

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

August 5, 2010

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Lenna Watson at 11:45 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

- Tawny Espinoza
- Yvette Carnine
- David McIlnay
- Dr. William Findlay
- Lenna Watson
- Bart Dickson
- Scott Coleman
- Bruce Hill (Ex-Officio)

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

- Rob Schoeber, Director
- Tressa Fisher, Administration Specialist
- Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Yvette Carnine moved to approve the July 1, 2010 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Dave McIlnay seconded.

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

Item 3: Parks Improvement Advisory Board Update

Rob Schoeber reported the Parks Improvement Advisory Board (PIAB) recently contributed \$100,000 towards the tennis project at Mesa State College. PIAB is also in the process of reviewing the Board's bylaws, articles of incorporation, etc., with the members currently sorting through over 40 years of documents to ensure clarity regarding the Board's structure.

Bruce Hill discussed the stadium improvement plan, stating construction costs have decreased significantly due to the economy. The \$8 million project would have cost nearly \$16 million to complete a year ago. Mr. Hill briefly reviewed several funding scenarios, stating the balance could be funded by GOCO parks and open space funds, along with various other forms of funding, including donations. In show of their support, the PIAB partners have already made a \$250,000 contribution to the project. The stadium project will have a strong emphasis on ADA accessibility, including an elevator, and a remodel of the dugouts, (providing an opportunity for disabled bat boys and/or girls), as well as a hospitality area. The design includes regular stadium pull down seats, and will move the traffic to behind the seats. Scott Coleman discussed the strong need for the safety improvements, stating he has seen numerous people trip and fall, and said that the elderly population often will not attend events at stadium, due to the existing dangers. Rob Schoeber said it is critical for the public to know the City will not be using any general funds for the stadium project, stating any necessary funding will come from lottery dollars in the conservation trust fund, which are not able to be allocated to other capital projects, such as the public safety building, etc.

Item 4: Project Updates

Mike Vendegna reported the new pathway at Capra Way has been completed. Crews are currently working on the Hawthorne restrooms project, which has an aggressive timeline for the bid, and is scheduled to start in early September.

Item 5: Tour of Undeveloped Park Property

The Board members were taken on a tour of the City's undeveloped park properties.

Item 6: Future Meeting Agenda

BLM Update

City Council update

Item 7: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist