



**Baker City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Notes – Upstairs Conference Room**  
**October 18, 2023 / 5:30 PM**

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

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1. Jacoby called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. No additions or modifications to the agenda were proposed.
3. September's meeting minutes were not reviewed/approved by board members as there was not a quorum.

4. *Central Park Splash Pad Presentation*

Charline Simmons and Chris Folkman provided board members with a packet of information outlining what a splash pad is, what tasks have been accomplished thus far, and details on the project's budget.

Some of the details discussed included:

- Funding for the equipment was secured earlier this year. The splash pad equipment has been ordered through the City and will be here in December.
- The Association of Realtors recently donated \$5,000.
- The City is contributing the land and the labor & equipment for the water service.
- The splash pad will not use recycled water. Using recycled water would require staffing to monitor/test the water.
- The goal is to have splash pad installed in August of 2024.
- The splash pad will have low-flow features as well as touch features.
- A geologist will be consulted regarding the frost heave concerns common in our climate.
- The splash pad will be 45' in diameter.
- Approximately \$100,000 more funding is needed.

5. *Court Plaza Presentation*

A conceptual rendering of Court Plaza was previously provided to board members. The rendering was created by Kyle Carpenter, the project engineer for Baker City Downtown.

Carrol Phillips and Wayne Sig presented the details of the project to board members.

As the group reviewed the rendering, some items discussed included:

- The mobile fountain/streetlight that is proposed to be placed on top of the manhole the Christmas tree is located in during the holiday season. The design of this fountain is similar to one that was located in downtown Baker City decades ago.
- Bornstedt brought forward some concerns the City has regarding pavers being used as the plaza surface vs. concrete. Phillips and the City will discuss this in more detail in the coming weeks.
- The project engineer estimates a project cost of \$1.3 million.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.