

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Special Meeting – February 13, 2024

Meeting Location: Hospitality Suite – Lincoln Park Stadium

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Cindy Enos-Martinez
Kyle Gardner
Lilly Grisafi
Gary Schroen
Nancy Strippel
Lisa Whalin

Board Members Absent: William Findlay
Austin Solko
Byron Wiehe

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

Guests Present: Sam Klomhaus, Daily Sentinel

Meeting called to order by Lisa Whalin at 12:06 p.m.

Lisa called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for making time on an unusual day with shorter notice.

Park Rules Update

Ken Sherbenou thanked the board for coming together for a special meeting and appreciated the discussion at the last meeting. It informed many of the updates for this version of the proposal.

Ken reminded the board that many other communities in Colorado were consulted. The rules are going to be posted on the existing arched sign. The logo and park name will remain directly under the arch with the new rules posted below.

At the top of the sign are park hours. Underneath the sign lays out allowed activities. Ken reminded the board that some of the discussion centered around use of true bullets versus full sentences. After other considerations, full sentences have been used so that the sign is consistent as some items could not be reduced to bullet length. As recommended, a URL has been inserted which will take folks directly to the Dog Park page of the City website. Board members shared their experiences with calling Animal Control for off-leash enforcement noting that the response time has been long enough that people move on before Animal Control arrives. Ken advised the board that the 2024 budget does allow for Police Department Park Rangers who have the responsibility to identify these problem areas and enforce rules. Currently parks staff are primarily responsible for maintenance and operation and are not involved with enforcement.

In the section of the sign outlining activities allowed by permit only, Ken shared with the board that allowed activities have been modified to include nets/goals and open sided shade structures. Other Colorado communities who shared their language with staff outlaw structures and enclosures including Denver, Arvada, Pueblo, Boulder, Brighton, Castle Rock, Broomfield, Longmont, Fort Collins. The proposed language most closely resembles the language used in Denver, though staff have made revisions to the wording and chosen to allow recreational equipment as well as shade structures which are not enclosed.

The last two rules emphasize that slack lines are only to be installed in specific locations, and bounce houses also require a permit. There is no extra fee involved, but it does need to be noted on the shelter reservation.

Ken Sherbenou talked with the Board about the section of the sign outlining prohibited park activities. Many of these prohibitions already exist and are not changes to the existing code. The language goes along with the symbols.

Board members wondered where the QR code links. Ken reminded the board that the first step is to approve the sign then, staff will build the website to make sure it addresses all of the applicable rules before the sign is posted.

Staff plan to bring this to City Council for consideration on February 21. If approved, sign installation would commence in the spring. Board members wondered about the dimension of the sign. The sign will be approximately 3.5 feet wide, and a proportionate length.

Gary Schroen made a motion that PRAB approve the updated park rules and sign and forward the recommendation for adoption to City Council. The motion was seconded by Cindy Enos-Martinez and carried unanimously.

Motion by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Adjourn

Lisa Whalin adjourned the meeting at 12:49 pm.

Next Meeting

CRC Committee Meeting on February 22

Regular PRAB meeting on March 7

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Little
Administrative Specialist