
Parks Commission Meeting

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 09, 2022

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM in ENM City Hall, Council Chambers, by Chair Mike Sutton. Present at Roll Call were Chair Mike Sutton, Commissioner Dawn Vernon, and Commissioner Paul Hokeness. Also present were City Administrator Tom Terry, Recreation Specialist Jessica Davidson and City Planner Renee Christianson.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA

MOTION by Commissioner Vernon, second by Commissioner Hokeness to approve the Revised November Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

4) CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Commissioner Vernon, second by Commissioner Hokeness to approve the September 12, 2022 Minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

6) GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Senior Planner Renee Christianson sought feedback related to the Park and Trail Infrastructure in Park I-35. Commissioners recommended that cash be accepted in lieu of land dedication. They also discussed the value of requiring sidewalks be installed by the developer. The Commission recommended that sidewalks be installed at the time of construction to prevent a possible tax burden in the future and improve pedestrian access.
- b. City Administrator Tom Terry presented information to the Commission in regards to future park facility funding. The information provided serves as basis for future discussions as the Commission develops a funding recommendation for future Parks and Trails facilities.

6) UPDATES & REPORTS

- a. The October Parks Commission Update was provided in the November Agenda Packet.
- b. The October financial report for the Parks Commission was provided in the November Agenda Packet.

- c. No Community Advisory Board Updates
- d. Commissioner Paul Hokeness shared a Pickleball update for the Community Education program now running at Eagle View Elementary. He reported that about thirty people are now regularly attending on Thursdays and Saturdays. He also shared that the ages vary anywhere from twenty-five to eighty-five years old. There is a hope is to increase the interest of local youth.
- e. In overview of the new audio-visual equipment was shared by City Administrator Terry.
- f. The Commission discussed the possibility of changing The Parks meeting dates and times to accommodate the scheduling conflicts that Commissioner Emily Dornseif has been experiencing. The Commission discussed that the dates and times were selected based on how the meeting fits in with the City's other processes. It was decided that moving dates/times may create issues for other Commissioners and would not be a viable option.

7) PARK COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

8) NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks Commission is set for Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 6:00 PM at City Hall in Council Chambers.

9) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commissioner Vernon, seconded by Commissioner Hokeness to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Davidson