. Vice Chair Gutierrez seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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

Reviewed by: 
Chris Wait, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Approved by: 
Chair Mason, Richland Parks and Recreation Commission