

## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – June 6, 2013**

### **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Tawny Espinoza at 12:05 p.m.**

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Administration Office

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present: David McIlroy  
Dr. Scott McBrayer  
Scott Coleman  
Tawny Espinoza  
Kristy Emerson

Board Members Absent: Bart Dickson  
Marc Litzen  
Jim Doody (Ex-Officio)

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director  
Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist  
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent  
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent

Guests: Ken Walters

### **Item 2: Approval of Minutes**

Scott Coleman moved to approve the May 2, 2013 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Dave McIlroy seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Motion adopted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

### **Item 3: Matchett Park Master Plan**

Traci Wieland discussed the agenda and intent for the Matchett Park Master Plan community meeting being held tonight. The goal is to provide an opportunity for the community and/or surrounding neighborhood to express any thoughts and concerns they may have “early on” in the planning process. While there is no official agenda, discussion topics may include the potential access points and easements of the property, as well as the recent miscommunication regarding the newly constructed housing property. The main purpose of the meeting is to “listen” to the neighbors. Rob Schoeber expressed the importance of expressing to the community members that the City’s intention is to develop Matchett Park as an “active” park. All community members who attend will be given a comment sheet when they walk through the door and will be asked to provide their email address for future contact regarding the park’s development.

Traci Wieland reported the City of Grand Junction has been recommended for approval for the \$75,000 GOCO grant. The Board members commended Traci for her hard work on this, and many other grant applications. *Nice work Traci!*

#### **Item 4: Project Updates**

Rob Schoeber provided an update on two completely separate issues occurring at West Lake Park; 1) an irrigation issue related to a failed pump that is currently being replaced, and 2) complaints from neighbors regarding the continued discs flying into their yards from the disc golf players. Staff is currently addressing the issue with the disc golf association and is considering downsizing the course and developing a larger course at Watson Island.

Traci Wieland reviewed the project update list (see attached). The second phase of Lincoln Park has now been completed and staff is moving forward with phase III, which includes the tennis courts and horseshoe pits. If phase III is approved by City Council on June 19, demo will begin immediately. The tennis courts will be under construction and unavailable for play until mid-September. In addition, the track overlay project will begin around July 1 and is scheduled for completion mid-August.

The City Council workshop scheduled to include Las Colonias, Matchett Park, and the recreation center as discussions items, has been postponed until June 17, 2013. City Council currently has given their approval to move forward with pool accessibility projects. Construction will begin at Orchard Mesa starting in late August; Lincoln Park's construction will not begin until after the summer season. The accessibility changes will have a huge impact at both facilities.

Rob Schoeber reported the hours of operation for the Main Street splash pad have been modified, due to the ongoing inability to balance the chemicals in the water. Unfortunately, this has generated some very angry phone calls from the public. In addition, many local businesses are distraught regarding the excessive use and noise related to the new fountain, expressing it is impeding their businesses. Staff is currently working with the Downtown Development Authority to minimize the conflicts. At this time, the fountain has a new timer that will run it intermittently until a better solution can be found.

#### **Item 5: For the Good of the Community**

Scott Coleman reported he had recently met with the large group of users at Sherwood Park who are beginning to ruin the grass with their weekly volleyball games. The group has expressed they feel bad about the wear and tear of the turf and have said they may possibly be interested in donating towards a sand court in the park. The Board briefly discussed the difficulty of finding a happy balance and/or successful ways of dealing with these types of use in the parks that dramatically affect the turf.

#### **Item 6: Farewell to Outgoing Board Members Tawny Espinoza and Bart Dickson**

The Board members thanked Tawny Espinoza for her years of expertise, dedication, and service as a PRAB member. Chair Espinoza is term limited and will no longer be serving as a PRAB member. Good luck Tawny with your future endeavors – you will be missed! Unfortunately Bart Dickson, who is also leaving the board, was unable to attend his last meeting as a PRAB member. He, too, will be missed and was wished the best of luck.

#### **Item 7: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher  
Administrative Specialist

## Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting – June 6, 2013 Project Update

### Lincoln Park Renovation

- Crews will begin installation of an eight foot sidewalk on the east side of the track fence and entrance into the stadium.
- An overall ADA parking plan will be developed for the park to include the “island” area south of the stadium main entrance and additional
- Relocation of the marble rings has been delayed due to the tennis court renovation project.
- New signage for the main entrance off 12<sup>th</sup> Street has been installed and other regulation signs being installed starting the week of June 17.
- Tennis/Pickleball court bids were received and are schedule to go to City Council for approval on June 19. Demolition will begin mid-June with completion by mid-September. Fundraising efforts are underway to fund court amenities such as benches, nets, backboards, trees, and drinking fountains. The USTA grant is still being reviewed with hopeful notification within the month.
- Bids for the Stocker Stadium track overlay and repair have been received and will go to City Council for approval on June 19. The track will be closed from early July to approximately August 15.

### Las Colonias Park

- City Council was scheduled to review the Las Colonias Master Plan during a regular Council meeting on June 5; however, several Council members have not had the opportunity to view the plan in a workshop setting. A workshop is scheduled for June 17 followed by review during a formal City Council meeting.
- Plans for the first phase of development are being finalized in anticipation of a fall GOCO grant. Likely components will include the native arboretum/pollinator garden, restroom, and trail connections. The fall GOCO grant is due August 28 with notification on December 10.

### Matchett Park

- The GOCO park planning grant for \$75,000 has been recommended for approval. It will be officially approved by the GOCO Board on June 11.
- A neighbor meeting will be held on June 6 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Faith Heights Church. The meeting will be simply to listen to neighbor concerns regarding traffic and access. Comments will be passed on to the City and Consultant team for incorporation into the master planning process.
- Separate requests for proposals for a community center and landscape architect are being developed and will be advertised mid-June with a submittal deadline of mid-July. Approval to enter into a contract with the selected consultant will be requested of City Council in mid-August. The master planning process for both the community center and park is anticipated to begin in September.

### Other CIP Projects

- Approval was granted for the OM Pool lockerroom, LP Pool Lockerroom, OM Pool plaster, and OM Pool deck. Projects will begin after Labor Day.
- Request for proposals are being developed for trail repair on Watson Island and three sections of the Blue Heron Trail.
- West Lake Park Irrigation system repair is underway. Due to the pump, filtration system and irrigation heads failing long before their life expectancy, a water engineer was hired to help determine the cause of failing equipment. It was discovered there was an extensive amount of sedimentation getting into the system through the irrigation headgate. Construction of the new sedimentation system is schedule to begin June 6. In conjunction with the irrigation system repair a complete the park will be over seeded with turf grass varieties more conducive to the high salt soils. The park will be an example of how redesign and xeric landscaping around the perimeter of a park will keep the usefulness of the park and save water, as well as enhance the aesthetic appearance.
- The Lincoln Park Horseshoe pits will be relocated to Canyon View Park. Parks operations crews will remove the existing courts in Lincoln Park and use as many of the materials to construct the new Courts at Canyon View as possible.