

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – November 5, 2020

Meeting Location: Virtual – GoTo Meeting

Roll Call

Board Members Present: William Findlay
Phil Pe'a
Gary Schroen
Austin Solko
Nancy Strippel
Lisa Whalen
Byron Wiehe

Board Members Absent: Beau Flores
Marc Litzen

City Staff Present: Ken Sherbenou, Director of Parks and Recreation
Tamra Allen, Director of Community Development
Kristen Ashbeck, Principal Planner – Community Development
Lance Gloss, Senior Planner – Community Development
Larry Manchester, Recreation Supervisor
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

Guests Present: Ted Ciavonne, Ciavonne, Roberts & Associates, Inc.
Michael O'Connor, Triumph Development
Stephanie Copeland, Four Points Funding, LLC
Chris Imbler, Four Points Funding, LLC
Jeremy Nelson, Regeneration Development Strategies
Michael Kuzminski, Dufford Waldeck
Robert Jones, Vortex Engineering, LLC
Christi Reece, The Christi Reece Group

Item 1: Meeting called to order by William Findlay at 12:05 p.m.

Item 2: Approve Minutes from the September 24, 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.

Nancy Strippel made motion to approve the minutes of the September 24 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Gary Schroen and carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Item 3: Supervisor Presentation – Larry Manchester

Ken Sherbenou introduced Larry Manchester, Recreation Supervisor, to the Board. Larry gave a presentation to the Board about his area of responsibility. Larry oversees Aquatics, Adult Sports and Youth Flag Football. This year the Aquatics staff received the highest ranking, Exceeds, on all 4 unannounced operational audits. Larry talked with the board about adjustments to operating procedures in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. Orchard Mesa has obtained a 5-Star Safety rating from Mesa County

Public Health. Of course, participation numbers are down, due to reduced capacity put in place to meet distancing guidelines. Adult Softball operated with some adjustments to improve social distancing. The spring league was cancelled, the summer league was delayed with a drop in participation, the fall league had increased participation over 2019. Staff is hoping to resume Adult Volleyball in the spring of 2021, along with a number of other programs which couldn't be safely modified (Southwest Arbor Fest, Movies in the Park, Food Truck Friday, Chrome and Brews Car Show, and Pork and Hops). Youth Flag Football, was held this year following a decision from the Colorado High School Sports Association to allow Football to be played, though it required an unusually quick turnaround time.

Item 4: Trail Easement Vacation Request – Brady Trucking Property

Ken Sherbenou introduced Lance Gloss, Senior Planner, to the board. Lance talked with the board about the three parcels of land known by many as Brady Trucking, east of the Las Colonias Boat Ramp and south of the new roundabout and C ½ Rd. Currently an easement exists for future trail development through these parcels. The new owners of the parcel are requesting vacation of the current easement and replacement with a new trail easement configuration. The new request would eliminate a connection to C ½ Rd (no longer needed due to the connection in the area of the roundabout). and reduce the width of the eastern connection. Board members wondered about narrowing easement and relocating it closer to the riverbank in light of the parts of the trail that have been lost due to bank erosion, and if a section of trail so close to a development will be utilized. Ted Ciavonne shared with the board that historical pictures show very little erosion of this area of the bank over time. Stephanie Copeland shared with the board that the developers want to encourage community access on the trail adjacent to their development. Board members expressed a desire to see the area in person to better understand the implications of placement and will revisit this topic at the December meeting.

Item 5: Lowell Village Open Space Dedication

Tamra Allen spoke with the board about the Lowell Village Open Space Dedication. The development is located at 7th and Grand on what is known as the R-5 property. City code requires developers dedicate 10% of the gross acreage to open space or pay a fee equivalent to 10% of the value. The code states that the Community Development Director determines if a dedication is acceptable. The Developer disagrees with the City's assessment that their proposed dedication does not meet the requirements and is asking this request be reconsidered. Jeremy Nelson shared with the board that they believe that, urban open space has a different definition than suburban open space and the disagreement lies in the quantitative criteria for the 10% dedication. Due to a lack of time remaining in the meeting this item will be continued to the December meeting.

Item 6: Storm Damage/Cleanup Update

Tabled to a future meeting.

Item 7: PROS Master Plan Update

Tabled to a future meeting.

Item 8: Lincoln Park Stadium Renovation

Tabled to a future meeting.

Item 9: For the Good of the Community

Tabled to a future meeting

Item 10: Future Agenda Topics

As previously noted, items 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will be revisited at a future meeting.

Item 10: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:13 p.m.

The next meeting will be December 3, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Little
Administrative Specialist