

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

## **February 4, 2010**

### **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Reford Theobald at 12:07 p.m.**

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Lenna Watson  
Reford Theobald  
Dr. William Findlay  
David McInay  
Jack Scott  
Yvette Carnine  
Tawny Espinoza

Board Members Absent:

Bruce Hill (Ex-Officio)

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Rob Schoeber, Director  
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent  
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent  
Lorie Gregor, Recreation Coordinator  
Tricia Rothwell, Leisure Services Representative

Guests:

Kayla Arneson, Rocky Mountain Health Plans  
Jim Kearns, Rocky Mountain Health Plans  
Harry Griff, Community Member  
Bill Haggerty, Western Colorado Botanical Gardens

### **Item 2: Approve Minutes**

David McInay moved to approve the January 7, 2010 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Jack Scott seconded.

Motion adopted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:      Yes 7 No 0

### **Item 3: Outstanding Parks Partner Presentation**

Lorie Gregor presented Rocky Mountain Health Plans with the Outstanding Parks Partner award for their continued sponsorship of the Senior Games. Jim Kearns and Kayla Arneson reiterated how important they feel it is to support local organizations like Parks and Recreation.

### **Item 4: Community Presentation of Proposed Las Colonias Master Plan**

Harry Griff and Bill Haggerty spoke to the Board regarding prioritizing the development of Los Colonias Park. A 2,500-3,000 seat outdoor amphitheater would be the highlight which would create concerts and special events. It would also create an educational opportunity, stimulate the economy, take care of the headwaters of the Colorado River; and economics make it a good time to develop. Mr. Griff and Mr. Haggerty asked the Board to recommend to City Council that Los Colonias be elevated to first on the list of projects.

The Board asked questions such as if the project would be done in phases, what fundraising opportunities were available and how the project's prioritization compared to Burkey and Matchett.

Rob Schoeber suggested that we move to develop as many parks as possible, not just one.

Tawny Espinoza motioned to endorse the project. Seconded by Yvette Carnine. Passed unanimously.

#### **Item 5: Parks Master Plan – Undeveloped Parks**

Rob Schoeber presented a map showing all parks and whether they are developed or undeveloped. There are 375 undeveloped acres; 200 of that is Matchett. Mr. Schoeber stated that there is the requirement of donating land or fees for new subdivisions. Waiving this restriction in some parts of town is being explored. This would spur development in some areas and not give the department land that is not needed. Mr. Schoeber explained that park land has to be held for a period of time before it can be disposed of, and then requires a vote of the people.

#### **Item 6: Project Updates**

Traci Wieland updated the Board on the planetary project at Rocket Park. Students are developing a CAD drawing. Mrs. Wieland also stated that May 11 is the Rocket Park grand opening and to look for an invitation for the final conceptual plan for the City Center Catalyst Project.

Rob Schoeber announced that the department was the winner of the Colorado Society of Sports Turf Managers Field of the Year for Suplizio Field.

#### **Item 7: Future Meetings Agenda**

Presentation by Livewell  
Tamarisk presentation by Ed Baker

#### **Item 8: Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 1:24p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Rothwell  
Leisure Services Representative