

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – September 5, 2013

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Scott McBrayer at 12:03 p.m.

Meeting Location: Parks & Recreation Conference Room

Roll Call

Board Members Present: David McInay
Dr. Scott McBrayer
Bob Wiig
Gary Schroen
Marc Litzen
Kristy Emerson
Jim Doody (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent: Scott Coleman

Additional Guest: Ken Walter

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director
Darcy Austin, Leisure Service Representative
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Marc Litzen moved to approve the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes. David McInay seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Item 3: Welcome New Board Members Gary Schroen and Bob Wiig

Gary Schroen, Deputy Director of Finance & Business at Grand Junction Airport, deals with airlines and contracts. Bob Wiig retired from Colorado State Parks after 32 years and has lived in Grand Junction for 10 years, real passion for Recreation. Current Board Members introduced themselves to the new members.

Item 4: Election of Officers

One year positions for Chair and Vice-Chair

Marc Litzen moved to nominate Scott McBrayer as Chair of the Board. Kristy Emerson seconded.

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

David McInay moved to nominate Scott Coleman as Vice-Chair of the Board. Gary Schroen seconded.

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

Item 5: Las Colonias Update

Traci Wieland submitted the GOCO grant, and we expect to hear until December if we will receive the grant. The GOCO grant will complete the trail for the native arboretum such as post, plaques on top of posts, videos on plant species (around 50) and some cluster planting. Botanical Gardens tried to start a native arboretum but it never came to be. The GOCO grant would also go to parking improvements and shelter with restrooms. Another organization is discussing donating money (gap funding) for possible play equipment. Currently we are finishing up the disc golf course, should be up and running by the end of September 2013. Gary Schroen asked if we had ongoing maintenance plans for Las Colonias and Traci Wieland stated that yes we had funds for the up keep of the property. Rob Schoeber stated that we don't have a completion date because it's really based on funding but there are particular phases that have to be completed initially. For instance the irrigation will go in before the amphitheater. Traci Wieland discussed the back water area and how we cleared out that area and maybe next spring or fall of 2014 we can do test ponds. The Department of Energy is not ready for the test ponds yet.

Item 6: Matchett Process Review

Traci Wieland stated we did receive three consultant bids and will meet tomorrow to see if we want to interview all three or whether we want to just narrow it down. Starting October 1 we can begin planning more details. David McIlnay asked how the HOA meeting went and Traci Wieland said it was a good meeting, heard a lot of the same feedback regarding traffic, proximity to neighborhoods, housing authority projects and there weren't any surprises that Traci Wieland heard. Rob Schoeber heard folks would like access from the North side. Scott McBrayer stated everyone seemed receptive to the plans. Bob Wiig lives on the backside of Matchett Park (west side), so he will be wearing multiple hats during talks of Matchett. Gary Schroen asked about traffic and whether Patterson can handle this kind of traffic. Rob Schoeber stated that we want this to be a regional park similar to Canyon View because Canyon View is at its max and we need more field space. Traffic 2035 Plan has potential for 28 ¼ to connect to Cortland Avenue, not sure yet how the road will flow, meaning staying North or going more through the park, possibly connecting at F ½ Road.

Item 7: Project Update

Mike Vendegna stated that Lincoln Park Renovation is winding down; we are in the process of pouring the sidewalks that goes around the tennis courts. We will do some minor landscaping and hope to start on the courts by September 19. Once that is completed Lincoln Park will be finished. On September 16th we will do some major trail repairs. We have some concrete trails that have buckled, due to heat and moving soil. Also had a couple areas washed out in 2012 by a flood and we will be repairing this. There is 600 ft. of asphalt trails that have cracks and need to be repaired. There are a number of Irrigation projects, one large one at Bookcliff Middle School.

Rob Schoeber talked about the closure of the outdoor rink on 3rd and North. City Council was approached regarding the sale of Glacier Ice Arena and stated that this isn't the time for the City to get involved. IceSkating Inc. numbers have diminished and are in a state of flux but a lot of the families are still driving to Glenwood Springs to participate in ice sports. It is difficult to make a profit and most ice rinks are at a loss and are helped through other sources of revenue.

Rob Schoeber brought up the home that is for sale out at Canyon View. We have the first right of refusal on the property. The property is .8 of acre, and is well-kept property. Short term could be a rental property for an organization like GJSC but we don't feel it's a priority and have suggested to council that we pass on it at this time.

Scott McBrayer wrote a letter supporting the STARS program, via the Board, and asked if we wanted to submit to council or wait until fees/charges come out. Gary Schroen asked if we should include numbers in the letter, Traci Wieland stated we have all the details on the program.

Item 8: For the Good of the Community

Heavy in Special Events right now, just finished Senior Games and have Filthy 5 and Pork & Hops coming up in the next few weekends. Senior games went from 130 participants in 2012 to 230 in 2013.

Orchard Mesa Pool is closed for renovation and will open October 18th on its 30th Anniversary. We will do a little party with hot dogs, games, etc.

Item 9: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Next meeting: October 3, 2013 – Location TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Austin
Leisure Service Representative