

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – October 6, 2022

Meeting Location: Barn – Lincoln Park

Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent:

City Staff Present: Ken Sherbenou, Director of Parks and Recreation
Emily Krause, Recreation Superintendent, P&R
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist, P&R

Meeting called to order by Lisa Whalin at 12:04 p.m.

Board members noted that the meeting was called to order by Lisa Whalin, and that in the GOCO Grant Application section, the trail alignment goes under 29 Road. Gary Schroen made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Austin Solko and carried unanimously.

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

Orchard Mesa Pool Renovation

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

Las Colonias Tree planting

Kyle Coltrinari secured a Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment grant for increased shade at the Las Colonias River Park. Utilizing those grant funds, staff planted 25 cottonwoods near the River Park to beautify, increase shade, and make the space more accessible. The 2023 budget proposal includes a project to add shade to the dog parks and other areas of the River Park as well. Ken Sherbenou shared with the board that the Festival area at Las Colonias has been reseeded with a different mix of grass seed and WD Yards has provided a soil amendment. Board members wondered about planting cottonwoods due to the amount of water they require. The water consumption is offset by the carbon sequestration that is provided as well as the shade which will create water savings.

Bike Rack Locations

Ken Sherbenou advised the board that Rocky Mounts has donated stainless steel bike racks donated to the City. Board members advised checking with the Urban Trails Committee about placement. A survey that they are circulating right now is gathering information about where bike racks are needed. Board members also wondered about placing bike racks near the bike playground at Dos Rios, especially as the other amenities come online. Board members mentioned placing bike racks in locations that might drive patrons to downtown businesses. Board members commented that these generic racks are more user friendly than some of the fancier racks because they can accommodate differing styles of bicycle.

Elect New Vice Chair

After discussion, this item was tabled until November.

For The Good of the Community

Board members commented on the Amphitheater Concert held Sunday, October 2. Ken Sherbenou shared that the situation was created in part by the collision of the weather delay and the contractual obligation to allow the artist to perform for 75 minutes. In future contracts contingencies for weather will be more clearly addressed in the contract, though the vendor does have concerns about attracting talent with a 10pm hard stop on sound production. Conversations around this will be on going.

The groundbreaking for the Dos Rios playground and ribbon cutting for the Dos Rios Magpie Shelter are this afternoon at 4:00pm

Board members wondered about the Tennis/Pickleball expansion. Ken Sherbenou shared with the board that work on lighting the existing 12 tennis courts at Canyon View will begin on October 17, and concept designs are nearing completion for the 4 new courts. The tennis improvements will be completed before the tennis courts at Lincoln Park are transitioned to pickleball courts.

Future Agenda Items

At future meetings board members would like to review the bylaws, discuss the renovation of the Orchard Mesa Pool, have a more in-depth update on the Tennis/Pickleball improvements and hear more about the Redlands Tailrace project.

Adjourn

The board adjourned by acclamation at 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be November 3, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Little
Administrative Specialist