

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

## **Regular Meeting – January 7, 2021**

Meeting Location: Virtual – Via Go To Meeting

### **Roll Call**

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

Board Members Absent: Beau Flores  
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City Staff Present: Ken Sherbenou, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Joe Brown, Parks Supervisor Horticulture, Irrigation, Turf  
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

**Meeting called to order by William Findlay at 12:02 p.m.**

### **Approve Minutes from the December 15, 2020 Special Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.**

Byron Wiehe made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 15 meeting. The motion was seconded by Austin Solko and carried unanimously.

Motion by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

### **Lowell Village Open Space Dedication**

Ken Sherbenou advised the board that Developer of the project woke up ill this morning and the presentation will be rescheduled.

### **Supervisor Presentation – Joe Brown, Horticulture, Irrigation, and Turf**

Ken Sherbenou introduced Joe Brown, Parks Supervisor over Horticulture, Irrigation and Turf. Joe talked with the board about the duties of his crews. Horticulture takes care of 121 acres of horticulture space which include main street, easements, and right of way shrub beds. In addition, for the first time in 2021, the Horticulture team will be producing 8,000 annuals and perennials. In 2020 this crew planted 2,875 plants. It's an ambitious step forward which saves the City money and allows us to maximize dollars spent. The Turf Maintenance crew maintains 1458.5 acres of turf including five schools and Crown Point cemetery. Turf maintenance includes trash pickup, mowing, edging, fertilizing, weed mitigation, and aeration. The irrigation crew is the backbone of the City's green infrastructure and provides water to parks and planter beds, but also medians, parkways, and tree plantings. In 2020 they implemented a new irrigation auditing process which has resulted in early detection of breaks and water usage savings. During 2020 these crews planted the native garden at Lunch Loops, began work on the

renovation to the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange, installed the landscaping at Fire Station 5, renovated the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Breezeway downtown, and expanded the green house crops.

### **For the Good of the Community**

Ken Sherbenou shared with the Board that the Council adopted the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan 7 – 0.

Additionally, Council has decided to gather more research and input before deciding to place funding for a community center on a ballot. Council continues to examine potential legalization of marijuana with some funds from the taxes generated to be dedicated to Parks and Recreation.

Ken Sherbenou advised the Board on the progress of the CARES Act projects. The single track trails adjacent to the Riverfront trail have been completed and named. Muddy Waters is near the Highway 340 Bridge to the Parks Shop and Hustle and Flow is from the Edgewater Brewery to Dos Rios.

Additionally, the open space area adjacent to the Tiara Rado Driving Range is largely completed and has been named Kindred Reserve. Cody Wright, Rob Davis, Marc Mancuso, and Randy Coleman have put in a lot of work on these projects.

The third project is a semi-permanent skate park in Las Colonias. Due to some delays from the shipper, the installation is not quite complete.

Finally, Ken Sherbenou shared with the board that he anticipates mailing a spring Activity Guide in March.

### **Future Agenda Topics**

Dave Thornton will provide training on land dedication requirements in February.  
Lowel Village Open Space Dedication will be rescheduled to March.

### **Item 7: Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 12:45 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 4, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Little  
Administrative Specialist