**CITY OF LA GRANDE**

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**February 10, 2022**

**Zoom Videoconference**

Members present: David Moyal, Chair

Bob Mills

John Briney

Darren Dutto

Eric Griffith

Steve Antell

Members absent: Meg Hawks

Guests: None.

Staff Present: Stu Spence, Parks & Recreation Director

McKayla Rollins, Aquatic & Recreation Superintendent

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
   1. Chairperson, David Moyal called the meeting to order at 5:32pm with five (5) of the seven (7) Commissioners present. David asked the two new Commissioners to introduce themselves.
2. **AGENDA APPROVAL**
   1. The following motion was made by Mills, Dutto; providing the second: Motion: I move that we approve the agenda as presented. MSC. Unanimous.
3. **MINUTES APPROVAL**
   1. The following motion was made by Mills, Briney; providing the second: Motion: I move that we approve the December minutes as presented. MSC. Unanimous.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
   1. None.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
   1. **Recreation Coordinator Recruitment**
      * Special Thanks to Meg Hawks who sat in on the interviews and helped make the selection.
      * We offered the position to Chris Gianandrea who is currently a teacher in the Phoenix Arizona area. Chris grew up here and played collegiate soccer at EOU. His wife has a job beginning as an optometrist at Apple Eye Care in June and that’s when we agreed for him to start with the City as well. We’re excited for his connections and knowledge of the area and his passion for physical activity.
   2. **Parks Master Plan Draft Discussion**
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. **Rec Center Task Force Committee**
7. **STAFF REPORTS**
   1. **Aquatics**
      * The first ever Pool Carnival was held on January 28. 71 people were in attendance.
      * Staffing is picking up at the pool. With new staff on board and High School season ending, McKayla and Breeanna are having to guard less and less, making more time to look to the future.
      * We will be holding a Lifeguard course in April. Along with a few interested high school students, and recreation leaders, we will be certifying the Elgin guards, bringing us roughly $2,000 in revenue.
      * On president’s day, we will be holding a $1.50 rec swim deal
      * March Swim Lesson registration opened on the 8th. Spots are filling fast!
      * Staff are starting to plan for Spring Break. With current life guard availability, we will not be able to extend hours this year. McKayla and Bree are developing incentive strategies to encourage life guards to work undesirable shifts.
   2. **Recreation**
      * Youth Basketball is in its 3rd week and running well.
      * Registration for Pee Wee Soccer is up now. We have 29 registrations so far. Registration closes March 28th.
      * Staff have started to plan Arts for All which will take place April 23rd at Willow Gym. This year we are looking for non-profit organizations to volunteer to run stations and hand out informational materials.
      * Women’s volleyball is drawing to a close and will finish up the second week of March.
      * Staff are working with the School District to determine what summer offerings are going to look like.
   3. **Director**
      * Stu reviewed some guidance about establishing a “Friends” group to support the Parks & Recreation Department and more specifically, the Recreation Center fundraising efforts.
        1. “Friends” groups are normally a recognized IRS non-profit group with a Board of Directors.
        2. Under some circumstances, they do qualify for other funding sources that government does not, but this is rare.
        3. The City would enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the group that would detail each organizations responsibilities.

**VIII. INFORMATION**

1. Stu reminded the Commission that there are volunteer time sheets that have to be completed for any time outside of Commission meetings.

**IX. PENDING BUSINESS**

* + - * 1. None.

1. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
   1. None.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm. Next meeting is scheduled for February 9th @ 5:30pm via Zoom Videoconference.