Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – August 3, 2017

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Hospitality Suite

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Abby Landmeier

Marc Litzen
Gary Schroen
Sam Susuras
Bob Wiig

Board Members Absent: Barbara Traylor Smith

City Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director Parks and Recreation

Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by acclimation at 12:06 p.m.

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Bob Wiig made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Gary Schroen and carried unanimously.

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

Item 3: Update: DOLA Administrative Grant

Rob Schoeber updated the board about the DOLA Administrative grant application. Staff submitted the grant for \$25,000 to add to the funds raised by the PLACE group for a feasibility study for a future recreation center. The grand was approved. The City Purchasing department is putting together a Request for Proposals soliciting a team (consultant and architect) to conduct the feasibility study. Once proposals have been received a committee comprised of staff, a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) member and representation from the PLACE committee will review the proposals. Marc Litzen suggested Bob Wiig represent PRAB. In the event that Bob is not available, Gary Schroen offered to represent the board at the review.

Item 4: Update: Stocker Stadium Turf Renovation

Rob Schoeber advised the Board that the Stadium turf renovation was completed ahead of schedule. The old turf was recycled via distribution to a number of groups in town including a couple of the high schools and little league groups. The field is now equipped with goal posts that can be adjusted to high school and college widths and removed for storage at the end of football season.

Item 5: Other Project Updates

Mike Vendegna advised the Board that the Parks Department with assistance from the Youth Conservation Corps is preparing for riparian restoration in the slough area at Las Colonias Park.

The youth corps will be working for seven weeks on installing irrigation, cleaning up access areas and planting trees and plants.

Traci Wieland informed the Board that the RIO grant application has been submitted. There will be a site visit with GOCO in late September and if the application makes the first cut staff should be notified in October.

Additionally, Traci advised the Board that the Connect grant application will be submitted today. If this application is successful, staff should be notified by the end of September. In the near future staff will also be submitting a grant to GOCO for the Boat Launch at Las Colonias Park.

Rob Schoeber talked with the Board about the groundbreaking for the Colorado Discover Ability building which was held on Tuesday, August 1. Construction should be completed in December and CDA expects to have all their operations out of the new facility beginning in January of 2018.

Item 6: For the Good of the Community

Sam Susuras noted that the marquee at 12 and North is advertising for seats on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Initially the spots were advertised in July. One application has been received for two spots. The posting now closes at the end of August.

Marc Litzen inquired about the progress of the Business Park Development. Rob Schoeber informed the Board that the City is working on 2 grants relative to the Business Park development. One will go to DOLA and one to GOCO for the Boat Launch. Construction of business occupants is expected to begin in the spring of 2018.

Item 7: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclimation at 12:32 p.m.

Next meeting: September 7, 2017 at 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Allison Little Administrative Specialist