



Parks and Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, Richland City Hall
505 Swift Boulevard
Thursday, January 13, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Agenda

Regular Meeting #08-2010

- Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes – November 2010
- Council / Other Commission Liaison Reports
- Recreation Report
- Petitions
- Public Comment

PRESENTATION

Tri-City Outrigger Canoe Club (5 minutes)
Rivers to Ridges Open Space Network (15 minutes)

BUSINESS

1. PRC Goals – 2010 report
 2. PRC Goals – 2011 finalize
 3. Election of Officers
- PRC Liaison Reports

Information Only:

- Division Reports

Next Regular Meeting – February 10, 2011

Parks and Recreation Commission

Division Reports

January 2011

→ Recreation Division

- This year the Parks and Recreation Department partnered with Kadlec Medical Center in hosting the 3rd Annual Jingle Bell Run. With this partnership, the Jingle Bell Run became an official activity of our Annual Winter Wonderland event. The



Jingle Bell Run consists of a 50-yard and 200-yard run for the children and a 5K run/walk for all participants. The Richland Community Center was the headquarters for the event and the 5K run went from Howard Amon Park to the Columbia Point Marina Park and back. Approximately 500 individuals registered for the event and many dressed up to celebrate the holiday season. Race winners were announced right before the lighting ceremony took place at John Dam Plaza.

- During the month of December, the Richland Community Center upgraded its WIFI system. The upgrade will increase signal strength to include the entire facility.
- Have you ever dreamed of being a railroad engineer? The community had a great opportunity to see trains running in HO scale at the Annual Tri-City Model Railroaders display of a typical Eastern Washington railroad at the RCC last month. These skilled model builders amazed everyone with their precision and attention to detail. The display was open prior to the annual Lighted Boat parade the evening of December 10 and then again on Saturday, December 11. We're looking forward to seeing them back in 2011!



- The annual Barbershop Holiday Concert was on the evening of Friday, December 10 in the Richland Community Center. The Columbia River Chordsmen performed a mix of holiday songs and songs from yester-year. The Lighted Boat Parade followed, with the boats adding to the excitement and experience!
- The Senior Advocate is working with the cities of Pasco and Kennewick in a partnership to develop mutually sponsored trips for the senior

population. This effort is intended to offer a greater variety of destinations while sharing the load in preparatory work. The expected larger numbers of participants may result in lower cost per individual, while increasing revenue. The first destination is scheduled for February and will go to Wenatchee to see *Stars on Ice*.

- Richland's Inaugural Geocoin Challenge has been a great success. Time is quickly running out; we only have 32 geocoins left! For those who are interested in learning more about Richland, go on a geocaching adventure and earn a free geocoin, entry forms can be found on our city website under Parks and Recreation.
- During the month of December, the PA system at George Prout Pool was cleaned and repaired. The renovated system can now be clearly heard throughout the pool building and on the deck. The PA system is an important safety component.
- Richland Youth basketball enrollment is 80 teams of boys and girls grades 2nd to 6th grade for the 2011 season. Practices began on December 13 and are held at all nine elementary school gyms in Richland and West Richland. Games will be held on Saturdays beginning on January 15 and going for 8 weeks the three Richland School District middle schools.
- The lines were long and the servers scooping frantically at the Root Beer Float Social on December 16th. This event is always well attended as young and old alike impatiently wait for a delicious frothy float. *Guardian Angel Homes* provides the supplies as well as the smiling server.
- The December 21st Pie Social was very well attended. Several special guests from Eagle Assisted Living joined us for lunch and the following pie social. There were many smiling faces enjoying the variety of pies donated by *Richland Rehab/Eagle Assisted Living Facility* and *Riverton Retirement Community*. Many of our card game players come early for this special treat!
- First Night Tri-Cities was held on the Campus of CBC on December 31st. Eight different stages were used to host 50 different acts to entertain families. This year's headline performers were Christina and Ally, 21 and 14 year old sisters who recently finished in the top 10 of the TV talent show "America's Got Talent".
- The Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Clinic continues to grow in numbers due to the consistent service provided by the *Richland Rehab/Eagle Assisted Living Facility*.
- The Adult Slowbreak Basketball league is scheduled to begin on January 16 at Richland High School Gym. This league is open to adults 28 years of age and older with rules designed to slow the fast break aspect of the game. Games are played on Sundays through March. Twelve teams will participate in the league.

