

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – September 24, 2020

Meeting Location: Hospitality Suite

Roll Call

Board Members Present: William Findlay
Beau Flores
Marc Litzen
Phil Pe'a
Gary Schroen
Austin Solko
Nancy Strippel (joined via GoTo Meeting after minutes approved)
Lisa Whalen
Byron Wiehe

City Staff Present: Ken Sherbenou, Director of Parks and Recreation
Rob Davis, Parks Supervisor – Forestry and Open Space
Marc Mancuso, Parks Supervisor – Sports Facilities
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

Guests Present: Doug Sorter, Vice President Strive – Business Operations and
Development

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

Item 2: Approve Minutes from the September 3, 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.

Beau Flores made motion to approve the minutes of the September 3 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Byron Wiehe and carried unanimously.

Motion to amend minutes by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 7 No 0

Item 3: Supervisor Presentation – Marc Mancuso

Ken Sherbenou introduced Marc Mancuso, Parks Supervisor, to the Board. Marc gave a presentation to the Board about his area of responsibility. Marc is in charge of Sports facilities including the Lincoln Park Sports Complex, Canyon View Park, and the Columbine and Kronkright Complexes. Marc talked with the Board about each of the facilities, their operations, special events, user groups and staff. Additionally Marc shared with the Board a video about a new field painting technology his staff deploys which uses GPS to paint lines on fields for different sports (football, soccer, lacrosse, etc.). Board members inquired about field capacity. Marc advised the Board that, in a regular year, fields are very close to at capacity. Natural turn needs times with no activity so it can recover.

Item 4: Botanic Gardens Board

Ken Sherbenou introduced the board to Doug Sorter. Mr. Sorter is observing this meeting as Strive is considering forming a board for the Botanic Gardens and are trying to determine if it needs to be an advisory or governing board. The Botanic Gardens and City staff are working together to create

partnerships with other organizations which would enable improvements to the facilities and the ability to grow more plant material to be used throughout the City.

Item 5: Dos Rios Park GOCO Grant

Ken Sherbenou advised the board that he was working on a GOCO Resilient Communities Grant proposal for the splash pad concept at Dos Rios. The planned splash pad would be about 3500 square feet, seven times larger than the (now closed) downtown splash pad. It would be built around the concept of Grand Junctions two rivers and natural areas of the Grand Mesa, the Colorado National Monument, and the Bookcliffs. Board members inquired about shade structures. Ken Sherbenou reminded the board that there are nearby shade shelters and that separate grant opportunities exist for shade sails which could be installed over the feature. Board members also wondered if parking would be an issue with so many popular features (bike skills park, proposed splash pad, and new park) in this area.

Item 6: Lot A & Lot 4 at 1st Street and Patterson Road

Ken Sherbenou introduced Rob Davis, Parks Supervisor in charge of Forestry and Open Space to the Board. Rob informed the board that he shared some feedback with Ken about the area at 1st Street and Patterson after the Board last met. Mr. Davis advised the board that even if staff is not required to beautify that open space area, it would still require maintenance, removal of noxious weeds. There are already 9000 acres which require this type of maintenance. Additionally, there would be a great deal of work required make this area no longer an eyesore. Gary Schroen made a motion that, in light of the new information available to them, the Board rescind the motion made at the September 3, 2020 meeting and advise the Community Development department not to pursue the acquisition of Lot 4. The motion was seconded by Bill Findlay and carried unanimously.

Motion to amend minutes by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 8 No 0

Item 7: Las Colonias Zip Line Location Discussion

Ken advised the Board that previously a location at the eastern edge of the skate park had been considered. Staff are now looking more closely at the western edge of the skate park. This route would go over the river and butterfly pond and terminate directly at Bonsai's building. They will be the operator of the zip line determining opening hours and admission rates.

Item 8: PROS Master Plan Update

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

Item 9: 2021 Proposed CIP Projects

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

Item 10: November Meeting Location

Depending on weather and Audio Visual requirements, the Board would prefer to meet in Sherwood Park in November, if possible.

Item 9: For the Good of the Community

Item tabled in the interest of time.

Item 10: Adjourn

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

The next meeting will be November 5, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Little
Administrative Specialist