

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – September 7, 2017

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Hospitality Suite

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Abby Landmeier
Gary Schroen
Sam Susuras
Barbara Traylor Smith
Bob Wiig

Board Members Absent: Marc Litzen

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 12:03 p.m.

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Sam Susuras made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Abby Landmeier and carried unanimously.

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

Item 3: Update: Stocker Stadium Turf Renovation

Rob Schoeber updated the board about the Stocker Stadium turf renovation project and first major event. The board viewed a presentation of the renovation process as well as a time-lapse video recorded over the scope of the project. The first major event was Nitro Circus (a group which uses ramps, motorcycles, bicycles and other novelty wheeled items to perform tricks and stunts) on August 26. Staff estimates the event drew the largest crowd that Stocker Stadium has hosted in ten years.

Item 4: Update: RFP for Feasibility Study for Community Center

Rob Schoeber advised the Purchasing department is proceeding with the RFP process. There is a site visit scheduled at Matchett Park. It is an opportunity for interested parties to ask questions and view one potential site. The deadline for submission is September 22. Staff anticipates final selection will be made by October 20. Gary Schroen will represent that Board on the selection committee.

Item 5: Update: Upcoming Project Grants

Traci Wieland advised the board that staff will be submitting a grant request to Great Outdoors Colorado for the Boat Launch in early November. A decision would be made in late spring. This would push the construction back until after high water, so the launch would likely be ready in the Fall.

Traci Wieland reminded the board that the Connect Initiative grant for the connection from the Riverfront Trail to the Lunch Loop has been submitted and is awaiting a formal board decision at the September GOCO meeting.

Additionally, Traci Wieland informed the board that GOCO will be in Grand Junction for a site visit relative to the RIO grant application on September 27.

Item 6: For the Good of the Community

Rob Schoeber informed the Board that there has been no decision on the land dedication in the Thunder Valley subdivision. The request will come back to the Board for an official recommendation before Council makes a decision.

Rob Schoeber also advised the Board that the City Clerk's office is in the process of replacing two board members. Barbara Traylor Smith informed the board that Council had received the packet of applications, but not yet reviewed them.

Rob Schoeber reminded the board of the grant application made by Orchard Avenue Elementary. The City acted as a partner on the grant request. Their application was successful and staff expects more requests like this will be made by other schools in the district.

Mike Vendegna talked with the Board about the riparian restoration project that is happening around the slough area at Las Colonias Park. The Youth Conservation Corps will be working for seven weeks on installing irrigation, cleaning up access areas, tamarisk removal, and planting around 125 trees and 500 shrubs.

Rob Schoeber advised the board that the Wyoming State Recreation and Parks organization invited the Parks division to provide some parks related conference sessions at their state conference. Additionally, Rob will be presenting about homelessness and the City's Vagrancy Task Force at the National Parks and Recreation Conference at the end of September.

Item 7: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 12:45 p.m.

Next meeting: October 5, 2017 at 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Little
Administrative Specialist