

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

## **Regular Meeting – March 5, 2015**

### **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Dr. Scott McBrayer at 12:01 p.m.**

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Administration Conference Room

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present: Scott Coleman  
Bob Wiig  
Gary Schroen  
Dr. Scott McBrayer  
Kristy Emerson  
Marc Litzen  
Jim Doody (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent: Kyle Emert

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director  
Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist  
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent  
Larry Manchester, Recreation Supervisor

### **Item 2: Approval of Minutes**

Scott Coleman moved to approve the February 5, 2015 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Bob Wiig seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

### **Item 3: Las Colonias Update – Amphitheater Schematic Design**

City Council has approved the first phase of development for the Las Colonias amphitheater. The ground breaking celebration is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 and will include representation from numerous local community funders who are very excited to get the project started. Phase I of the project is anticipated to be completed by the end of May or early June, with a grand opening celebration planned for July 11, 2015.

Staff hopes to have received the final schematic drawings back by the end of March, with the key focus being on access, including a temporary “right in and right out” entrance. Fencing options are also being discussed for the plaza area that will consist of a fence around the entire area to allow for liquor permits and security. A total of three different building schemes are being reviewed at this time. Potential sound issues are also being discussed, as the plan will include standard guidelines for park hours, decibel levels, etc. that will be in place for all events. The master plan will provide a venue for 4,000-6,000 people comfortably, or up to 10,000 people (shoulder to shoulder) for large events. Primary users, including the Downtown Development Authority, Lion’s Club, and the Centennial Band, are reviewing the proposed plans and are being encouraged to provide their feedback.

**Item 4: Softball Concessions**

Larry Manchester reported staff has been exploring options for selling alcohol at Canyon View Park for the adult softball seasons. Currently there are approximately 300 teams playing in the league, many of whom have tailgating before and after their games. Staff has been conducting research across the country and has learned many communities are having positive experiences with providing alcohol sales for their adult league seasons. Selling alcohol at the games would provide a more conducive and friendly atmosphere for players to sit and enjoy themselves versus drinking in the parking lot, however, it will also consist of several challenges, including controlling the alcohol, security, storage needs, etc. The board discussed this being a great opportunity for the City to increase concession sales. Currently the City has had much success selling alcohol at the stadium for CMU games (3<sup>rd</sup> year with zero incidents) and has also had good experiences for large events with alcohol sales (Southwest Arborfest, Pork and Hops, etc.). Staff is currently exploring rolling out alcohol sales on a trial basis during the softball tournaments only, as they have not yet determined if it is a viable option during league play. The City may get some negative feedback in the beginning, as staff will have to begin enforcing the existing rules that prohibit players from bringing their own alcohol into the sports complex. In addition, ID checking and monitoring will consistently take place. The goal is for the players to be able to enjoy their alcohol beverages without having to hide it. Discussion ensued, with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board agreeing for staff to proceed on a trial basis.

**Item 5: Whitman Park Survey**

Rob Schoeber provided an update on the recent Whitman Park survey, of which the results were combined and reduced to four different schemes, 1) Do nothing with the park 2) Keep the park strictly as a public park 3) Lease the property to the museum for outdoor exhibits, or 4) An approximate 50/50 arrangement for museum displays and a park (gazebo, playground, etc.), with the primary emphasis on it being a museum leased property. Parking issues are also being continually discussed. Although the preliminary designs will not have a lot of detail, they will be presented to the public for feedback. Rob Schoeber stated the committee is very excited to be involved in the process.

**Item 6: Canyon View Playground Update**

Traci Wieland reported the Parks crews are starting the demolition of the existing playground next week. Staff's certified playground inspectors have identified high quality sections of the existing equipment that will be relocated to Las Colonias Park. All project staging will take place in the softball complex area. Staff has already contacted all customers who have reserved the grand shelter to notify them of the construction. A grand opening will tentatively be scheduled for early May (See attached playground design). The Board briefly discussed the fiscal impact for the necessary replacement/repairs/maintenance of such a large playground.

**Item 7: April 2015 PRAB Meeting**

Due to the April 2, 2015 meeting falling during the week of spring break, the Board members agreed to move the next meeting to Thursday, April 9, 2015.

**Item 8: Project Updates**

Rob Schoeber provide a brief update on the North Avenue street scape project, stating the landscape architects are currently in town and will be presenting at a public meeting tonight being held from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Park hospitality suite. The project is scheduled to begin in September 2015.

