

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – June 3, 2021

Meeting Location: Riverside Park – Buene Gente Shelter

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Cindy Enos-Martinez
William Findlay
Marc Litzen
Phil Pe'a
Austin Solko
Nancy Strippel
Michelle Vion

Board Members Absent: Beau Flores
Gary Schroen
Lisa Whalen
Byron Wiehe

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

Guests Present: Jen Taylor, Developer, Dos Rios

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

Board members introduced themselves to two new board members, Cindy Enos-Martinez and Michelle Vion.

Due to lack of quorum, approval of the May 6 Minutes was tabled.

Dos Rios Presentation by Jen Taylor

Jen Taylor spoke with the Board about Dos Rios, her connection to it, and her plans for the development at Dos Rios. She hopes to honor the past, present, and future of the area while activating and celebrating the Riverfront. Ms. Taylor owns 4.2 of the 5 acres in her development area (south of Hale and west of Dos Rios Dr.) which is a portion of the area known as Dos Rios. The bulk of Dos Rios is owned by the City. The Development plan includes plans for a restaurant, El Jet's Cantina, lodging (glamping), campsites, pop-up cabins, yurts, tee-pees, 10 renovated Air Stream trailers which would be permanently on site, as well as a full time residence for someone who would oversee the area. The Outpost would coordinate the various lodging options and have laundry and other amenities available. She hopes to have the Outpost open by April 16, 2022. Board members asked if the flood plane would be an issue. Ms. Taylor shared with the board that the flood plane is, in general, an issue for the whole neighborhood. The 100 and 500 year flood planes both impact the area. She hopes that within the next decade there will be an engineered levy to protect the Riverside area.

Village Cooperative Dedication – 26 ½ Rd and Horizon Drive

Ken Sherbenou talked with the Board about the Village Co-op; this dedication proposes a trail behind the development along Ranchman's Ditch. City staff recognize the value of building trails and crediting the cost of building the trail towards the impact fee that would be collected. The estimated fee that would be collected is near \$83,000 the cost of building the trail is estimated at \$120,000. Board members present at the meeting were in favor of the dedication of a trail in lieu of the fee.

Canyon Rim Dedication

Ken Sherbenou talked with the Board about the Canyon Rim Development. This development is adjacent to the Redlands 360 Development and includes the area with the water tank. Developers propose dedicating 27% of their development for Open Space. The developers are aware of the many social trails that already exist in this area which is already highly utilized by the public. Board members present at the meeting were in favor of the dedication.

Velodrome Update

Ken Sherbenou advised the Board that Council would be talking more about the Velodrome in an upcoming Council Workshop. The proposal for the Velodrome would cost \$11.7M and a number of entities have committed funds to this project. Parks and Recreation staff are invested in making sure this facility would be as multi-purpose as possible and the current proposal includes a roof. A velodrome with a roof could house other activities (in the center area) such as volleyball, basketball, and pickleball. A facility of this type would be in line with the vision for Matchett Park. The 4 acres where this facility would be built were slated for a school facility that was already built elsewhere.

Board members discussed different aspects of the Velodrome proposal and wondered if constructing a velodrome in Matchett would generate energy for developing the rest of Matchett Park. Board members feel strongly that it is important to break ground on Matchett, and understand that with such steep initial infrastructure costs, it will be important to package that work with completion of much needed outdoor amenities that are planned for the park. Board member feedback included wondering if a velodrome and its unique style of bicycling is a good fit for a community that is already a mountain biking mecca. Does it serve a need that exists in the community, or could it through increased tourism as there are a limited number of velodromes in the country? Board members also recognize that this proposal comes with dollars backing the project and they wondered if 'velotourism' could help generate dollars for other recreation needs in the community.

For the Good of the Community

Ken Sherbenou shared with the board that he will be looking for Board input on prioritizing projects identified in the PROS Master plan and how to balance and combine projects to accomplish the most with the dollars that will be available from the recent ballot measure. Board members advised Mr. Sherbenou that clear communication with the public is needed about how much revenue the marijuana tax will generate and on what timeline, to combat the perception that the tax was passed so the community center should be built already. Ken Sherbenou reminded the board that marijuana is expected to generate \$2.9M per year and the community center included in the master plan was expected to cost \$65M to build.

Ken Sherbenou recognized outgoing board member Marc Litzen for his nine years of dedicated service to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Litzen has been a faithful and strong contributor to the Board. His dedication to the community and Parks and Recreation are deeply appreciated.

Future Agenda Topics

Libby Collins of the Colorado West Land Trust

Prioritization of CIP projects.

Future meeting at Westlake to see the changes and updates

Future meeting at Sherwood to see playground and fitness improvements

Next Meeting

As a number of members had conflicts with a meeting before the Fourth of July weekend, the July meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be moved to July 8, 2021

Item 7: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Little

Administrative Specialist