

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – May 3, 2012

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Lenna Watson at 12:14 p.m.

Meeting Location: Lincoln Park Tower – Hospitality Suite

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Lenna Watson
Scott Coleman
Bart Dickson
Dr. William Findlay
Tawny Espinoza
Dr. Scott McBrayer

Board Members Absent: David McIlroy
Jim Doody (Ex-Officio)

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

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Dr. William Findlay moved to approve the April 5, 2012 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Dr. Scott McBrayer seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Item 3: North Avenue Update – Follow-Up

Rob Schoeber briefly discussed the North Avenue presentation made at the last meeting, and asked if the Board members had any questions or additional comments. Discussion ensued, with the Board members agreeing they would like to see it presented again as the project progresses. Rob Schoeber stated he will forward the previous received ADA access comments to Dave Thornton, and will request he keep the Board in the loop going forward with the project.

Rob Schoeber reported staff is currently working with the Police Department to develop a more conducive traffic control plan for JUCO. The proposed plan will provide a designated area for parents picking-up their kids. The traffic plan is being revised due to concerns regarding too many barriers around the entire facility, and the identified need for better access in and out of the stadium during the event.

Item 4: Project Updates

Rob Schoeber reported the City has received the final certificate of occupancy on the stadium building, which came almost a month early. Events are being booked daily and the Rockies will be moving into the locker room building tomorrow. The staff is very thankful to have already had the opportunity to host some

events, allowing them to test out numerous new systems prior to the busy JUCO week. FCI has moved off the premises, but will continue to be onsite for the next couple of weeks finishing up with the items on the punch list. JUCO will be hosting a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, offering free food and tours for the community. The hospitality suite is already proving to be very popular venue, as there are over 100 bookings in the suite already, in which staff is working diligently to prevent any potential scheduling conflicts.

The Canyon View Park projects are moving along as scheduled, with one of the parking lots already open and in use. The parking lot along G Road is about to begin. Rob Schoeber discussed a recent customer complaint he received at Canyon View, in which someone stated the City should not be issuing parking tickets during the busy events. On the day discussed, Rob Schoeber drove out to Canyon View Park and personally counted over 200 open parking spaces, proving that the bigger problem is with people choosing not to park in the spots and being forced to walk a little further than they'd like.

Both of the new restrooms in Lincoln Park are being currently being constructed, with an estimated opening date of August 2012. Rob Schoeber reported there are a total of 13 capital projects going on in the community right now, proving to be exciting, but challenging, times right now for staff.

Traci Wieland was happy to report the Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool waterslide is finally undergoing repairs. The concrete has been poured and the slide is being tested with water today. At the same time, the pump is being replaced, and when staff started disassembling the pump they were told the pump would be needed to test the waterslide. The hope is to have the pump replaced on time for the upcoming Memorial weekend opening.

Rob Schoeber reported there have been numerous community groups coming forward expressing interest in developing Las Colonias Park. City Council will be discussing their priorities, and have invited numerous interested parties, including the Downtown Development Authority, The Lion's Club, and etc. There is also a disc golf group who is presenting to City Council next month their proposal of putting a large course on the Las Colonias property. City Council will soon be reviewing all of the undeveloped park properties in hopes of prioritizing any future development.

Dr. Scott McBrayer briefly expressed his frustration over the plan for the hospitality suite windows to have stoppers installed, stating the problem might be able to be resolved by hefty fines or requiring security. Rob Schoeber stated the original plan for the windows was for them to have screens, which was later determined to be unacceptable by the partners. A committee of major partners have since decided to put stoppers in the windows to not only help prevent people from dropping items out the windows, but to prevent foul balls from coming in.

Rob Schoeber provided a brief update on the concessionaires at the golf courses, stating the City has not been receiving any complaints and that things appear to be going very well. Next month's Board meeting will be held at Tiara Rado Golf Course, allowing the Board members the opportunity to meet the new concessionaire. Mr. Schoeber stated golf is doing extremely well this year. This last quarter was higher than exceptional 2008 numbers, and was up \$120,000 since then. Rob Schoeber expressed the combination of the good weather, new Golf Pro, and new concessionaire finally seems to be making a difference at the City's courses. Lenna Watson suggested the Board members go golfing after next month's meeting. Tressa Fisher will coordinate the RSVP's and tee times.

Item 5: For the Good of the Community

No additional items were discussed

Item 6: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist