

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – May 2, 2019

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Admin Conference Room

Roll Call

Board Members Present: William Findlay
Marc Litzen
Gary Schroen
Sam Susuras
Byron Wiehe
Duke Wortmann

Board Members Absent: Bob Wiig
Abby Landmeier

Guest Present: Robert Jones, Vortex Engineering

City Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director Parks and Recreation
Traci Wieland, Deputy Director Parks and Recreation
Scott Peterson, Senior Planner
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

Item 1: Meeting called to order by Gary Schroen at 12:00 p.m.

Item 2: Approve minutes from the March 7, 2019 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Gary Schroen asked some clarifying questions about the March minutes, no changes were made. Gary Schroen made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7 meeting. The motion was seconded by Marc Litzen and carried unanimously.

Motion approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

Item 4: Proposed Land Dedication – Elevation 4591 Subdivision

To accommodate the guests at the meeting, the Board switched the order of the agenda. Scott Peterson talked with the Board about the Elevation 4591 subdivision. The developer is required to build a 10' trail next to canal as outlined in the City Transportation plan. Typically, the land containing this trail would be owned and maintained by the HOA, however due to disagreement about where the Grand Valley Irrigation Company ownership ends, and to ensure the trail connection is made, City Staff recommend approving the land donation. There would be no additional cash owed to meet the Open Space Fee requirement. William Findlay made a motion to recommend accepting the 0.72 acres as part of the Elevation 4591 Subdivision in-lieu of Open Space fees, provided that the developer install the required off-street trail and landscaping per the approved plans, with landscaping being maintained by the HOA in the future and the trail being maintained by the City once completed. The motion was seconded by Sam Susuras and carried unanimously.

Motion approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

Item 3: Impact Fees

Rob Schoeber talked with the board about the Impact Fee Study that was recently presented to the Planning Commission. Rob explained the difference between Open Space Fees and Development Impact Fees as well as Level 1 and Level 2 parks. Currently the Development Impact fee is \$225 per lot. These fees are used for the capital improvements or growth-related infrastructure, not operations or maintenance.

The company that executed the study determining the cost per person of Level 1 and Level 2 parks by using the acres of each type and the cost to develop that type of park (which Staff provided). The study shows the cost of a Level 1 park to be \$11.25/person and of a Level 2 park to be \$666.76/person. Using those costs and an average of persons found per housing unit the study proposes Development Impact fees of \$1606 per single family unit and \$1055 per multi-family unit. A 2015 survey showed the national average fee to be \$2812, and the Colorado average was \$3300.

Sam Susuras made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board support an increase in impact fees and the methodology by which they were evaluated. The motion was seconded by Byron Wiehe and carried unanimously.

Motion approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

Item 5: For the Good of the Community

Marc Litzen inquired about the status of Burkey Park, post-election. Rob Schoeber shared with the board that there will be a public meeting process, but the City intends to sell the parcel and use the proceeds to develop Matchett Park. Board members also inquired about the proposal to change the maximum lease agreement. City Staff will continue to explore options; this issue may re-appear before the voters.

Marc Litzen inquired about the steps required to form a recreation district. Staff have investigated options for a Recreation District and have been unable to form a boundary that works well. Additionally, currently the Parks and Recreation Divisions work in a very integrated way, forming a Recreation (only) District could create challenges in the way the divisions interact.

Gary Schroen shared with the group some information on a survey the Comprehensive plan committee is using to gather input. Board members are encouraged to complete the survey.

William Findlay inquired about the future of the Orchard Mesa Pool and gymnasium in light of the new middle school's construction. Rob Schoeber informed the board the Pool Board would be meeting soon and would be discussing options for the pool, and the adjacent building.

Marc Litzen complimented the Canyon View Park staff. He hosted a girls fast pitch softball tournament at the park and the staff were very visible, and very helpful on a very busy day in the park.

Gary Schroen asked if there were any details of Rob Schoeber's retirement. A formal last day has not been set, but Rob expects to retire around the first of July.

Item 6: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Little
Administrative Specialist