



Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda

June 10, 2024
5:30 PM – Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.

CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Welcoming of New Alternate Commissioner Santiago Rodriguez

ROLL CALL:

INVOCATION:

Led by Pastor Lori Niles with the Church of the Nazarene

FLAG SALUTE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters not on the agenda and that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. This is also the public's opportunity to request an item from the Consent Calendar be pulled for discussion purposes or to comment on any item on the agenda. A maximum of three minutes is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

DIVISION UPDATES:

- A. Parks and Community Services: Director's Updates
- B. Parks Updates-Presented by Parks Manager Levi Winebrenner
- C. Recreation Updates-Presented by Recreation Coordinator Brittany P.
- D. Park Resource Officer Updates

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Parks and Community Services: Revisiting the Naming of the Freedom Park Playground

B. Park of the Month

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT:



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

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SUBJECT:

Revisiting the Naming of the Freedom Park Playground

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation: The Commission considers the new information presented regarding the naming of the Freedom Park Playground and provides direction to staff on the best path forward.

Recommended Motion:

BACKGROUND:

During Public Comment at the March 11, 2024, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, it was recommended that the playground at Freedom Park be named in honor of Dan Chin, past Mayor and Council Member. This item was placed on the agenda at the April 11, 2024 Commission meeting. At the May 8, 2024, meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to name the Freedom Park Playground in honor of Dan Chin.

This item was placed on the agenda for the June 4, 2024 City Council meeting and on the consent calendar. On June 3, Director Albert received a call from Kathy Gregory, former City Parks and Recreation Director. She wanted to meet to discuss this item. On the morning of June 4, 2024, Director Albert met with Kathy Gregory and Chris Soares. Both ladies had been closely involved in the planning and development Freedom Park, especially the playground.

Ms. Sores explained that her daughter was disabled and strongly felt that recreational opportunities should be available for all people of all abilities and that a universally assessable playground should be built at the new Freedom Park. At the time, funding was the biggest hurdle to her dream.

Ms. Sores founded the non-profit Endless Dreams Foundation to raise \$100,000 for the new playground. Through hard work, many solicitations, and generous donations from service clubs, organizations, and private individuals, Ms. Sores secured the \$100,000 required, delivered the check to the City, and built the playground.

Upon learning this new information on the history and background of the Freedom Park playground, Director Albert requested that the item be removed from the Council agenda and returned to the Commission for further discussion.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no substantial fiscal impact, other than signage, estimated to be approximately \$700.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



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