→ Planning & Construction Division

Construction Projects

- **SR-240 Multi-Purpose Trail, Van Giessen to Stevens** – Paving has been completed and the contractor is installing fencing.

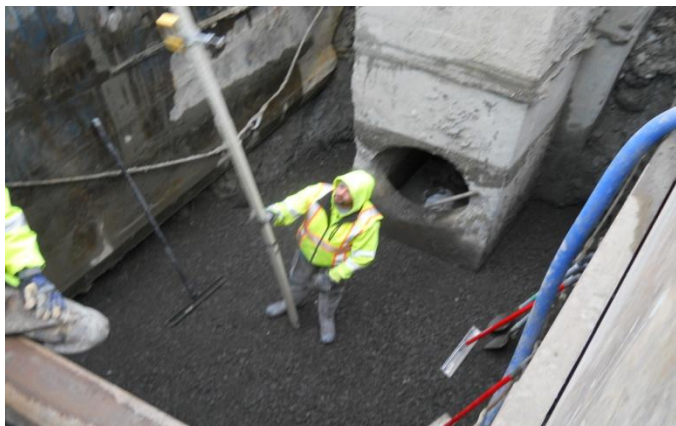


- **Badger Mountain Park**
Splash & Play – The project will be advertised for bids on December 19th and 26th bids will be opened on January 11, 2011. Work will be complete in the early spring of 2011 and ready for use in May or June weather permitting.

Keene Road Improvements - In the 2011 Capital Improvement Plan funding has been allocated for a left turn lane on Keene Road at the park entrance

Off-leash Dog Playground – The gravel access road has been removed, the interior of the fenced area has been fine graded, a 12 wide maintenance access gate has been installed and mulch for ground cover is being delivered from the City's Solid waste facility.

- **Hanford Legacy Park, Babe Ruth Complex** Construction has begun on the restroom/concession building. Construction is expected to be completed in three months.
- **Yakima River Pump Station Renovations** – On November 16th Council awarded the bid to Hurst Construction from Wenatchee. Work began on December 13th.



Service Projects

Native Plant Society, planting at Goethals Park nature playground

Richland Rotary, planting plants and bulbs at Howard Amon Arch.

Eagle Scout projects

- 1) Jeremy Gill painted the cave and did additional creek improvements at Goethals Park nature playground.
- 2) Nate Shumaker installed 35 new PVC bollards along Amon Park Drive.

→Parks and Facilities Division

Nov. - Accomplishments

- Routine maintenance:
 1. City Buildings – HVAC maintenance
 2. Parks – Garbage pickup and restroom cleaning
 3. Tree work – Removal of dead wood - Frankfort
 4. RCC – Set up and take down for classes and events
 5. Misc. – Respond to various Park and Facilities requests
- Projects:
 1. Shops – Reorganizing different departments to make room for IT personnel
 2. Shops – Prep work for moving purchasing to warehouse – Painting etc.
 3. G.P. Pool – Winterized building and mechanical system - put algaecide into pool
 4. Completed winterization of parks
 5. Parks – Leaf control
 6. Lee turn a round – Planted 400 tulip/daffodil bulbs
 7. Various – Cleanup of downed trees and branches from wind storm
 8. Facilities/Parks – Snow and Ice control
- Event support:
 1. J. D. Plaza - Prep work for Winter Wonderland
 2. C. Amon – Prep work for Eagle Scout project – installation of PVC bollards

Dec. - Accomplishments

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- Projects:
 1. Shops – Moved purchasing from building 100 to building 200

