

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – August 2, 2021

Meeting Location: Hospitality Suite – Lincoln Park

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Cindy Enos-Martinez
William Findlay
Kyle Gardner
Phil Pe'a
Gary Schroen
Austin Solko
Nancy Strippel
Michele Vion
Lisa Whalin
Byron Wiehe

Board Members Absent:

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

Meeting called to order by William Findlay at 12:04 p.m.

Approve Minutes from the July 8 and July 15, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Cindy Enos-Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 8 and July 15 meetings. The motion was seconded by Gary Schroen and carried unanimously.

Motion by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 9 No 0

Tennis at Canyon View and Pickleball at Lincoln Park Renovation

Ken Sherbenou talked with the board about the court usage at Lincoln Park. The park is seeing increased demand for Pickleball courts. This demand was reflected in the PROS master plan survey and suggests adding 4 new tennis courts to Canyon View for a total of 16 tennis courts and converting the Lincoln Park tennis courts to pickleball for a total of 20 pickleball courts at Lincoln Park. Though there is some objection to the removal of tennis from Lincoln Park, 95% of the current court usage is pickleball. The QuickStart (smaller courts designed for instruction and introduction of young players) tennis courts would remain at Lincoln Park. Board members wondered if removing all tennis from Lincoln Park does a disservice to the neighborhood and underserved minority populations because of the distance they would have to travel to access a tennis court. Lisa Whalin made a motion that the board support the project with the specific recommendation that two tennis courts be kept at Lincoln park, one dual lined for pickle ball. The motion was seconded by Michele Vion and carried unanimously.

Motion by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 9 No 0

Stadium Improvements

Ken Sherbenou talked with the board about the planned improvements for the Stadium complex. There are tremendous scheduling implications trying to fit the work in between the end of the Grand Junction Rockies Season and the beginning of JUCO on the baseball side. Currently the project includes replacing the bleachers along the third base line, adding 1000 chairback sets behind home plate, as well as upgrading electrical and other utilities below the stands. Staff will be pursuing a GOCO grant to fund the outfield replacement, and a DOLA grant to fund the lighting conversion to LED. Michele Vion made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board support the Stadium improvement projects and grant applications to GOCO for Suplizio Outfield replacement, and DOLA for LED lighting conversion. The motion was seconded by Austion Solko and carried unanimously.

Motion by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 9 No 0

Zipline

Ken Sherbenou shared with the board about plans for the installation of the zipline from Eagle Rim Park to Las Colonias park. The zipline was initially planned to launch from the undeveloped portion at the west edge of Eagle Rim, fly over the river and the Butterfly pond, and land at the Bonsai Building just north of the Butterfly Pond. Some neighbors have raised objections to that launch location, so staff are considering more eastern alternatives within Eagle Rim Park. The zipline would still land near the Butterfly pond. Parking for the zipline will be at Las Colonias (where you check in, pay, and receive the proper equipment), then folks will walk across the pedestrian bridge to Eagle Rim Park. This will be a year-round amenity operated by Bonsai. Michele Vion made a motion that board support Option 2 (the green, easternmost alignment) for the zipline launch point. The motion was seconded by Kyle Gardner and carried unanimously.

Motion by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 9 No 0

Officer Elections

Cindy Enos-Martinez nominated Bill Findlay to continue in his role as Board Chair. The motion was seconded by Michele Vion. Cindy Enos-Martinez also nominated Nancey Strippel to serve as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Lisa Whalin. Both motions were voted on simultaneously and carried unanimously.

Motions by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 9 No 0

2022 CIP Budget

Ken Sherbenou advised the board that 25 proposed CIP projects are continuing on in the 2022 budget process. Some projects, such as the Phase II of Monument Connect are contingent on grant funding, other projects, such as the Grapple Truck upgrade are in motion so that they can be executed as early in 2022 as possible. The Riverside Parkway Irrigation connection has been pushed to a future year and Dos Rios playground is scheduled for 2023.

Las Colonias Landscape Improvements - Tabled

Firework Shows at Lincoln Park - Tabled

Dos Rios Design – Tabled

Community Center Survey – Tabled
Horizon Park Master Plan - Tabled

For the Good of the Community

The board wondered whether a two hour meeting in September might enable them to tackle more agenda items.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Little
Administrative Specialist