

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

July 7, 2011

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by David McInay at 12:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Dr. William Findlay
David McInay
Scott Coleman
Bart Dickson
Dr. Scott McBrayer
Jim Doody (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent:

Tawny Espinoza
Lenna Watson

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Yvette Carnine

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Scott Coleman moved to approve the June 2, 2011 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Dr. William Findlay seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Motion adopted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: 4 Yes 0 No

Item 3: Introduction and Welcoming of Dr. Scott McBrayer

Rob Schoeber introduced Scott McBrayer as the newest member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Scott briefly provided some background information, and expressed his excitement to be involved with the Board. Mr. McBrayer said he has an interest to get involved with additional City and/or County projects as well. The Board members and staff introduced themselves and welcomed Scott to the Board. *Welcome Scott!*

Item 4: Recognition of Outgoing Member Yvette Carnine

Rob Schoeber began by expressing his appreciation for having such an involved board, and stated Yvette Carnine has definitely not been an exception. Yvette has had an 80% attendance rating during her term, not counting the additional special committees and projects she has participated in. Rob Schoeber thanked Yvette for her dedication and service to the Board and the community as a whole. Ms. Carnine said she has truly enjoyed her time on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, stating she has learned more serving on this Board than any other committees she's served on. *Good luck Yvette – you will be missed!*

Item 5: Park Inventory and Future Needs Assessment Update

Rob Schoeber distributed copies of the recently completed Park Inventory and Future Needs Assessment. The hope is for the Board members to familiarize themselves with the information, and to utilize the document as a resource for answering citizen questions, etc. Councilman Doody reported the Parks and Recreation Department did a great job presenting the plan to City Council and said it was very well received; Council now intends to allocate funds to the department during the next two years to help address the identified \$800,000/ year of projects on the priority list.

Item 6: Crown Point Cemetery

Mike Vendegna provided some history regarding the Crown Point Cemetery, stating the development began eleven years ago, at which time the City assumed responsibility for the rundown and unmaintained property. Up until this year, the property did not have any water rights, which drastically reduced the opportunity for improvements. The project, which has been a “monumental” undertaking, has resulted in a much more beautiful and green cemetery the City can be proud of. Mr. Vendegna reported an anonymous man in California has graciously made a considerable donation for the past three years in a row. The Department’s plan now is to continue development by beginning to plot the remaining acreage, as there are currently very few plots left to sell.

Item 7: Matchett Park Neighborhood Meeting Update

Rob Schoeber reported on the Matchett Park neighborhood meeting, which helped provide staff with the information needed to identify areas that can be improved, while keeping the park undeveloped. Mike Vendegna distributed copies of the public input results (see attached), as well as a copy of the points of access map (see attached). Neighborhood comments included the need to relocate some of the disc golf course holes, as well as numerous dog related issues (off leash, waste, etc.). In addition, staff is looking for ways to prevent people from driving through the park, stating some of the homeowners and the farmer have created self made barriers to help keep the vehicles out. Scott Coleman discussed the need for a bike path through the property to connect 28 and 28 ¼ Road, in hopes of reducing the need for bicyclists to ride along Patterson Road as much as possible. Mike Vendegna stated he will take this suggestion to the City’s Planning Department, as this could be something they are interested in pursuing as well. Jim Doody briefly discussed the 15 floating acres dedicated to the School District, stating this could prove to be quite an “anchor” for park development once a school is built on the property. Mike Vendegna expressed the farm lease may have to be eliminated in the future, in order to move the disc golf course to a more visible area of the park. Mike stated the Parks Department has been working closely with the Police Department to determine the best and “safest” location for the course. All proposed changes will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board prior to submitting to City Council for final approval.

Item 8: Project Updates

Rob Schoeber reported the stadium project is moving full steam ahead, stating the contractor has reported they are currently 12 days ahead of schedule. The project has remained under budget and there are no real concerns at this time. Baseball is the only activity that will have to be temporarily relocated to Canyon View Park. The football games will continue to be played on the turf, as staff plans to bring in portable restrooms and bleachers during the football season. A new press box is being constructed as a temporary fix; however, the City intends to keep the press box for future use as well.

