

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

## **March 4, 2010**

### **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Lenna Watson at 12:02 p.m.**

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Bruce Hill (Ex-Officio)  
David McInay

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Rob Schoeber, Director  
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent  
Eddie Mort, Park Supervisor  
Tricia Rothwell, Leisure Services Representative

Guests:

Ed Baker, Energy Solutions

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

Jack Scott moved to approve the February 4, 2010 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Reford Theobald seconded.

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

### **Item 3: Presentation of the Colorado Society of Sport Turf Managers Field of the Year Award**

Suplizio was named The Outstanding Field of the Year in Colorado by the Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association. Rob Schoeber acknowledged our partners: JUCO, Mesa State College and School District 51. Eddie Mort accepted the award.

### **Item 4: Tamarisk Presentation**

Ed Baker gave a presentation on his observations of Tamarisk and the affects of Tamarisk beetles. Mr. Baker gave a history of Tamarisk and different methods of trying to control it. The Tamarisk beetle defoliates the plant and then it sprouts back. After time this weakens the plant and it dies. After the Tamrisk is removed increased erosion will be a concern. An area will need to be replanted for erosion control. Handouts were provided explaining the removal process.

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

Rob Schoeber again presented the map of parks. Mr. Schoeber attended a recreation center update meeting. Recreation center committee is still intact trying to keep the project alive. The key things that came out of the meeting is that the time is not right to pursue a recreation center but they want to be

poised and ready for when the time is right. Recreation staff requested that the committee start the effort over again. Things have changed since the master plan. Los Colonias may not still be the best site for the recreation center. Tawny Espinoza asked if the 29 Road project affects the priority of Matchett. Mr. Schoeber responded that it does because Matchett becomes more accessible.

The draft master plan for Burkey is done and will be presented next month. Burkey is a phased development. When funding is available the project will be ready to go.

**Personnel Update:**

Rob Schoeber updated the board on the birth of Traci Weiland's baby boy on February 22, and Tressa Fisher's Carpal Tunnel surgery.

Mr. Schoeber also told the board that the Parks and Recreation Department has lost 11 fulltime positions (voluntary), 6 have been replaced (5 by transfers from other departments). Allison Sarmo is retiring and the position will not be filled. The position will be absorbed by Layne Whyman of the VCB and Lorie Gregor, Recreation Coordinator. DDA will take Art On The Corner.

**Item 6: Project Updates**

Mike Vendegna said that the new cemetery building is close to completion and it far exceeds expectations.

Mr. Vendegna gave an example of an irrigation project projected at \$270,000 in June 2008 that is now bidding at \$60,000.

The Parks division has evaluated all the parks and prioritized projects to finish within the next 6-10 months.

Rocket Park playground is under construction. May 11, 6:00 p.m. is grand opening.

**Item 7: Future Meetings Agenda**

City Center Project

Discussion returned to a recreation center and possible locations for it.

**Item 8: Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Rothwell  
Leisure Services Representative