

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Special Meeting - October 17, 2011

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Tawny Espinoza at 7:08 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Tawny Espinoza
Scott Coleman
Dr. Scott McBrayer
Dr. William Findlay
Jim Doody (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent:

Lenna Watson
David McInay
Bart Dickson

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Rob Schoeber, Director
Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent

Item 2: Lincoln Park Renovation Project

Traci Wieland discussed the upcoming Lincoln Park redevelopment, along with the public meetings that have been scheduled for November 1, 2011 and November 2, 2011. Mrs. Wieland and Mike Vendegna showed the PowerPoint presentation that will be presented at the community meetings, in hopes of getting questions and/or suggestions from the board members. The plan is to cover the project goals during the two meetings, which include addressing numerous safety issues at Lincoln Park, as well as improving accessibility. City Council and the PRAB members will be invited. The hope is to research and obtain grant funds for the project, which is always more successful when demonstrating a high rate of community participation.

Mike Vendegna discussed the aspects of the project that “must” be completed and are not optional. The plan is to keep the community members focused on the options that are able to be included in the renovation, and not to get caught up in discussions regarding areas that will not be looked at, such as the golf course and swimming pool. Mr. Vendegna stated staff will be prepared for the public meetings, by having the entire site plan pre-defined, regarding the location of power lines, sewer lines, etc. Staff intends to present some ideas at the community meetings, but will mostly open it up for public suggestions. The meeting format will be “green-light brainstorming”, as the community members will be divided into groups at separate tables, with each table being asked to review the plan in detail and make their comments and/or suggestions. All suggestions and resulting plans will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and then to City Council for final approval.

Item 3: Project Updates

Rob Schoeber provided an update regarding the potential minor league baseball contract with the City of Grand Junction. Discussions in community have generated a lot of interest, so Mr. Schoeber wanted to make sure the PRAB members received the most current information first hand versus seeing it in the

newspaper. The Colorado Rockies affiliate contract would start in June 2012 with a short season schedule, and is currently pending approval from City Council.

Item 4: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist