

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – November 4, 2021

Meeting Location: Hospitality Suite – Lincoln Park

Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent: Phil Pe'a

Guests Present: Dean Pearson, Architerra Group, Inc.
Liz Wolfman, Architerra Group, Inc.
Ted Ciavonne, Ciavonne, Roberts & Associates
Jane Quimby, La Plata Communities

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 October 7, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Cindy Enos-Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 7 meeting. The motion was seconded by Gary Schroen and carried unanimously.

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

Redlands 360

Ken reminded the Board of the Redlands 360 development. La Plata Communities has been using a model in other communities where the City deeds parkland to the Metro District which assumes responsibility for the maintenance. (This would be a change in the usual development process where the developer deeds land to the City for maintenance.) The City's major concerns would be ensuring perpetual public access to public parks and open space. Ted Ciavonne advised the board that of the more than 600 acres in the development, 200 acres will be open to the public. Jane Quimby reminded the board that the area already draws extensive public use and the developers are committed to continued public access. In fact, they expect some increase in public use once trail heads are renovated and trail development has occurred. Cindy Enos-Martinez wondered if the board could have a presentation on the concept. A number of new board members have been added since the project was

first presented. In addition to a future presentation, Jane Quimby offered to give the board (as a group or individually) on-site tours of the development as well.

Horizon Park Master Plan

Ken Sherbenou reminded the board of the next Horizon Park Master Plan meeting on Tuesday, November 9. Dean Pearson and Liz Wolfman of Architerra Group, Inc presented two concepts which will be presented to the public at that meeting. The Mesa concept includes a restroom near the parking lot, nature play, water play (but not a traditional splash pad), large playground, kids pump track, basketball court, riparian area, large open lawn, shelters, perimeter shade trees, detention pond, and path with fitness elements. The Orchard concept includes a half basketball court, small shelters, a larger shelter with restroom in the park area, orchard style tree plantings (in rows), a playground, nature play and water play, smaller riparian area than the Mesa concept, pump track and perimeter path with fitness stations. Board members expressed some concern that the Mesa Concept located the restroom facility so far away (and really not visible) from the playground.

Community Center Survey

Ken Sherbenou updated the Board on the progress on a community center survey. The telephone survey will gather its phone numbers from registered voters residing in city limits. Phone numbers are self-reported and it will not matter where the number originated. Colorado Mesa University has a center for Opinion Research which will work with Franklin and Marshall College to execute the survey. Board members wondered if it was possible to poll likely voters (who may have a different voting tendency than a random sample of registered voters).

Lincoln Park Stadium GOCO Grant

Ken Sherbenou talked with the board about the planned grant application to GOCO. The project is evolving towards replacement of the outfield with artificial turf. Artificial turf in the outfield would allow for increased public use of the baseball stadium. Currently the natural surface requires rest between baseball events which limits the number of other events that can be held there. The application is due in late November and awards will be made in March. If the application is successful, the turf would be installed in the fall of 2022.

For the Good of the Community

Ken Sherbenou reminded the board that the Kindred Reserve Ribbon Cutting, delayed by Covid, is at 4:00pm tonight.

Board members wondered about the budget process for 2022. Ken Sherbenou shared with the board that Parks and Recreation has been approved for some new parks positions, increases in operating budgets and are looking forward to capital improvement projects such as mural revitalization along the Riverfront Trail, and at Eagle Rim and Westlake Skate Parks, Pickleball/Tennis changes at Lincoln Park and Canyon View, Phase 2 of the Monument Connect project, Bule Heron Boat Ramp improvements, and a master planning process for the Botanic Gardens. Board members encouraged staff to reach out to young artists for the mural projects so that kids feel invited to contribute. The second hearing of the budget is on December 1, 2021.

Board members mentioned that the Orchard Mesa Cemetery maintenance seems behind. The grass is growing tall between the headstones and is visible from the roadway.

Future Agenda Topics

The board would like a presentation on Redlands 360, and have a presentation by JUCO.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Little
Administrative Specialist