

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – April 27, 2017

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Admin Conference Room

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Kyle Emert
Abby Landmeier
Marc Litzen
Scott McBrayer
Gary Schroen
Bob Wiig

Board Members Absent: Chris Kennedy
Sam Susuras

City Staff Present: Greg Caton, City Manager

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

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by acclimation at 12:02 p.m.

Item 2: Approve Minutes

The fifth sentence under Item 4 was corrected as follows: Currently there is legislation in the State House regarding an ebike classification system which make an ordinance easier to enforce. Kyle Emert made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Bob Wiig and carried unanimously.

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

Item 3: Las Colonias Master Plan Revision

Rob talked with the Board about the proposed revision to the Las Colonias Master Plan. The original master plan for the 147 acre park was split into phases of development. Phase one was completed in 2015 and included the shelter, native arboretum and play area. The second phase is nearing completion now and includes the amphitheater and riparian restoration.

The proposed revision to the original master plan includes carving out 30 acres at the east end of the park for a business park. This area will still include recreational amenities from the existing master plan in its design. There will be 10 or 11 business pad sites, including Bonsai Design acting as the anchor tenant.

Staff expects the first phase of the business park to be under construction this fall with non-park infrastructure complete in 18 months. It is anticipated that the park, including all recreation amenities, would be completed in three years. Greg Caton informed the Board that this project has the support of the Grand Junction Economic Partnership, the Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Planning Commission. City Council will consider the proposed revisions to the master

plan at their meeting on May 3, 2017. This revision to the master plan also shows the Colorado Discoverability pad located adjacent to the Botanic Gardens. Bob Wiig made a motion that the Board approve the revisions to the Las Colonias Master Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Kyle Emert and approved unanimously.

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

Item 4: Motorized vs. Non-motorized Use on Trails

Mike Vendegna distributed copies of the Colorado House Bill 17-1151 Concerning the Regulation of Electrical Assisted Bicycles. This bill sets up a classification for Electrical Assisted Bicycles. Class 1 bikes are equipped with a motor that provides assistance when the rider is pedaling and only as speeds lower than 20 mph. Class 2 bikes are equipped with a motor that provides assistance whether the rider is pedaling or not up to a speed of 20 mph. Class 3 bikes are equipped with a motor that provides assistance when the rider is pedaling and up to 28 mph. Mike Vendegna has contacted a number of municipalities and most are allowing Class 1 and Class 2 on their trails. Greg Caton informed the board that he sent a letter to the Riverfront Commission encouraging them to re-evaluate their position on electrical assisted bicycles in light of GOCO's change in their guidelines. Bob Wiig made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board accept the classification system as described in HB 17-1151 and recommend Class 1 and Class 2 electrical assisted bicycles be allowed where bicycles are allowed, to encourage the overall health of the community. The motion was seconded by Scott McBrayer and carried unanimously.

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

Item 5: Stadium Turf Update

Rob Schoeber informed the board the City partnered with Colorado Mesa University to bid two turf replacement projects at the same time for a more competitive price. The City also partnered with Colorado Mesa University and School District 51 to submit a \$200,000 grant request to the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District. The project was awarded the full request. The replacement of the Stocker Stadium turf will begin in mid-June, after Special Olympics and will be completed in mid-August before football begins.

Item 6: For the Good of the Community

Rob talked with the board about the City's Arbor Day Celebration last weekend. In the past the Forestry Division has given out seedlings. The success of growing a seedling into a thriving tree has been low. This year, staff gave out larger, more established trees. Even though there were less given out the change to the program was very well received. Also, the Arbor Day Poster Contest winners each had a tree planted in their honor on their school grounds.

Item 7: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclimation at 12:55 p.m.

Next meeting: June 1, 2017 at 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Little
Administrative Specialist