

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

## **Regular Meeting – March 6, 2025**

Meeting Location: Hospitality Suite

## Roll Call

Board Members Present:	William Findlay Kyle Gardner Abe Herman Lilly Simonds Chandler Smith Austin Solko Nancy Strippel Lisa Whalin Byron Wiehe Cindy Enos-Martinez
Board Members Absent:	
City Staff Present:	Ken Sherbenou, Director of Parks and Recreation Emily Krause, Recreation Superintendent Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

## **Meeting called to order by Nancy Strippel at 12:06 p.m.**

## Approve Minutes from the February 2025 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Bill Findlay made a motion to approve the minutes from the February Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting noting that Lilly will also be missed from PLAYS (the recreation Foundation). The motion was seconded by Lilly Simonds and carried unanimously.

## Soft Surface Single Track Trail Naming

Staff have been working on adding a soft surface trail adjacent to the Riverfront Trail, under Redlands Parkway, which will need a name to make it more easily identifiable. Rob has come up with some suggestions for names. Bill Findlay shared that he has walked the trail and its about 3 foot wide and has some biking elements and could be great for strider bikes as well. He suggested Riverview might be an apropos name. Board members also wonder about naming the trail for long-time City Manager Mark Achen who recently passed away. Ken shared that we are also undertaking a process with a consultant for branding of the future recreation center so there will be larger conversation with the board about naming preferences.

Staff provided some options for names, and board members preferred: Gallery Run, Bank Run and Achen's Way. Chandler made a motion to add those three options to the branding survey. The motion was seconded by Lisa Whalin and carried unanimously.

### **CRC Add Alt List Priorities**

Ken shared with the board that there is about \$1M in contingency funds which can be allocated to projects now that construction is going vertical. Ken talked with the board about project options so that staff can collect the feedback. Mayor Herman requested a brief description of each option be sent to board members to help inform their decisions, especially where some of the more technical options are concerned.

Ken shared information with the board about the options which would be more difficult (or impossible) to add in the future such as acoustical treatments in skylights, bench seating in the circulating area, and a second fireplace near the community rooms. He also highlighted the projects which are easier to add in the future such as outdoor amenities, window shades, and a video board in the lap pool area.

Ken Sherbenou also talked with the board about irrigation at Matchett Park. With the development of the park, Grand Valley Water Users Association would like the irrigation piped. Options include piping the irrigation on the east side and running it under what will become Matchett Parkway, or relocating the lateral to the west side of the park. The west side location is estimated to cost \$600,000 and would enable the buildout of Matchett without further changes to the irrigation infrastructure. Board members wondered if there was an opportunity to use Colorado Water Conservation Board grants to fund this. Ken reminded the board that Parks and Recreation has three other projects already planned for grant requests ahead of Matchett.

Ken Sherbenou reminded Board members that the preferences they share for the add alternates will be added to the information gathered from subject matter experts, architects, and other staff as the larger budget discussions are being held. He appreciated their attention to the details in understanding the differences between more technical options like a pump house and community impact elements like a zip line. Emily Krause reminded the board that when the group was discussing items to remove from the build and put on the add alt list, nothing was removed that was critical to building operation. For example, the fire lane functions as an asphalt fire lane and meets all the FD requirements, the ad alt would be to build it with concrete increasing it's longevity and aesthetic appeal. Ken will work on sending out descriptions to the board as they consider their priorities.

### **Housing at Matchet**

During the master planning process of Matchett in 2014 there was acreage set aside for school district use. In 2016 the school district sold that acreage back to the City so that is available for other needs. As the construction of the center has evolved based on soil conditions, other planned amenities in the plan have shifted to accommodate the relocation of the center. This also creates opportunities to accommodate needs that weren't addressed 10 years ago with that masterplan. There is a proposal to shift amenities to the west side of the entrance road, and place housing on the east side of the road. Having a residential presence near the park really helps keep the park activated and less prone to vandalism. Board members are interested in keeping the spirit of what's being created with the community recreation center intact and don't want to

hamper any potential future growth of the park. Ken reminded the board that the land where this partnership is being proposed would be incredibly expensive to build for sports amenities. Board members wondered if adding housing outside of the master planning process conflicts with the vision or intended use of the Matchett. Ken reminded the board that Matchett was purchased (not donated) and these 14 acres were never going to be for park use, adding housing does not conflict with the vision for the park as well as having the added bonus of increasing the visibility of the park from the road.

Board members wondered about cannabis revenue and if it's evaluation after actual revenues have been collected will impact the center. Emily shared with the board that prior to opening staff will reevaluate the pro forma (to determine admission fees and project subsidies) which includes evaluating the cannabis revenues. Staff expect to release the revised pro forma in early 2026.

**Adjourn by acclamation at 1:25**

**Next Meeting –April 1 (on a Tuesday), at the Hospitality Suite**

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** meeting will be out at CRC construction site.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ali Little, Administrative Specialist