

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – September 5, 2019

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Office Conference Room

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Nick Allan
William Findlay
Beau Flores
Abby Landmeier
Marc Litzen
Gary Schroen

Board Members Absent: Phil Pe'a
Byron Wiehe

City Staff Present: Ken Sherbenou, 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 12:02 p.m.

Item 2: Approve minutes from the July 11, 2019 and August 2, 2019 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meetings

Gary Schroen made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11 meeting. The motion was seconded by Beau Flores and carried unanimously.

Motion approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Gary Schroen made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2 meeting. The motion was seconded by Beau Flores and carried unanimously.

Motion approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Item 3: Introduce new Parks and Recreation Director

Ken Sherbenou introduced himself to Board members.

Item 4: Election of Officers

Marc Litzen nominated Gary Schroen to be re-elected as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Abby Landmeier and carried unanimously.

Motion approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Marc Litzen nominated William Findlay to be elected as Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Abby Landmeier and carried unanimously.

Motion approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Item 5: Possible GOCO Grants: Mini and LPOR

Ken Sherbenou talked with the board about some upcoming grant opportunities. The Downtown Development Authority would like apply for a Mini GOCO grant to help fund an artwalk to connect Las Colonias to Downtown. The grant is due at the end of October.

The Local Park and Outdoor Recreation (LPOR) grant is being applied for on behalf of the Colorado Land Trust to acquire land on the south side of Monument Road to further the connection from the Riverfront Trail towards the South Camp paved trail.

Staff works collaboratively to space out grant request to ensure sponsored grant requests such as these do not compete with City grant requests. The Board invited representatives from both organizations to present their projects at the October meeting.

Item 6: Community Center Debrief

Ken Sherbenou talked with the Board about the April ballot measure to fund the building and operation of a community center. The Board would like to invite members of the PLACE committee to a future meeting to discuss and debrief issues around the measure and talk about next steps moving forward.

Item 7: Pork and Hops and Activity Guide

Ken Sherbenou reminded the board that the Annual Pork and Hops festival takes place this weekend, September 6 and 7. He also discussed with them a proposal to increase the distribution of the department Activity guide, and to increase the visibility of the Parks within the content of the Activity Guide. Traci Wieland talked about the history of the Activity Guide and how the department moved toward a more segmented marketing approach targeting current customers. This change would get the Summer and Fall 2020 Activity Guide into the hands of significantly more people than are currently being reached.

Item 8: Tennis and Pickleball

Ken Sherbenou discussed the current status of Tennis and Pickleball at City Facilities. Currently there are not enough courts. The current plan converts the Lincoln Park tennis courts to pickleball and constructs new tennis courts at Canyon View to make up for the courts that were converted. At this point the Canyon View courts are not lit, so that is a consideration and construction will also require reconfiguring the 24.5 Road entrance to Canyon View Park.

Item 9: Ice Arena

Ken Sherbenou advised the Board that the owners of Glacier Ice Arena are looking to sell and have approached the City about purchasing the arena. City staff have done a study of other municipally run arenas and it would require a subsidy.

Item 10: For the Good of the Community

Board members inquired about the status of the pool on the campus of Orchard Mesa Middle School now that the construction of the new middle school is almost complete. There is a meeting in February with the partners (City, School District, and County) to talk about funding and next steps for the Pool as well as the adjacent Gymnasium and locker room areas of the building.

Board members inquired about the fleet of electric scooters that was discussed earlier in the spring. The fleet never arrived. It is a topic staff has continued to watch as other cities have grappled with the implications of dockless scooter and bicycle fleets arriving in their cities.

Traci Wieland informed the board that she has accepted a position as the Recreation District Director for Ken Caryl Ranch. She will be beginning her work there on September 23. Board members thanked Traci for her time and service to Grand Junction and offered their congratulations.

Item 11: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Little
Administrative Specialist