

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – February 6, 2020

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Office Conference Room

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Nick Allan
William Findlay
Beau Flores
Marc Litzen
Phil Pe'a
Gary Schroen
Byron Wiehe

Guests Present: Robert Jones, Vortex Engineering

City Staff Present: Ken Sherbenou, Director of Parks and Recreation
Kristen Ashbeck, 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 January 6, 2019 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

William Findlay made a motion to approve the minutes. 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: Founders Colony Presentation

Ken Sherbenou, Parks and Recreation Director, advised the Board that he and Parks Superintendent Randy Coleman had been meeting regarding this subdivision and that the developer was receptive to input from the Parks division. Kristen Ashbeck with Community Development talked with the Board about the proposal. This development serves an area where there is a lack of neighborhood parks, and it is the last larger property with the potential to include space for a neighborhood park. The property is bordered by G Road and 24.5 Road and would also include a trail connection. The proposed park area would 4.76 acres of a 39 acre development, exceeding the 10% requirement. Marc Litzen made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommend acceptance of the proposed dedication within the Founders Colony subdivision proposal for a neighborhood park. The motion was seconded by Byron Wiehe and carried unanimously.

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

Item 4: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan

Ken Sherbenou informed the Board that the Request for Proposal is almost ready. Staff expects the master planning process to take about six months and wants to engage community feedback widely. There will be a Citizen Task Force appointed (similar to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee). The consulting team will also meet with individual interest groups such as PRAB, sports organizations, and hold open community meetings. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be asked to vote on whether or not to recommend adoption. That recommendation will be forwarded to Council for final adoption. Once the Master Plan is adopted the work of implementation can begin.

Item 5: City of Grand Junction Golf

There was no report or discussion on this item.

Item 6: Criteria for adding items to the Agenda

Board members requested clarification on what should constitute an item that is placed on a future agenda versus discussed in the moment at a meeting. Ken Sherbenou advised the Board that items that require staff to gather resources or background information, require action (a vote), or require more than ten minutes of discussion should be placed on the agenda in advance of the meeting. Board members requested adding a standing agenda item to each meeting so that they may address future meeting agenda. Board members also requested to have any background materials in advance (as opposed to handed out at the meeting) if action was required on an item. Board members requested updates on the Orchard Mesa Pool and Glacier Ice arena at the March Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

Item 7: For the Good of the Community

Ken Sherbenou informed the Board that the Council Member Pe'a facilitated a well-attended meeting on the Orchard Mesa Pool. Members of the public offered comment and representatives from each of the partner organizations were in attendance. The building needs around \$2M in improvements. No decision was made at this meeting. And the partner organizations will meet again on February 20 at 10am.

Regarding the ice rink, Councilor Pe'a advised the Board that the City Council is considering options to operate the rink and acknowledges a need for an ice rink in the community. Staff are continuing to work to gather as much information as possible so that Council may make a fully informed decision.

Ken Sherbenou reminded the Board that in past years a Board member has participated in the JUCO Concessionaire selection process. The 2020 selection meeting will be on February 27 from 11:30 – 1:30pm in the Hospitality Suite. Nick Allen volunteered to participate on behalf of the Board.

Ken Sherbenou shared with the Board that there will be a "Chain Breaking" grand opening event for the Monument Trails section on Thursday, February 20 at 4:00 p.m. This will be a great celebration of the new trail section linking the Riverfront Trail to the Lunch Loop area trails. Additionally, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on the new Sherwood Park Playground later in March.

Item 8: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Little
Administrative Specialist