



**Baker City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Notes – Upstairs Conference Room**  
**November 20, 2023 / 5:30 PM**

Attendees: Lisa Jacoby, Kim Mosier, Karla Macy, Nathan Defrees & Valerie Potter  
City Staff: Jennifer Murphy

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1. Jacoby called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.
2. No additions or modifications to the agenda were proposed.
3. September's and October's meeting minutes were reviewed/approved by Defrees making a motion, Mosier seconding the motion, and all other board members voting in favor.
4. *Court Plaza Discussion from October 18<sup>th</sup>*  
Carrol Phillips and Wayne Sig presented the Court Plaza conceptual to board members in October. Mosier and Jacoby mentioned to board members that there are two items within the proposal that are needing to be discussed in more detail – the fountain/streetlight proposed to be placed on top of the manhole where the Christmas tree is placed, as well as the pavers proposed to be used as the plaza's surface instead of concrete. If the Court Plaza group would like to move forward with the pavers vs. concrete, the city has proposed Baker City Downtown manage and maintain the plaza via an agreement over an extended period of time, similar to the agreement the city has with Carnegie Arts Center.
5. *Geiser Pollman Artificial Turf Repair*  
Murphy briefed board members regarding turf settlement that is beginning to occur at the southerly section of the playground area (the newer section). Staff had corresponded with the turf and equipment representatives for some time regarding work needing to be accomplished under warranty. The turf repair crew was scheduled to be in town 11/8/23. The crew arrived 11/9 and the parks contractor and staff went over the issues found in the current turf. The crew leader indicated that their turf repair equipment would not be arriving that day so they would need to return to Baker City in the coming weekend to do the repair work. During the weekend staff and the parks contractor indicated they saw the turf repair crew in the Geiser Pollman Park, but that the crew appeared to be working on the older section of turf. It appears the crew completed work on a few sections of new turf discussed with staff, but there are still issues that exist. Staff will be following up in the coming weeks.
6. *Naming of Kirkway/Hughes & Kirkway & H Street Parks*  
Macy mentioned that at the time the parks master plan was being created the board had discussed renaming Kirkway/Hughes & Kirkway/H Street Park areas. Board members discussed this topic and concluded that they think it would be a great way to introduce fourth-grade students to government processes. The fourth-grade classes could compete and could present their proposals to city council. Defrees will contact school staff to discuss this proposal further.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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