

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – February 7, 2019

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Admin Conference Room

Roll Call

Board Members Present: William Findlay
Marc Litzen
Gary Schroen
Bob Wiig
Duke Wortmann

Board Members Absent: Abby Landmeier
Sam Susuras
Byron Wiehe

Guest Present: Robert Jones, Vortex Engineering

City Staff Present: Traci Wieland, Deputy Director Parks and Recreation
Scott Peterson, Senior Planner
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

Item 1: Meeting called to order by Gary Schroen at 12:00 p.m.

Item 2: Approve minutes from the January 3, 2019 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Bob Wiig made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3 meeting. The motion was seconded by Marc Litzen and carried unanimously.

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

Item 3: Emerald Ridge Estates

Scott Peterson talked with the board about the plan for the Emerald Ridge Estates Development. This proposed subdivision is going through the review process. The developers propose donating 8.77 acres in lieu of a portion of their Open Space fees. As part of the development process they will be required to complete the existing trail which runs adjacent to Leach Creek (at the southern boundary of the Freedom Heights Subdivision) to 26.5 Road. The area closest to Leach Creek has a lot of Russian Olive and Tamarisk which would need to be mitigated and then the area re-vegetated. Scott Peterson indicated that the Planning Department master plan calls for City ownership or control of all the wash areas of Leach Creek. The trail connection is an important connection in the transportation plan.

Board members discussed the proposed donation, and how it might be used as a park for the neighborhood to use. Marc Litzen expressed disappointment that recent land donation proposals the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has been asked to consider have been of the least desirable land in the development that could not be utilized as neighborhood park. Bob Wiig made a motion to accept the land donation in Emerald Ridge Estates. The motion was seconded by William Findlay and carried by a vote of 3 to 1.

Motion approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 3 No 1

Item 4: Project Updates

Traci Wieland talked with the board about the JUCO concessionaire selection process. For the last few years the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has had a representative on the selection committee. Gary Schroen volunteered to represent the Board.

Traci Wieland advised the board about a public hearing on the proposed ordinance updates affecting parks including the definition of alcohol allowed in parks, park hours of operation, and the smoking ordinance. The hearing will be February 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Traci Wieland also informed the board that a group of neighbors near Sherwood Park is hosting a meeting to talk about ways they can generate more neighborhood use of Sherwood Park. The Sherwood Park playground is planned for replacement in this year's CIP budget.

Item 5: For the Good of the Community

Traci Wieland shared that Park Supervisors had met with Bonsai Design about landscaping in the Business Park. The project continues to move forward.

Item 6: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Little
Administrative Specialist