

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – February 3, 2022

Meeting Location: Barn – Lincoln Park

Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent: Kyle Gardner
Gary Schroen

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

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

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

Approve Minutes from the January 6, 2022 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Cindy Enos-Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. The motion was seconded by Austin Solko and carried unanimously.

Motion by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 7 No 0

Parks Supervisor Presentation – Kyle Coltrinari

Ken Sherbenou introduced Kyle Cotrinari. Kyle has been one of the Parks Supervisors for almost a year, and also spent six years as an equipment operator and crew leader in our Parks Division. Kyle talked with the board about the areas he supervises. The Cemetery underwent a staffing restructure in 2021 after the retirement of Mike Vendegna. Urn burials increased 60% and full size burials increased 40% over their 5-year averages. Staff spent 240 hours in burials alone (which equals 6 weeks). Looking forward to 2022 the team is in place and they are getting a jump on having additional seasonal help with mowing and trimming activities. Additionally staff will be applying plant growth regulator around 18,500 headstones to reduce the frequency of trimming, and an irrigation automation to save staff hours required for manually turning irrigation on and off.

The River District is the area between Eagle Rim Park and Riverside Park, including Las Colonias Park. There were 14 headline events and over 26,250 tickets sold last year at the Amphitheater. Other Las

Colonias improvements include renovating the plaza area with the undulating turf installment, and splitting the dog park into sections to allow for intermittent closures to allow turf to rest during certain periods. Additionally the River Park area will undergo installation of irrigation and revegetation. Looking forward to 2022 there are already 7 headline events confirmed for the Amphitheater, the plaza renovation will be completed, the Botanic Garden walkway renovation will be completed, along with the River Park revegetation.

Kyle also shared with the board that general Park Facilities fall under his watch and in 2021 he implemented a custodial program. Hiring folks for the specific task of opening and cleaning park restrooms increased the efficiency of opening the restrooms, created a staff presence in the park in the early morning hours, and allowed more specialized staff to spend their time on other tasks. The facilities crew completed a renovation on Westlake Park including parking lot expansion by creating a parking area adjacent to the playground which has new fall protection. Looking forward to 2022 the Facilities crew plans to renovate Junior Service League, Pine Ridge, and Duck Pond, and the skate park at Westlake will get a new mural this spring. A new mural is also planned for Eagle Rim this fall. Councilor Pe'a complimented the staff on their responsiveness and willingness to help, particularly at the Amphitheater and during large events.

Horizon Park

Ken Sherbenou re-introduced Dean Pearson and Liz Wolfman of Architerra Group, inc. Dean shared with the Board the final version of the Horizon Park Master Plan. The plan calls for parking near the Fire Station and an accessible walk up the hill towards the park area which will include playgrounds, a small water feature, shelters, a kids pump track, riparian area, a large lawn for informal play, a concrete loop around the perimeter with adjacent soft surface trail and fitness stations. Board members wondered about a dog park area. Mr. Pearson shared that was not an amenity that had a strong response during the public meetings. Board members also wondered where overflow parking might occur since the size of the parking lot is constrained by the geography of the area. There is not really the opportunity for on-street parking, and staff doesn't expect a lot of folks to drive to this park the way they drive to Canyon View or Lincoln Park. Byron Wiehe made a motion to recommend adoption of the Horizon Park Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Michele Vion. During discussion of the motion board members inquired about funding for construction. Ken Sherbenou advised the board that the City capital improvement plan is budgeted on a ten year timeline and this project is currently slated for 2027. Byron Wiehe amended his motion to recommend adoption of the Horizon Park Master Plan with the recommendation that the City move funding for the construction of the park forward to 2024. The amended motion was seconded by Michele Vion and carried unanimously.

Motion by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 7 No 0

Board Representative for recruitment Panel

Ken shared with the Board that the City Clerk's office has asked each board to forward a representative for the recruitment interview panel when City Council is filling board vacancies. Typically that has been the Board Chair, unless their term is expiring. Bill Findlay will serve as the representative for upcoming PRAB vacancies.

Board Representative – JUCO Food Vendor Selection

Ken reminded the board that historically someone from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has sat on the JUCO Vendor selection panel. The panel is meeting March 1 from 2 – 3:30pm in the Parks and Recreation office. Cindy Enos-Martinez and Phil Pe'a will attend.

For the Good of the Community

Austin Solko shared with the Board that the playground at Eureka is almost complete and will be open to the public.

Ken Sherbenou informed the board that the Redlands 360 proposal had been adopted. Additionally, the Cultural Strategic Plan was adopted.

Board members inquired about the crane accident at Suplezio. Ken advised the board that the accident is still under investigation. The crane and damaged steel were cleaned up three days after the accident. There was no damage to the dugout and minimal damage to the field. Replacement steel is expected on February 14 and Shaw expects to be ready in time for JUCO. Colorado Mesa will play most of their spring baseball games at Canyon View and at the new field on campus.

Ken Sherbenou also shared with the Board that the planned fireworks shows for 2022 has been reduced from ten shows to five. One show during a Colorado Mesa game, on Memorial Day during JUCO, the Fourth of July, and one at the beginning and end of the Rockies season.

The splash pad at Dos Rios project is out to bid and closes on February 24 with construction anticipated this spring. Staff is working on the RFP for the playground.

Future Agenda Topics

Dos Rios Playground

Meeting Change

The June meeting has been rescheduled from June 2 to June 9, 2022.

Adjourn

Michele Vion made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lisa Whalin and carried unanimously.

The meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allison Little
Administrative Specialist