

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2023**

DATE OF MEETING:	November 8, 2023
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Nikki Pollock, Frana Milan (remote), Nick Zentner, Ali Brown (remote), Casey Fiske (remote), Marion Elliot, Jackie Adams
OTHERS PRESENT:	Parks & Recreation Director Case, City Manager Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, approximately 45 members of the public
LOCATION:	Meeting was held in the City Council Chambers and Remotely

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

MEETING MINUTES – Minutes from the October 11, 2023 meeting were approved as submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reed Park Master Plan Recommendation –Staff reviewed with Commission Reed Park Plan Option A, the preferred plan for consideration. This plan most closely mirrors the current layout of Reed Park, while creating a pedestrian path, flush restrooms and seating areas.

The Commission opened the floor for public testimony on the Reed Park Plan Option A. Most of the community feedback focused on not making any changes to the overlook parking, preserving the parking near the American Legion, safety concerns about the location of the park restroom, concerns that the Commission and City weren't following the 1933 deed restrictions, and a continued general desire for the City not make any changes to the park.

A motion and second was made to the recommend adoption of concept plan A noting the Commissions concern with trees being planted on the edge of the viewpoint.

Motion passed 6-0 with one abstention.

Rotary Park Master Plan Recommendation

Staff reviewed the Rotary Park the preferred final plan. The Commission voiced some concerns over the field turf soccer and baseball/softball infields, specifically the use of crumb rubber infill.

The Commission passes a motion approving the Rotary Park Master Plan with a request to review options for the field turf.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Parks have been winterized, portable restrooms will be placed over the winter at the following parks; West Ellensburg, Rotary, North Alder, Mt. View, McElroy, and the skatepark.
2. The Unity Park project is out to bid.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.