

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – January 6, 2022

Meeting Location: Barn – 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: Ted Ciavonne, Ciavonne, Roberts & Associates, Inc.
Sarah Dishong, Chair, Commission on Arts and Culture

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

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

Approve Minutes from the December 2, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Because no Board members were specifically listed as absent in the minutes header there was confusion about the number of votes to approve the November minutes. The number of votes does match the number of board members in attendance. Michele Vion made a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting. The motion was seconded by Cindy Enos-Martinez and carried unanimously.

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

Redlands 360

Ted Ciavonne of Ciavonne, Roberts & Associates, inc talked with the Board about the Redlands 360 project. Mr. Ciavonne is acting as a consultant to La Plata Communities, the development company. Mr. Ciavonne shared with the board that La Plata Communities is seeking approval for their Outline Development Plan (ODP) from the Planning Commission at their meeting next week and then a future Council meeting. Mr. Ciavonne reminded the board about the location and concept of this phased development. The development is already home to a number of social trails and the developers plan to preserve many of these, as well as construct new trails and improve trailheads. The developer is also committed to creating and maintaining (via a Metro District) traditional parks as well as preserving open space areas. This development is phased over 25 years. The City and La Plata Communities have been working together to come up with an intergovernmental agreement which would (among other things) ensure public access to open space, parks, and trails, and place the development and maintenance of

these areas under the purview of the metro district in return for credit towards the required per dwelling Open Space fees. Gary Schroen made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board support the Outline Development Plan submission for the Redlands 360 project, noting that the plan meets and exceeds the intent of the Open Space development code requirement for every phase of development. The motion was seconded by Cindy Enos-Martinez and carried unanimously.

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

Grand Junction Strategic Cultural Plan

Ken Sherbenou introduced Sarah Dishong, Chair of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture, and Tricia Rothwell, interim staff liaison to the Commission to the Board. Ms. Dishong advised the Board on work the Commission has been doing to update the Strategic Cultural Plan. This is a five-year creative plan which has identified six major areas to address: arts education, creative district and creative industries, economic impact, history, science and culture, public art, and urban planning. Each area has specific strategies they are working to implement. Many strategies are ready for immediate action others will be addressed in the coming months/years of this five-year plan. This plan has been recommended and adopted by the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture. Michele Vion made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommend adoption of the Strategic Cultural Plan. The motion was seconded by Gary Schroen and carried unanimously.

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

Lincoln Park Stadium Renovation

Ken advised the board that construction is on track for completion in time for the first event at Stocker, Palisade High School Graduation in May. The Suplezio side should be ready for a baseball game on February 17. Shaw construction is working diligently to keep the timeline. The footings for the Suplezio stands are complete and the above ground erection should begin next week. Pouring of the Stocker stands footings will begin next week as well. Despite competitive grant requests for conversion of lighting to LED, and conversion of the Suplezio field to artificial turf, neither request was successful. Staff are updating Council on the status of the project and grant requests at a workshop.

Community Recreation Center Survey

Ken Sherbenou thanked the Board for their engagement and thoughtful comments on the creation of the community recreation center survey. Ken shared with the board that final edits are being made by the statisticians, and the survey will be forwarded to City Council for approval. Implementation of the survey is expected toward the end of January into early February with results tabulated and forwarded to City Council in April.

For the Good of the Community

Ken Sherbenou advised the board that staff are starting to work on the bid process for a number of 2022 projects already. The RFP for the Dos Rios Splashpad should be out tomorrow, the Canyon View Tennis/Lincoln Park Pickleball project is moving forward, the private ash tree treatment RFP is open, the revegetation project at the Las Colonias river park is under way. The City was successful in obtaining the child care grant so staff are working on forwarding that information to Council for approval to move forward.

Future Agenda Topics

Horizon Park Master Plan Adoption Recommendation

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allison Little
Administrative Specialist