



# CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

August 19, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.  
COMMUNITY ROOM - LIBRARY

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Scott Cranston, Chair  
Mike McDowell  
Ron Edinger  
Ginny Tate  
Jim Lien  
Christie Wood (*late arrival at 5:34 p.m.*)

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Bill Greenwood, Parks & Recreation Director  
Melissa Brandt, Administrative Assistant

### **GUESTS:**

Jon Mueller, Architects West  
Doug Eastwood, NICTF

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Bridget Hill

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Cranston called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Five members present, resulting in a quorum.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner McDowell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – *Action Item*

Commissioner Edinger made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2019. Commissioner Lien seconded the motion, there being no discussion and all being in favor, motion passed unanimously.

### **5. STAFF COMMENTS**

Director Greenwood: Began restoration of the grandstands, siding is off. They found wooden hose reels built in the 20s or 30s used to water the field. The roof should be off this week. We are working with NIC on some landscape enhancements from River to Hubbard along the BLM corridor. Opening bids this Thursday and hopeful the bids come in on budget. Tomorrow evening Phil Boyd will present to Council the Atlas Mill project. Plan is to proceed the first week of October. Delays have been helpful for the project. The water level will be low to do the work close to the shoreline. Some years back we partnered with the pickleball association to refurbish the courts at Northshire Park. We have tried to repair the cracks time and time again. Recently, after trying four or five different products, Jeff Erickson and Zarr Thacker, our park staff found a new system of repair. The before and after photos are amazing; hard work and great

teamwork to get the courts looking better than ever. We used some plexi-pave received from NIC. All 6 courts have been done and look brand new. The pickleball community has been very complimentary. Great job, Zarr, lots of hard work and early mornings.

## **6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner McDowell: Do we have a timeframe for the completion of the Memorial grandstands? Greenwood: we have a good crew working on it, hoping to get most of it done before the first snow, and we'd like to get some paint on it before it gets wet this fall.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gina 2169 Allavira Place; Love the courts at Northshire, thank you, your employee was amazing, he got it done. Thank you.

## **8. MIDWAY PROJECT** – *Action Item*

*Commissioner Cranston read the staff report for the record.*

Director Greenwood: Some months back Doug Eastwood and Jon Mueller brought this forward, we asked for some changes, they have come back to present their proposal.

Mueller: Concept sketches were presented this spring. We have clarified the property lines and exact locations of ownership. There was also some concern about trail cyclists coming through as people are wandering around the plaza. We modified the design of the project and proposed two alternatives. Expanding or widening the trail to help separate walkers from cyclists, bollards or some other constructs would help with routing of the trail. Talk of downsizing the area instead of merging the trail and the interpretive center was also considered to separate them. And, two was to downsize the memorial, build a bypass, the plaza and cycling public would have a separate place to be, more greenspace. Alternative #2 was the preferred choice. The NICTF is asking the Commission to endorse this proposal and take it forward for whatever action is required by Council. Commissioner Lien: Why was alternate #2 preferred? Greenwood: There were pockets for vendors to set up in the original drawing, we cleaned this up and just made it a greenbelt. We are seeking approval of the memorandum of understanding, not the design. Eastwood: We went with #2 as this area of the trail is highly concentrated with public use. With pedestrians and cyclists coming through we wanted to separate them more. Also stated he was very impressed with the work done at the Northshire courts. Commissioner Wood: Has the MOU been reviewed by city legal staff? Greenwood: The MOU was put together by city legal staff and reviewed by NICTF. Eastwood: MOU was entered into in order to move forward, the city owns property and the NICTF owns property, this project will require all the property in order to get federal funding. NICTF is eligible for funding, not the city. This will become a nice gift to the city. There may be modifications to the plan, and we are a year to a year and a half out due to the grant cycle. Commissioner Wood: Beautiful design, thank you for your talents and energy.

Motion by Commissioner McDowell and seconded by Commissioner Edinger to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Centennial Trail Foundation for the "Midway" landscape improvements at Riverstone Park. There being

no further discussion, and all being in favor, motion passed unanimously. The item will go to the next general services meeting.

**9. COMMISSIONER REAPPOINTMENTS – *Information Item***

Commissioners Wood, Lien, and McDowell were reappointed.

**10. MEETINGS / ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Cranston asked for any additional comments.

Upcoming meeting dates:

- Tuesday, September 3, 2019: 11:30 a.m., Workshop; Caruso's Deli, Coeur d'Alene
- Monday, September 16, 2019: 5:30 p.m., Meeting; Library Community Room

Commissioner Tate made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Wood seconding the motion. There being no further discussion, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.