Rob Schoeber reported there are several staff changes occurring in the Parks and Recreation Department, which has resulted in five openings in the Parks Division. A new Parks Supervisor position has been created and Eddie Mort will be transferring from the stadium to this new position. While change is

inevitable, Rob Schoeber assured the Board members the department has everything under control and will be moving forward with the hiring process A.S.A.P.

**Item 9: For the Good of the Community**

No items were discussed.

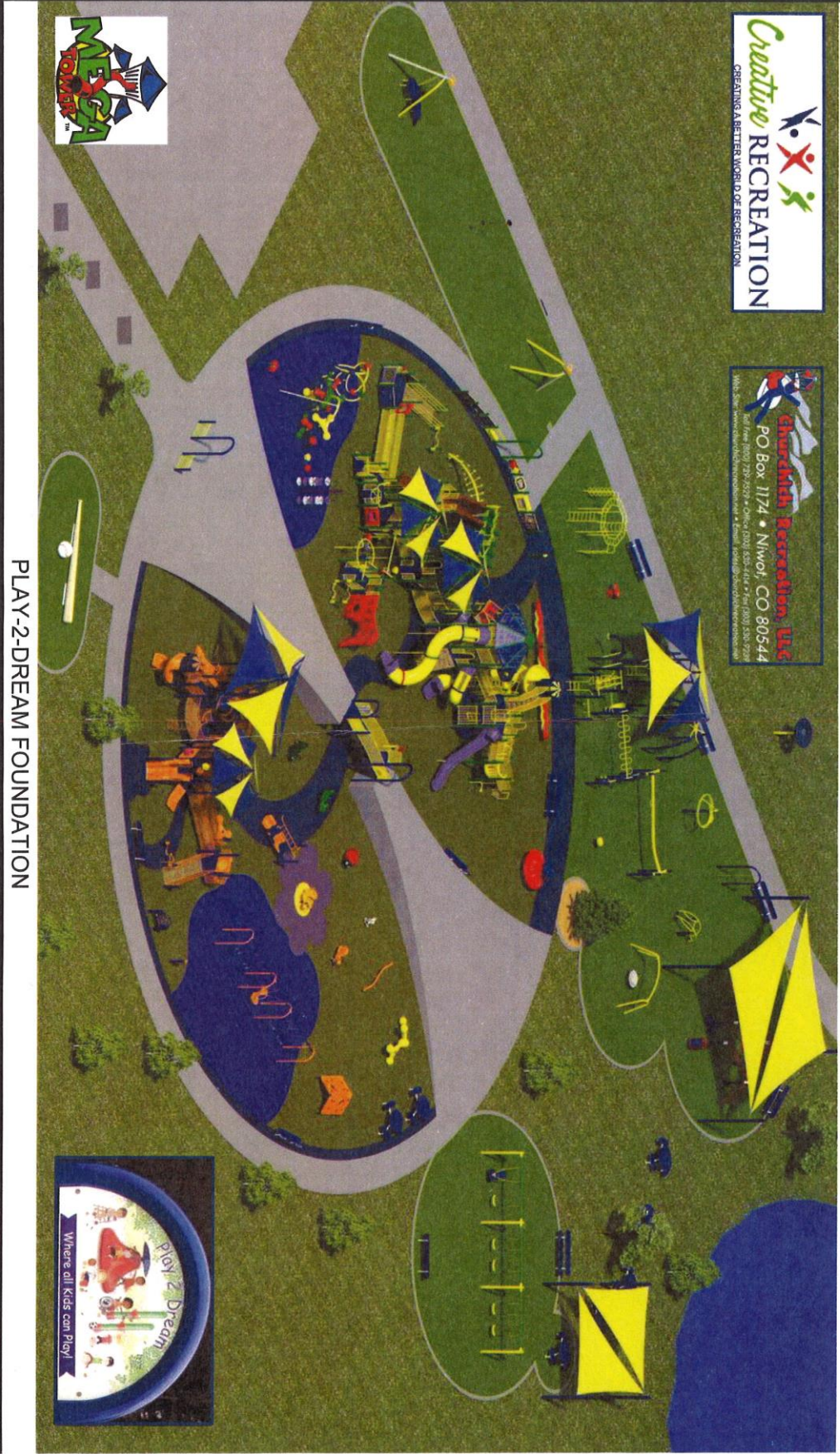
**Item 10: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher  
Administration Specialist

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