

**City of Wyoming  
Recreation Commission  
Civic Center Corral Room  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 13, 2021**

Members present: Daniele Eller, Howard Krueger, Holly Emch, Johnathon Daugherty, Laura Lazaraton, Chris Woodside, and Alex Albers.

Staff members present: Rachel Leininger – Director of Recreation and Citizen Engagement, Rusty Herzog—City Manager

Others Present: None.

**Citizen Participation:** None.

**Call to Order:**

Ms. Emch called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to approve the September minutes was made by Ms. Lazaraton and seconded by Ms. Hass. All ayes.

**Reports:**

- City Council – Mr. Woodside introduced himself to the group as a new council member and lifelong Wyoming resident whose children enjoy participating in recreation sports. He asked Mr. Herzog to provide the Council update to Recreation Commission. Mr. Herzog stated that he has challenged the new council members to engage and interact with their boards and commissions to share information and also receive questions/information to share back to City Council. Mr. Herzog also explained that there was a major project section coming soon to the website to keep residents informed regarding the status of projects such as Crescent Park, Vermont Avenue, Mt. Pleasant to Compton, Hilltop Reservoir, Village Green etc. Mr. Woodside also reported to the group and Melissa Monich is the newly elected mayor and that she was a good embodiment of Wyoming.
- Administration – Ms. Leininger reported that the Recreation Center was in the process of migration to a new registration software and asked that patrons be patient with staff as they work through the kinks and learning process. She also reported that the new software will also offer an online registration platform, and that staff will spend the next couple of months building out the website to be ready to roll it out for summer activities.
- School –none.

- Chairperson—Ms. Emch asked the group if they wanted to keep the listed categories in the business section of the agenda or it needed to change. Mr. Krueger stated he was in support of the categories of sub-committees and felt that it was very important. Ms. Hass stated she would take over youth sports. Ms. Emch said it would probably be best to have the committee members break up into groups to look at the various facilities as charged by the city manager and that the same questions should be address when looking at each facilities for fair assessment and ranking. Ms. Emch asked that each member bring their questions to the next meeting so that they could come to consensus on which questions should be used.

**Business:**

- Commission Member Responsibility Areas:
  - Youth Sports— none.
  - Adult Sports/Recreation & Senior Activities (Howard Krueger): Mr. Krueger share the Wyoming Living swim team article with the group. He reported that the coed softball program had been very successful and that the participants had a wonderful experience. Ms. Leininger stated that the Men’s 40 and Over basketball was on hold for two week due to quarantine issues affecting team numbers.
  - Fitness, Programs, and Aquatics: none.
  - Facilities, Parks & Grounds (Alex): none.
  - Special Events—none. (Daniele)

**Other:**

- City Manager Projects—Mr. Herzog explained that he would like Recreation Commission to look at, evaluate, and rank each of the recreation facilities. He explained the City is trying to operate using more strategic planning, so we want to evaluate what we have, know what we can improve on, and also what we can do well. He further explained that this plan produced will allow the City to better go after grant funding if available. Mr. Herzog also explained the evaluation can expand beyond just facilities such as looking at programming, cultural/arts, etc. in our spaces. Ms. Leininger handed out the project summary sheet along with a list of the various parks and facilities that Recreation Commission is being asked to review.
- Sports Selection Process Review—Ms. Leininger explained that Ms. Hass had expressed concerns regarding the sports selection process and through that discussion, she thought it made sense to go over the selection process for each sport. Ms. Leininger distributed the handout to each member that referenced the selection process for each sport. Ms. Leininger explained the selection process in question had been that of basketball, but due to constraints from covid the normal policy of randomization had been hard to follow. Ms. Leininger explained that because the schools were not allowing the

Rec Center to use their gym space teams had to be limited to one team per grade which affected the ability to randomize the selection. If there was space made available due to another team not forming in another grade, the kids were simply took in order off of the waitlist to form the second team. Ms. Leininger explained that she hoped the Rec Center would have access to the schools spaces next school year.

- B. Muddy Pig—Ms. Leininger asked the group if they would like to see the Muddy Pig return to North Park in 2022. Ms. Emch said yes. Ms. Hass said yes, but that she would like to see the event break even. Mr. Albers said he would like to look at the use for the other 364 days as we consider the usage of the park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Leininger