2. Shops – Working on inventory of City buildings for building and parks maintenance program
 3. Shops – Remodel storage area for new HR office
 4. Parks – Continue to upgrade systems to CalSense timers
 5. WWTP – Prepped area for testing different varieties of grass seed
 6. Shelterbelt – Limbing up low branches, tumbleweed cleanup, chipping and stump grinding
 7. Shelterbelt – Pulled pump and motor for rebuild
- Event support:
 1. J.D.Plaza – Winter Wonderland support
 2. Amon – Christmas by the River support

**CITY OF RICHLAND
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
November 18, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Christensen called the meeting to order at **7:01 pm**, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and introduced the newest Commission member Mathew Smith.

ROLL CALL:	Anderson	Fyall
	Butterfield	Gutierrez
	Christensen	Oxenford
	Doran	Powell
	Smith	

Absent: Gutierrez, Fyall

ALSO PRESENT: Council Member Kent, City Council, Planning and Construction Manager Phil Pinard, Recreation Manager Laurel Strand, Parks and Facilities Manager Tim Werner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as corrected.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The July 8th and October 14th agendas were approved as corrected.

COUNCIL / OTHER COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS: Council Member Kent reported that Council had been busy working on the 2011 budget, encouraged the commission be engaged in the process, and that \$600,000 was added to park projects. She said that yesterday evening was the first meeting of the Tri-Cities Public Utility District, and that they will be making a recommendation for what kind of regional facility should be located in the Tri-Cities. Richland will be hosting those meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:45pm in the City Managers Conference Room.

RECREATION REPORT: Recreation Manager Strand reported on the annual Fall Carnival held at the Community Center on Friday, October 22. This event attracted a record participation, with over 375 people, who enjoyed the numerous carnival games, maze, bounce house, scavenger hunt, Big Top the Clown, cracker decoration, Bingo, scary storytelling and the infamous haunted hay ride. There was also a costume contest with two delighted winners. Additionally, Strand invited both the Commission and audience to attend this year's Tri-Cities Model Railroaders display at the Richland Community Center on the evening of December 10 and 11, to enjoy the event as-well-as view the annual lighted boat parade.

PETITIONS: Report from the Friends of Badger on hiking activity at the Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pauline Piepel, 649 Cherrywood Loop, Richland – Expressed opposition to the tower in Lynnwood Loop Park. It would be a danger. Requested that the proposal not be approved.

William L. Kuhn, 624 Millwood Ct, Richland – Presented a petition with 224 signatures in opposition to the tower in Lynnwood Loop Park.

David M. Merrill, 513 Wagon Court, Richland – A member Lynnwood Loop Pool adjacent to the park. Asked how much power is required to operate the tower, how will the power be brought to the tower, who will pay for it, will the power affect the power to the pool, will the construction cause disturbance pool, will it have aircraft warning lights, how loud will the 60 cycle hum from the transformers be, what are the dangers of a kite string coming in contact with the transmission portion of the cell tower, and how far is it from the top of the tower to the lowest acceptable altitude of a plane coming in for a landing at the Richland Airport?

Mike Atchison, 1123 Country Ridge Dr. – Speaking about 2011 bike and trail projects. He requested that hard surface pathways be provided from the Yakima River SR240 bridge through Chamna to Van Geisen and a trail connection be provided along Queensgate Drive.

Clint Gerkenmeyer, 615 Lynnwood Ct. – Poor location for a tower in Lynnwood Lp. Park. Not in My back yard, other properties would be more suitable.

Michelle Levenite, 637 Lynnwood Loop - Speaking against tower in Lynnwood Loop Park. There are plenty of other locations for the tower..

Mark McAllister, 710 Lynnwood Loop – Asked if there are other parks that have cell phone towers and if this would create a precedence.

Emmett Marx, 606 Millwood Court – Asked if there is criteria for allowing towers in parks. Revenue should not be the only criteria.

