

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY FORESTRY
COMMISSION MEETING
FOR THE CITY OF HAYDEN, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO**

June 22, 2017

**Parks, Recreation & Community Forestry Commission
4:15 p.m.**

Council Chambers, Hayden City Hall, 8930 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID 83835

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chair Sampsel called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

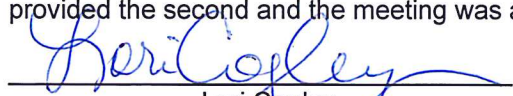
ROLL CALL: Vice-Chair Sampsel and Commissioner Turner were present. Chair Troxel and Commissioner Spendlove were present via conference call (Commissioner Spendlove joined the meeting at 4:30 p.m.) Commissioners Bierman and Lile were absent.

1. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Michele Hackett, Nick Rook and Mariah Martindale of Hayden Little League, are presenting a request to have 3 batting cages installed at Croffoot Park, which were donated to the league. The pictures provided are not the exact cages but are similar to what they might look like with the sizes being 15 x 60 for each cage. Exhibit shows the possible locations. All Star games are beginning next weekend so they are hoping to have them installed before then. Districts and the State Tournament will also take place at Croffoot Park in the coming weeks. They feel it would be a safer environment and would improve the skills of kids league wide. Volunteers from Hayden Little League would install the cages in the short amount of time. Nick said they are flexible and that the cages don't have to be anchored into the ground at this time. HLL would put up and take down. There is the possibility to put them up temporarily this year and make them permanent in future. They would be open at any time for anyone to use. HLL would provide the netting. Alan said he loves this opportunity for the kids but is unsure if the timeframe of getting it done by next week can be met. There are water mains in the area of the proposed location and his department needs to look at it further. Alan feels that 2 can fit where they would like them but possibly the 3rd one will need to be in a different location. Alan said it would be more practical at this point to make them temporary and then make them permanent next year. Alan mentioned they may possibly need a building permit due to size and that it's being occupied. Alan would like it to be on the next City Council agenda, which is 6/27/17 and to create an addendum to the current contract. Vice-Chair Sampsel said this would be a huge asset to our community. HLL is obtaining better drawings from Perimeter Security Group. Commissioner Spendlove feels that safety and security is key and that things shouldn't be rushed getting them installed, they need to be done safely. The Commission supports the batting cages being installed at Croffoot and commissioners may also attend the City Council meeting on Tuesday in support if they choose to do so.

2. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Vice-Chair Sampsel provided the second and the meeting was adjourned.


Lori Cogley