



Board of Commissioners' Public Hearing - Hagelstein Park
Potential Use Change
August 8, 2023 ~ 2:00pm ~ Room 219

8/8/2023 - Minutes

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2. Call To Order & Those Present

Commissioner Henslee, Commissioner DeGroot; Haley Huffman / Admin Staff; Dale Geigle, Ric Medina / Multimedia; Zak Keeney / Herald and News.

**3. TIME CERTAIN 2:00PM Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Changes To
Hagelstein Park Public Use**

Commissioner Henslee motions to hold the hearing. Commissioner DeGroot seconds. Unanimous vote. Approved.

1. Public Comment

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Person Or Join The Meeting Remotely. To Join Remotely,
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Clayton Dumont - Spoke about the history of the Park and spoke in favor of changing the use of the park to day use only.

Alex Gonya - Spoke about the biology of the park and spoke in favor of changing the use of the park to day use only or to a reserve.

Don Gentry - Spoke about the value of the park and in support of changing the use of the park to day use only or to a reserve.

Kathleen Buchanan - Spoke about crime issues in the area of the park and in support of closing the park or changing use to day use only.

Willa Powless - Spoke about the housing crisis, places to camp for

free, concerns around enforcement and spoke in favor of changing the use to day use.

Laura Shadley - Spoke about the importance of the park, the lake and spoke in support of changing the use of the park to day use.

Taylor Tupper - Spoke about the importance of the springs and in support of changing the use of the park to day use.

Christine Rubidoux - Spoke in support of changing the use of the park to day use only.



Commissioner Henslee - Thank you to everyone who came to express their thoughts today. It is important for us to understand what the people are saying, it makes elected officials have a well rounded thought before making a decision. I'm really excited about next Tuesday, to see what we can do in the future to protect this space.

Commissioner DeGroot - We've been talking about this space for several years now. We've been getting alot of calls that folks, many who are not from here, travelers, are going in there and abusing the space. We closed the park during COVID and everything was doing better, when we opened it up to full use, things started deteriorating again. If we have a thriving fish population, it solves so many problems, all of our industries are better taken care of, we have a better economy, a happier community. I appreciate everyone being here today.

The Board will deliberate about the above comments at next week's Administrative meeting, August 15th at 3pm.

4. Adjournment

2:35pm

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