

## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – June 5, 2014**

### **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Dr. Scott McBrayer at 12:02 p.m.**

Meeting Location: Westlake Park

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present: Scott Coleman  
Dr. Scott McBrayer  
Bob Wiig  
Gary Schroen  
David McIlroy  
Marc Litzen

Board Members Absent: Kristy Emerson  
Jim Doody (Ex-Officio)

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director  
Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist  
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent  
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent

Guests: Amy Bruce  
Lori Mizushima  
Rory Johnson  
Nathan Peterson  
Janna Belmont  
Earl Nickerson  
Tom Brooks

### **Item 2: Approval of Minutes**

Bob Wiig moved to approve the May 1, 2014 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Marc Litzen seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Note: Scott Coleman was not in attendance at the time of the motion.

### **Item 3: Outstanding Community Partner Award – Big O Tires**

The Board welcomed the Big O Tires representatives, with Traci Wieland expressing the City's appreciation for the company's ongoing support of a broad range of Parks and Recreation activities, including the Candy Cane Hunt, Filthy Five, and numerous programs at the Senior Recreation Center. Traci presented Big O Tires with the Outstanding Community Partner Award and stated Parks and Recreation is looking forward to a long partnership with their organization. Mike Vendegna shared a recent personal experience he had with Big O Tires that also was testimony to their outstanding customer service.

**Item 4: Recent Community Issues Update**

Rob Schoeber provided the Board with an update on some recent incidents occurring within City and County parks. Discussion ensued, with the Board members being encouraged to keep a look out while visiting the parks and to report anything suspicious to the Police Department.

**Item 5: Project Updates**

Skate Park: During the past seven years the Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with the local skaters and the Mural Jam group to allow painting on the concrete bowls; however, the department is now hearing concerns that the paint is really slick, peeling off, and becoming dangerous for the skaters. Parks staff recently completed a walk thru with representatives from Team Pain, a popular skate park design company, confirming that painting on skateable surfaces is not a good idea. Staff has now changed the Mural Jam program to consist of the graffiti artists painting on 6x6 timber panels. The first Mural Jam, since the change, was held on Saturday, April 26, successfully hosting over 20 artists and 150+ skaters. The new panels were very well received and can be painted over every year.

In addition, numerous safety improvements will be made at the skate parks, including an attempt to remove the old graffiti art on the bowls. Unfortunately, crews are unable to sandblast the old paint and, at this time, experts' opinion is there might not be a way to remove the old paint. The Parks Department currently has \$10,000 budgeted allocated to attempt to remove the old paint, correct some of the existing concrete flaws and to bring in some additional street style features (rails, jumps, etc. versus the existing bowls). Traci Wieland reported the Parks and Recreation Department has a great working relationship with the local skaters and continues to challenge the skate group to help contribute to future improvements.

Matchett Park: Traci Wieland reported on the successful presentation at the May 19, 2014 City Council workshop, at which time the conceptual design and cost estimate were reviewed. The \$36 million project equates to approximately \$140,000 per acre after deducting the \$10 million in infrastructure costs. The estimated figures are coming in very reasonable/average, as the park's master plan does not consist of anything extravagant. City Council may decide to schedule another workshop; however, they anticipate the master plan being officially adopted in July or August.

Traci Wieland reported on a presentation to the District 51 School Board in June. The Board was overall supportive of the master plan; however, the relocation of the Charter School offsite has complicated the issue now that the School District owned acreage is split into two areas. It was determined that the City would explore some options for this area. A brief discussion took place regarding the recent sale of the 40 acre property adjacent to Matchett Park.

Las Colonias: Traci Wieland reported the City has been recommended to receive a \$298,000 Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant, which will be allocated towards phase I of the parks development. The first phase will include a shelter, parking, completion of the arboretum, and additional trail alignments, for an estimated cost of \$775,000.

The City recently applied for a DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) grant application for tier one of the amphitheater, which would include all of the outdoor and indoor planning to get the project "shovel ready". It is anticipated the grant process will be very competitive, similar to the GOCO grant application process.

**Item 6: For the Good of the Community**

No items were discussed.

**Item 7: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher  
Administrative Specialist