

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes May 5, 2011

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Lenna Watson at 12:09 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Tawny Espinoza
 Lenna Watson
 Dr. William Findlay
 David McInay
 Yvette Carnine
 Bruce Hill (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent: Scott Coleman
 Bart Dickson

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

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Tawny Espinoza moved to approve the March 3, 2011 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board minutes. David McInay seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Item 3: Recognition of Outgoing Board and Council Member Bruce Hill

Bruce Hill was presented with a photo album containing pictures of various parks projects that have been completed during his term. The Board members thanked Mr. Hill for his time, dedication, and guidance, stating he has been an outstanding liaison between the Board and City Council. Good luck in your future endeavors Bruce – you will be missed!

Item 4: Park Inventory and Future Needs Assessment Review

Rob Schoeber passed around a new copy of the Park Inventory and Future Needs Assessment for the Board members to review. David McInay moved and to approve the Park Inventory and Future Needs Assessment, and moved for it to be presented to City Council for approval. Tawny Espinoza seconded.

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

Rob Schoeber thanked the Board for their input, guidance, and support while developing the plan.

Item 5: Upcoming Board Vacancies

Rob Schoeber reported the deadline for Dave McInay and Yvette Carnine to submit their renewal application is next Friday. Both Dave and Yvette expressed interest in reapplying for another term.

Item 6: Stadium Groundbreaking Ceremony

Rob Schoeber discussed the stadium groundbreaking ceremony, which has been scheduled for Friday, June 3, 2011, and will take place right before the championship game.

Item 7: No Thoroughfare Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the No Thoroughfare Trail on Wednesday, May 18 at 11:00 a.m., to celebrate the reopening of the trail. Mayor Kenyon and Katie Steele, Co-Chair of the Riverfront Commission, will be speaking at the ceremony. Rob Schoeber encouraged the Board members to attend this long awaited event.

Item 8: Project Updates

Mike Vendegna reported the Parks Department has scheduled a Matchett Park neighborhood meeting for Monday, May 9, 2011, in order to discuss numerous issues that are occurring on the property.

Traci Wieland stated the Summer Activity Guide is now available. She briefly discussed the success of the STARS program, a very popular licensed child care program that has grown immensely over the past 14 years. To better accommodate the public, the Recreation Division opened up registrations early this year, and already there is one site that has no availability.

Mike Vendegna recently met with the Disc Golf group to address several issues being reported by the surrounding neighborhood. There is now a plan of action in place in which the Parks Department, neighbors, and disc golfers can work together. Mr. Vendegna stated he is pursuing GOCO's summer youth program funding and is working with the Colorado Conservation Core to rebuild the West Lake course, which will include walkways and relocating the baskets. Utilizing these same resources, the Parks Division hopes to make some changes to the Matchett Park course, as well as build a new trail at Burkey Park.

The water in the irrigation system at Crown Point Cemetery is being turned on today. This is very exciting news for everyone who has been involved in the cemetery. The crews hope to have turf growing as soon as possible. The Board suggested having a future meeting at the Crown Point Cemetery to see the improvements first hand.

The bathrooms at Lincoln Park (south of the swimming pool) have been completely remodeled and are now open to the public.

Item 9: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist