

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – June 4, 2015

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Gary Schroen at 11:53 a.m.

Meeting Location: Las Colonias

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Gary Schroen
Bob Wiig
Kristy Emerson
Marc Litzen
Scott Coleman
Chris Kennedy (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent: Kyle Emert
Dr. Scott McBrayer

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director
Darcy Austin, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Marc Litzen moved to approve the May 7, 2015 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Two corrections were suggested per the previous meeting. Bob Wiig seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously (as amended).

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

Item 3: Las Colonias Presentation

- a) Traci Wieland presented an update on the first phase on construction. The Shelter/restroom is finished and we will receive a Certificate of Occupancy once the parking lot is complete. Additional work left to be completed includes relocation of the Canyon View Playground, landscaping, benches and bike racks (1% for the arts), and a bench provided by the Daughters of the American Revolution. She also explained the Native Arboretum which was developed west of the shelter.
- b) Traci also updated the board on the operating agreement for the Botanical Gardens between the City, Strive and Friends of the Botanical Gardens.
- c) Rob Schoeber updated the board on the amphitheater project. This phase was originally planned later in the park development; however funds may be available to move the project forward sooner. The re arranging of projects will also have an impact on the funding for each phase; however the total cost should remain the same. The City has made a significant grant request to the DDA for funding. If approved, the City will also apply for a Grand from

the Department of Local Affairs. This grant request is due in August. Chris Kennedy suggested an interactive element be introduced at the Park highlighting the history of Las Colonias Park. Traci indicated that she is working with Department of Energy on an educational feature for the park.

- d) Colorado DiscoverAbility is working on a fundraising campaign for their project to be located on Park property. CDA provides outdoor recreational services/activities for clients with challenges/disabilities.
- e) The Grand Opening of the park will be held July 11th at 10:00 a.m.
- f) The City and CMU recently completed a feasibility study for a whitewater park at Las Colonias. It was determined that this location was not favorable; however the department will continue to pursue a location on the Redlands Tailrace.

Item 4: Sycamore Trees

Mike Vendegna stated that the rain has had a bad effect on the American Sycamore Trees. American Sycamore's are susceptible to a disease called anthracnose and only germinates in wet and humid weather under 60 degrees, in the spring, when the leaves are popping out. This is the first time in 9 years that the American Sycamore's have had anthracnose. The Sycamore's have it this year, and it hit fairly hard but it doesn't affect any other trees and now we only plant highbred Sycamores that aren't susceptible to this disease.

Item 5: Good of the Community

No Updates

Item 6: Adjourn

Gary Schroen moved to Adjourn. Bob Wiig seconded.

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

Item 7: Next meeting TBA

Discussion was held regarding change in date for July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Austin
Senior Administrative Assistant