

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

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

Meeting Location: Hospitality Suite – Lincoln Park

### **Roll Call**

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

Guests Present: Dean Pearson, Architerra Group, Inc.  
Liz Wolfman, Architerra Group, Inc.

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

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

### **Approve Minutes from the September 2, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

Austin Solko made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2 meeting. The motion was seconded by Byron Wiehe and carried unanimously.

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

### **Horizon Park Master Plan**

Ken Sherbenou introduced Dean Pearson and Liz Wolfman of Architerra Group, Inc. The PROS master plan showed the area of Horizon Park to have a lower level of service than other areas of town, so development of this park is a priority. The funds available for 2021 are for planning only; once the scope of the project is determined development will be looked at for the 2023 or 2024 budget. Dean Pearson shared with the group about the public meeting that took place on Tuesday. The group talked about constraints and opportunities of the parcel and then were broken into three groups to have dialogue about desires for the park. In addition there is an online survey available for people to provide input. Multiple concept plans for the park will be available at the November public meeting and then based on feedback gathered at the November meeting a single plan proposal will be shared at the December public meeting. Ideas have included preserving trees, having unique play elements, discouraging vagrancy, creating an east/west connection, and a small water element. The Architerra Group staff will be invited to the November Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting for further discussion.

### **Redlands Tail Race**

Ken Sherbenou shared with the board a concept for a whitewater park on the Redlands Power canal that would cater to a much more skilled user than the River Park at Las Colonias. There is an opportunity to create a loop, using Connected Lakes leaving only a short distance users would have to portage their boats. Because this is a utility canal it would also provide a longer season than whitewater parks in river channels. Cindy Enos-Martinez made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board support moving construction document design forward to the 2023 budget. The motion was seconded by Michele Vion and carried unanimously.

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

### **Dos Rios Shelter Naming**

Ken Sherbenou talked with the board about the shelter that has been constructed in Dos Rios park. Generally when one shelter has existed in the park it has been called [name of park] shelter. Cindy Enos-Martinez suggested naming the shelter Magpie, due to its proximity to Magpie Island. Locals have been crossing the river to get to the island in the middle of the river for decades. Board members thought signage explaining the history of the name would be a great addition to the park as well. Cindy Enos-Martinez made a motion to name the shelter in Dos Rios Park Magpie. The motion was seconded by Lisa Whalin and carried unanimously.

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

### **Orchard Mesa Pool Update**

Ken Sherbenou informed the board that the partners have verbally agreed to continue the subsidy of the Orchard Mesa Pool. The School District is increasing their utilization of facility which will serve as the home base for their swim team this season. Staff has received direction to budget for renovation in the next five years. The renovation could focus on the pool itself or conversion of the facility into a satellite community center to serve the residents in this area.

### **Community Center Survey**

Ken Sherbenou shared with the board that City Council has asked staff to work with statistics professors at Colorado Mesa University as well as with Franklin and Marshall College to explore a new community center survey. The survey would likely take place in January with results returned by February. Council members are hoping that a phone survey would reduce bias that could be created by requiring folks to return a survey. A phone call could be more prone to an even distribution of results. Board members expressed concerns about the declining number of land lines in homes and increasing numbers of residents who have out of area phone numbers. Board members expressed a desire to give feedback on the questions for any new survey.

### **Stadium Update**

Ken Sherbenou talked with the board about the Stadium renovation project. The demolition is rapidly progressing and they are beginning to dig the foundations for the new stands. Construction documents for the northwest and southwest entries to Stocker, the upgrades to electrical and AV for the tower are in process. Additionally, grants are available for outfield replacement (artificial turf is being considered) and conversion of field lighting to LED. Board members wondered if the project is on schedule. Ken Sherbenou shared that the project is on schedule and the first event scheduled is Palisade High School Graduation on May 9, 2022.

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

Ken Sherbenou reminded the board that the Riverside Ribbon Cutting, delayed by Covid, is at 4:00pm tonight. Board members noticed that flows are above the level that usually closes the River Park channel and wondered if it would be reopened. Ken Sherbenou advised the board that once the channel closes staff will not reopen until the flows are restored in the next season.

Board members inquired about the discussion with the school district about signage at Pomona Elementary. Ken Sherbenou shared with the board that staff had a meeting with School District 51 staff who agree that public access is important. Their concern is centered around southern access. They have agreed to a plan for a fence at the southern edge of school grounds near the softball fields which will keep dogs out and also protects the irrigation in that area from potential damage. Staff are working with the School District on signage by the playground and near softball.

### **Future Agenda Topics**

The board would like to hear an update on Redlands 360, have an update on the Horizon Park Master Plan, and talk more about the community center survey progress.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Little  
Administrative Specialist