



MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Remote Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2022 ~ 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Buelt, Vice Chair Brooks and Commissioners Aldous, Arnquist, Gutierrez, Mason, Henry and Lunstad were present.

Commissioner Sullivan was absent.

Also, in attendance were Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Parks and Recreation Manager Jackson, Council Liaison Kent, and Council Liaison Alternate Richardson.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2022 AGENDA:

Commission Henry moved to approve the March 10, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting agenda. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Motion approved 8-0.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING AND FEBRUARY 24, 2022 WORKSHOP MINUTES:

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the February 24, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting minutes. Chair Brooks seconded the motion. Motion approved 8-0.

Commissioner Lunstad moved to approve the February 24, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop Meeting minutes with revisions. Commissioner Aldous seconded the motion. Motion approved 8-0.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Council Liaison Kent presented the Council Liaison Report.

Subjects included: Amendments to the Richland Municipal Code (RMC) regarding speed limits on shared use pathways, revision to park hours, and seasonal parking. Kent also shared the property purchase of Economy Inn.

RECREATION REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Manager Jackson presented the Recreation Report.

Subjects included: Mask mandate lifting, RCC renovation, RCC and sports field rentals, grass volleyball league, and pickleball is now the official state sport of Washington.

PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl presented the Parks and Facilities Report:

Subjects included: Due to business items, Schiessl did not have anything to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Debbie Berkowitz, 544 Franklin Street, Richland

Berkowitz offered to provide the commission a short presentation or a tour of the natural habitat location at North Leslie Groves. Berkowitz' information can be found on the Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society website.

PRESENTATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2022 Park Partnership Program Application Review

- Contract Administrator – Stacy Jackson

Five (5) eligible applications were received for the 2022 Park Partnership Program. This year the City has designated \$40,000 from the Park Reserve Fund to provide matching fund grants to eligible applicants making capital improvements to City parks, trails, open space, and recreational facilities. The applications are as follows:

Organization: Allied Arts Association

Project Location: Howard Amon Park

Project: Update landscaping on adjacent land to Allied Arts Building at the entrance to Howard Amon Park.

Requesting: \$8,000.00

Organization: G6

Project Location: Horn Rapids Athletic Complex

Project: To obtain a design for a Velosolutions Pump Track which will include renderings, plans, and material list to continue with fundraising for a full buildout in 2023. The design will be completed by Velosolutions and American Ramp Company, which specialize in state-of-the-art asphalt pump tracks.

Requesting: \$4,750.00

Organization: Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex

Project Location: Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex

Project: Replacing 30 amp electrical infrastructure with 200 amp electrical infrastructure in Berm bathrooms.

Requesting: \$8,000.00

Organization: Richland National Little League

Project Location: Badger Mountain Sports Complex

Project: Safety netting to protect spectators and concession stand patrons between fields 1 and 2.

Requesting: \$5,000.00

Organization: Tri-Cities Radio Control Modelers

Project Location: Horn Rapids Off Road Vehicle Park

Project: Re-seed the fields due to drought damage in 2021, replace an existing 30-year-old storage shed with a Connex container, build five (5) additional flight stations, and build one (1) bench-like station to charge electric batteries.

Requesting: \$3,520.00

Chair Buelt moved that Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC) recommend that City Council approve the five applicants for the total amount of \$ 29,270.00, representing the 2022 Park Partnership Program funding. The following stipulation for Richland National Little League would be to provide additional detail on their request to include the total number of structures, approximate size of structures and total cost. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion approved 8-0.

\$ 8,000.00 Allied Arts Association

\$ 4,750.00 G6

\$ 8,000.00 Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex (HRMC)

\$ 5,000.00 Richland National Little League

\$ 3,520.00 Tri-Cities Radio Control Modelers

Total: \$ 29,270.00

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Reviewed by: Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Approved by: 
Chair ~~Maria Gutierrez~~, Richland Parks and Recreation Commission
 