Janet J. Rohner, 625 Lynnwood Loop – Opposed to the tower in Lynnwood Park. It would be a liability for the city.

Tom May, 617 Lynnwood Loop – Opposed to tower in Lynnwood Loop Park as it would destroy the scenery.

Bernerd Anderson, 2224 Redwood Lane - The park is not suitable for commercial purposes such as a tower.

Kelly Carothers, 527 Saint Street - The tower will detract from the whole idea of the park.

Kim Lloyd, 2228 Redwood Lane -. The tower will be an eyesore. Please leave the park beautiful and green. It is peaceful and quiet. Keep it that way.

Bill Ransch, 613 Lynnwood Court - Move the tower out to Stevens Drive.

Hannah Kuhyn, 624 Millwood Ct. – This seems to be a second instance of inappropriate use of the park. Asked if there is a master plan for the park.

John Mucha, 612 Lynnwood Court - Asked about notification for the meeting.

Beth Carothers, 527 Saint Street – Raised concerns about shadows on the pool.
Mark Levenite, 637 Lynnwood Loop - Expressed a problem with the fact that the individual that proposed the tower is on the Planning Commission. Asked if this is the way the City conducts business.

Closed public comment period at 7:39 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Ken Buechler, Columbia Basin BMX provided the final report for their Park Partnership Program project which included new concrete near the starting gate, concrete in front of the concessions, installing fencing obtained from Greater Years Park, moved 400 yards of dirt onto the track and rebuild the track, moved the irrigation system and mounted on 4x4 posts and the announcer's booth was roofed and metal siding was added.

BUSINESS

AMENDMENT TO LYNNWOOD LOOP AND FRANKFORT PARKS MASTER PLAN TO ADD CELLULAR COMMUNICATION TOWERS

Planning and Construction Manager Pinard introduced this item. He explained the staff recommendation to amend the master plan for both parks to include communication towers.

There was general discussion regarding impact to park (Lynnwood Loop) and if the tower could be placed in other locations in the park.

Mr. Christensen moved to recommend approval of the amendment to the master plan for **Frankfort Park** to include a communication tower at the location identified in Attachment 1. As a condition of approval it was recommended that the tower shall be painted green.

Motion carried.

Mr. Christensen moved to recommend approval of the amendment to the master plan for **Lynnwood Loop Park** to include a communication tower at the location identified in Attachment 2. As a condition of approval it was recommended that the tower shall be painted green.

Motion failed.

RECOMMENDATION TO SURPLUS APPROXIMATELY TWENTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (20,200) SQUARE FEET OF CLAYBELL PARK

Planning and Construction Manager Pinard introduced this item. He explained staff recommendation that approximately twenty thousand two hundred square feet at the south east side of Claybell Park be surplus.

There was general discussion regarding giving up park land.

Mr. Christensen moved to forward a recommendation to Council to approve surplusings approximately twenty thousand two hundred square feet of Claybell Park as identified in Attachment 1.

Motion failed. 2 yes 5 no

REVIEW OF 2010 COMMISSION GOALS

There was general discussion regarding the Commission's 2010 goals

DICUSSION OF 2011 COMMISSION GOALS

The Commission requested staff to arrange a workshop session to discuss 2010 and 2011 goals.

PRC LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Butterfield reported that the seniors held their annual Christmas bazaar. Construction on the new dog park is progressing. He acknowledged the great work on Goethals Park, and work done by the Tapteal Greenway and the Friends of Badger.

Mr. Matthews had no report.

Ms. Powell gave kudos to the BMX group.

Ms. Doran reported on her contact with the Mid-Columbia Forestry Council.

Mr. Oxenford had no report.

Mr. Anderson acknowledged the volunteer efforts for Make a Difference Day.

Mr. Christensen reported on the Arts Commission. The Arts commission has approved a youth position and three new sculptures by the Marriot.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

Phil Pinard, Planning and Construction Manager
Laurel Strand, Recreation Manager
Parks and Recreation Department