



**City of Jordan
Park and Recreation Commission
February 24, 2014**

Members Present: Chair, Donna Breeggemann, Nick Scholer, Council Representative Terry Steir, Student Representative Sarah Dorey

Not present: None

Staff Present: Senior Planner Corrin Wendell, Planning Intern Laura Chamberlain

Others Present: Nikki Othoudt, Thom Boncher

1.0 Call to Order.

Chair Breeggemann called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 Adopt Agenda.

Motion Stier second by Scholer to adopt the agenda with Agenda as presented. With all in favor the motion passed 3-0.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A. November, 25 2013 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion Stier second by Breeggemann to approve the November 25, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. With all in favor the motion passed 3-0.

4.0 Presentations/Discussions

No questions from the public.

Council Representative Stier asked what were the hours of the hockey rink by the Mini Met. Staff said they would ask public works and email the Commissioners with the answer.

5.0 Old Business

None.

6.0 New Business - Continued

A. PRC Applicant Interview – Nikki Othoudt

Senior Planner Wendell introduced Nikki Othoudt, the applicant up for consideration for a Park and Recreation Commissioner seat. The current Commissioners interviewed the candidate.

7.0 Planners Report

A. Next Meeting- March 24th, 2014

At the next meeting new member materials will be distributed to new commissioners. An overview of the roles & responsibilities of the PRC will be reviewed at that time. Chair Breeggemann suggested in the future that representatives from Community Ed, the Public Works department, and the DNR could come to a meeting to see how the PRC and those entities can coordinate.

Planning Intern Chamberlain informed Commissioners about the Safe Routes to School Grants the City applied for in January.

8.0 City Council Member Update

Council Representative Stier commented that the City is doing a good job clearing the trails for winter.

9.0 Commission Member Report

Scholer: Suggested that a voting/polling section be added to the parks website to receive public input. Planning Intern Chamberlain said an updated website would go along with the brochure update on the PRC's goals, and polling would be an interesting addition.

Breeggemann: Asked if the PRC can start approving small tasks so the City Council doesn't have to go through every little item. Senior Planner Wendell commented that the PRC should be where items get discussed and then the recommendation of the PRC would go to the Council. Unfortunately, sometimes the public brings issues directly to the Council without prior contact. Through more information on the website and with the new brochure, hopefully more issues will be brought to the PRC in the future.

Student Representative Dorey: None.

PRC Applicant Appointment

The Commissioners discussed the interview of applicant Nikki Othoudt. Scholer raised concerns over the applicant's lack of familiarity with Jordan parks and her lack of experience with financial decision making. Breeggemann added that the applicant was focused on issues unrelated to the scope of the Park and Recreation Commission.

Breeggemann mentioned that the PRC could appoint the applicant for one of the one-year term seats, and then readdress her suitability at her next interview. Scholer said he didn't think that was a good idea. Council Representative Stier mentioned that while the PRC is in need of new members, it is important to have members who were focused on the issues important to the PRC.

Motion by Scholer, second by Breeggemann, to recommend that the City Council not appoint Nikki Othoudt to serve on the Park and Recreation Commission. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Council Representative Stier abstaining because his vote will be counted during the Council vote.

10.0 Adjournment

Motion by Stier second by Scholer, to adjourn the Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 7:47 p.m. With all in favor, the motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Chamberlain, Planning Intern