

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

## **Regular Meeting – July 9, 2020**

Meeting Location: Mariposa Shelter, Las Colonias Park

### **Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Nick Allen  
William Findlay  
Beau Flores  
Phil Pe'a  
Gary Schroen  
Austin Solko  
Nancy Strippel  
Byron Wiehe

Board Members Absent: Marc Litzen

City Staff Present: Ken Sherbenou, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

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

### **Item 2: Approve minutes from the June 4, 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

Gary Schroen made a motion to approve the minutes, The motion was seconded by Bill Findlay and carried unanimously.

Motion approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 1

### **Item 3: Resignation**

Nick Allen advised the board that he has recently moved, and his new home is in a part of Orchard Mesa that is outside City Limits. After reviewing the bylaws, he felt resigning from the Board was the most appropriate action. Board members expressed their appreciation for his thoughtful participation, and his perspective, and wished him well. Nick did not stay for the remainder of the meeting.

### **Item 4: Reopening Parks and Recreation**

Ken Sherbenou talked with the Board about how reopening Parks and Recreation has been going. Overall, participation is lower. The Lincoln Park Pool capacity is 175 which has not been met. Softball teams are about half of a normal summer, and Camp group size has been intentionally reduced to allow for more social distance. The campers are wearing masks. Shelters have been re-opened. Moving towards Phase 3 depends on Mesa County. The department is trying to balance service with caution.

### **Item 5: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Materials**

Ken Sherbenou distributed materials for the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan with the board. Next week the consultants will be hosting in-person meetings with different stakeholder groups, including all of the Boards associated with Parks and Recreation as well as a Council Workshop. These meetings are designed to gather information to help the consultants begin to understand the strengths, and opportunities in front of the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Item 6: Changes to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Bylaws**

Councilman Pea shared with the Board that during the interview process to fill the two seats whose terms expired this year, Council was amazed by the diversity and interest in serving on the Board. With that interest in mind Council suggested increasing the size of the Board by two seats. Council has already changed the ordinance increasing the size of the board as well as increasing the number of terms allowed to four. Gary Schroen made a motion to approve the amended bylaws. The motion was seconded by Beau Flores and carried unanimously.

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

Ken Sherbenou formally introduced Nancy Strippel who was appointed to the Board. Two positions had terms which ended in June and William Findlay and Nancy Strippel were appointed to fill those terms. Council will be appointing two more members to the Board, and filling the vacancy created by Nick Allen's resignation.

**Item 7: Donation of a Shelter at Las Colonias River Park**

Ken Sherbenou advised the Board that staff has been approached by a company wanting to donate a shelter (materials and labor) to be placed at the River Park in Las Colonias. The shelter would need to be constructed out of the flood area. Board members asked questions surrounding ensuring the donation was appropriate for commercial application and wondered about a department policy surrounding naming rights.

**Item 8: For the Good of the Community**

Ken Sherbenou informed the board that the Dos Rios project went out to bid and received a favorable response. A local company was awarded.

Ken Sherbenou reminded the board that swimming is prohibited, but kayaking and paddleboarding is encouraged in the Butterfly Lake at Las Colonias.

Ken Sherbenou advised the board that the Bicycle Playground at Dos Rios (which has already become a popular amenity) has received lots of positive feedback from a variety of groups. The area will be closed for a couple of weeks for the contractor to move some of the features that were placed incorrectly during construction.

The Board discussed remaining sensitive to social distancing and the use of indoor spaces. They would like to have a future meeting at Riverside Park. If A/V elements necessitate an indoor meeting they would prefer a larger room such as the Hospitality Suite, over the Parks and Recreation Administration Conference room.

The Board decided, by acclamation, to move the August meeting to August 13 (the second Thursday).

**Item 8: Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:10 pm.

The next meeting will be August 8, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Little  
Administrative Specialist