Mike Vendegna reported the Department had been awarded the Colorado Conservation Youth Core grant, providing the Parks Department with four weeks of free labor (approximately \$23,000 in labor). The only expense to the City is the cost of the materials. The group will begin working on Monday at

Burkey Park by laying down a chip seal gravel trail (excess material received from the Street Department), cleaning/staining the existing split rail fence along Patterson Road, and installing additional split rail fencing. The group will work on additional projects at Matchett and West Lake Parks as well, including installing five new disc golf baskets at the West end of West Lake Park, along with a chip seal rock path, and developing a dry river bed with cobble rock. The Parks staff intends to provide concrete training to the youth core group during these projects.

Rob Schoeber reported the improvements at Tiara Rado and Lincoln Park Golf Courses have been completed, with over 300 new trees planted along Lincoln Park's course. The improvements have resulted in many positive compliments from the golfers.

Item 9: For the Good of the Community

Rob Schoeber provided the requested information regarding the Amore Arcieri donation, stating a memorial was installed at Canyon View Park. Scott Coleman stated he will pass along the information to the citizen who asked the question.

Scott Coleman asked if there are any labeled trees in the community, helping people identify trees for their personal landscaping needs. Mike Vendegna discussed the Department's long time desire for an arboretum, which has been identified in the Parks Master Plan. Until this idea comes to fruition, the Forestry Department has been planting different species throughout Lincoln Park and has developed a tree walk guide for the public. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of doing something similar along Main Street, Colorado Avenue, and Seventh Street. Mike stated he will pass along this idea to the Forestry Board and will bring a copy of the Lincoln Park tree walk guide to the next PRAB meeting.

The Riverfront trails were discussed. The trails are currently being evaluated in hopes of determining the costs involved for replacing the washed away areas. Rob Schoeber stated several of the missing sections were less than a year old.

Bart Dickson reported he had volunteered to be a judge for last month's "Yard of the Month", stating he highly recommends the rest of the Board members also take advantage of the opportunity. Bart stated he and his wife really enjoyed the Sunday afternoon they spent viewing the spectacular yards.

Item 10: Future Agenda Items

Stadium Update
Forestry Tree Guide

Item 11: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist

Matchett Park Neighborhood Meeting
 May 9, 2011
 Public Input Results

On May 9, 2011 the Parks and Recreation Department hosted a meeting for the neighbors of Matchett Park at the Matchett Park maintenance facility from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. 137 invitations were sent to the surrounding neighborhoods and there were 61 attendees. The purpose of the meeting was to address questions and concerns of the neighborhood that had been brought to the Parks and Recreation Departments attention as well as seek public input regarding the Park.

The meeting began with introductions, brief overview / purpose of the meeting by Parks and Recreation Director Rob Schoeber. At that time Parks staff stated the concerns of the neighborhood as well as recommended immediate improvements / action items to be conducted by the Parks Department staff.

Immediate Improvements / Action Items

- Identify all park entrance points
- Place park identification, and rule and regulation signs at entrances
- Relocate disc golf basket and tees as necessary
- Place more trash cans and add recycle containers
- The house at 2856 Patterson Road will be removed in May/ June 2011
- Add additional signs as needed
 - Dog off leash signs
 - Rules and regulation signs
 - Disc golf rule signs
 - No trespassing / climbing over fences signs (wording yet to be determined)

Comments and concerns expressed by the meeting attendees during the open discussion:

- Install more pet pick up stations, at least one at each entrance
- Lots of dogs off leash, can we do something about that
- Wildlife, geese, harassment, what can be done to stop this
- Install park rules and regulation signs
- Is it possible to install porta-potties
- We need rules signs
- Post the area for no motorized vehicles
- People are driving to the North end of the park and having parties
- Please re-grade the road ways so they are easier to walk on
- Can the farmer do a better job watering so the road doesn't get flooded
- Install fence or something at all the entrances to keep cars and ATV's
- Can we stop the paint balls, B.B. and pellet guns
- Can we move the disc golf course to the far end of the park and come in off of 29 road
- Please keep the cars out of the area behind the houses at the far east end of the park, close it off
- Place post and cable at park entrance points as needed to eliminate motorized vehicles

Matchett Park

28 1/4 Road and F Road

