

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – July 2, 2024

Meeting Location: Hospitality Suite – Lincoln Park Stadium

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Cindy Enos-Martinez
William Findlay
Kyle Gardner
Lilly Simonds
Abe Herman
Chandler Smith
Nancy Strippel
Lisa Whalin

Board Members Absent: Austin Solko
Byron Wiehe

Guests Present: Marc Litzen, FCI
Brady Blackmer, FCI
Evan Walton, FCI
Craig Bouck, BRS
Bill Clifford, BRS

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

Called to Order 12:10pm

Approval of Minutes

Kyle Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular June meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Findlay and carried unanimously.

Yes 8 No 0

FCI Bid Packages 1 & 2

Ken introduced staff from FCI to talk through the bid packages before PRAB today. The hope is that with discussion and feedback the board will recommend presentation of packages to Council. Brady and Evan talked with the Board about the items included in the bid package. All the items were competitive and FCI took care to recommend local businesses where they were qualified.

Structural Concrete – 4 received – recommend local
Structural Steel – 7 bids received – recommend local
Pool (walls of the pool, anything to make it run, and amenities) – 3 bids received – not local

Plumbing – 5 bids received – recommend local
Mechanical – 5 bids received – recommend local
Electrical – 3 bids received – recommend local
Drilling – 7 bids received – not local
Earthwork/Utilities (water/sewer/storm – infrastructure) – 4 bids received – recommend local

As the General Contractor, FCI sent these items out to bid. The project was broken up into multiple packages so that local contractors could compete and the scope of the package was not too great for any company. Local is defined by offices in Grand Junction and in addition, these particular vendors are owned locally. Some items in the package may seem out of sequence but they are long lead items (up to 12 months in production before delivery). Ken highlighted for the board that FCI did a great job of getting as many bids as possible. No item had less than three and some up to seven bidders.

Bid Packages One and Two include concrete, steel, pool mechanical, electrical, drilling and earthwork and utilities for a total of \$46,956,452. In September staff anticipates Bid Package 3, the rest of the guaranteed maximum price, will be available for consideration by PRAB for recommendation to Council. That package will include finishes (glass, roof, drywall, landscaping), demo of Matchett House, design fees, water taps, start-up of utilities, IT, security, FFE, climbing wall, art, and Patterson Road improvements. Bill Findlay made a motion that PRAB accept this package and recommend approval of these bid packages by Council. The motion was seconded by Kyle Gardner and carried unanimously.

Yes 8 No 0

PRAB Representation on Impact Fee Focus Group

Bill Findlay has submitted a letter of interest in serving on the focus group. Chairman Whalin talked with the Board about other interest in serving on this focus group. Councilor Herman shared with the board that review of these impact fees are codified to be every 5 years. Council is invested in having a number of voices at the table. Lisa Whalin made a motion that Bill Findlay represent PRAB on the focus group. The motion was seconded by Chandler Smith and carried unanimously.

Yes 8 No 0

For the Good of the Community

Ken Sherbenou reminded the board that officer elections will be held in August and that meeting has been moved to August 15. A large focus of the August meeting will be Whitman design update.

Board members wondered why some of the porta potties are locked. Staff shared that may be an instance of vandalism, they are not being locked as a matter of policy.

Board members wondered about the Westlake Park sprinklers. Ken updated the board that this winter the VFD was replaced, but staff experienced issues getting the pump online after that replacement. The repair was completed a couple weeks ago, and the grass should be rebounding.

Ken Sherbenou shared with the board that the Dos Rios Splash Pad should be opening soon. It's slightly delayed due to the addition of a railing along the expanse of the splash park so that conflict is reduced between splash pad and trail. The second delay is for the installation of artificial turf surrounding the splash park and some shade structures which will also be placed on the north side of the feature to help reduce conflict with trail users.

Board members had questions about the river park. Ken reminded the board that our permits require us to place sandbags at the opening of the diversion when flows are below 810cfs. There will still be water in the channel, but more for splash play than inner tube floating.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:10p.m.

Next Meeting

The meetings of the Parks and Recreation Advisory board is:

8/15 – (moved) Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Little
Administrative Specialist