

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – August 1, 2019

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Office Conference Room

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Beau Flores
Phil Pe'a
Gary Schroen
Byron Wiehe

Board Members Absent: Nick Allan
William Findlay
Abby Landmeier
Marc Litzen

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

Item 1: Meeting called to order by Gary Schroen at 12:07 p.m.

Item 2: Approve minutes from the July 11, 2019 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Due to a lack of quorum, approving the minutes was tabled until the September Meeting.

Item 3: Stadium Complex Master Plan

Rob Schoeber gave the board a brief overview of the Stadium Master Plan study. The study was initiated by the Parks Improvement Advisory Board (PIAB) which is made up of representatives from the City, County, University, School District, and JUCO organizations. Recently there have been a number of projects completed at the Stadium Complex, including replacing the artificial turf on the football field, replacing the infield on the baseball field, and slated for 2020 is replacement of the track. PIAB saw the need to update the Stadium Master plan which was completed in 2001. They have partnered with Perkins & Will (P&W) who did the initial master plan and was also the architect on the Tower project, so they are very familiar with the complex and its varied uses. This master plan is only for the Stadium area, and the support facilities immediately adjacent.

The first step in the process was to identify the most immediate needs for improvements (occurring in the next 3 -5 years). Track replacement, structural improvements of the Suplizio field bleacher areas, outfield replacement and electrical and technology improvements were all identified.

Traci Wieland talked with the Board about future improvement options identified by Perkins & Will. Both options work to separate “back of house” areas from “front of house.” The current building that the Grand Junction Rockies use as their club house would be converted to a food prep area with increased locker room area. The first base bleachers would be expanded to include an upper deck hospitality area. The current ticketing and entrance area would be pushed further south to create an open plaza. Along the outfield fence a new clubhouse for the Rockies could be built. On the football side, the west stands would be reconfigured to create some multi-use (including locker room) space, as well as new ticketing and plaza entry spaces. Additionally, at the eastern side of the outfield space

would be repurposed for field storage and batting cages. Area along North Avenue would be used for service and bus parking as well as maintenance and storage areas.

Traci Wieland talked with the Board about a second option. Many of the improvement proposals are the same, differences include making a plaza entrance at the corner of 12th and North for Stocker Stadium, and making the existing Barn a more flexible space that could be utilized on game days for locker rooms or other game related areas. Instead of building a clubhouse at the edge of the main parking lot, a new Grand Junction Rockies clubhouse could be built on the eastern side of the outfield. The option does propose using some of the existing golf course space to create service/staff parking and maintenance areas along North Avenue.

Traci advised the board that both of these plans are being considered by PIAB, though it is not a one or the other situation. The Board may choose to mix and match using options from both plans for the final proposal.

Board members inquired about funding for any of these proposals. Rob Schoeber advised the board that currently the track replacement project is in the City CIP budget proposal for 2020 and there is some money budgeted for minor structural repairs of the Suplezio bleachers. No other projects have funding at this time.

Item 4: Elect Officers

Due to a lack of quorum, this item was tabled until the September meeting.

Item 5: For the Good of the Community

Rob advised the board that construction is happening in the Dos Rios area now, in addition to the projects that continue at Las Colonias. Lunch Loop construction has begun as well.

Item 6: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Little
Administrative Specialist