

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – December 6, 2018

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Admin Conference Room

Roll Call

Board Members Present: William Findlay
Abby Landmeier
Marc Litzen
Gary Schroen
Sam Susuras (arrived at 12:10 p.m.)
Bob Wiig
Duke Wortmann

Board Members Absent: Byron Wiehe

City Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director Parks and Recreation
Traci Wieland, Deputy Director Parks and Recreation
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

Item 1: Meeting called to order by Bob Wiig at 11:59 a.m.

Item 2: Approve minutes from the November 1, 2018 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

William Findlay made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 1 meeting. The motion was seconded by Duke Wortmann and carried unanimously.

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

Item 3: Dockless Scooters

Rob Schoeber talked with the board about a Sales Tax License request received by the City for Bird Scooters. City staff had a conference call with the owner of the company and their government liaison staff person. These scooters are unlocked with an app and the customer pays per minute. The app will locate the closest scooter. Average rides cost between \$2.50 and \$2.70. This company has folks who gather all the scooters each night to re-charge them, and then deploy them in the morning (or not, if the weather does not permit). The scooters can be governed so that their top speed is about 15 mph, and also geofenced. The company requires you scan your driver license to get access to the app, and requires riders be a minimum of eighteen years of age.

Item 4: Update: Community Center

Rob updated the board on some recent community center meetings. The feasibility study included the option of including a satellite center in Orchard Mesa. Rob reviewed some options with the board that include renovating the gymnasium and building attached to the Orchard Mesa Pool which will be vacated when the new middle school is built. The preferred alternative includes utilizing the gymnasium, turning the existing band rooms into multipurpose space, as well as creating a new social zone and renovating restrooms outside of the gymnasium area. The proposal also includes creating a party room in the pool area and replacing the spa.

The buildout proposal for Matchett Park and the community center includes necessary infrastructure improvements, completion of some multipurpose fields, and parking, as well as the community

center building and associated parking. Staff is continuing to develop budgets for construction and operation, and is trying to be realistic when considering inflation and future construction costs. Bob Wiig inquired about the northern portion of the park. Staff expects it would be completed in phases similar to the phased completion of Las Colonias and Canyon View parks. Staff will be presenting this information at a City Council Workshop on December 17.

Item 6: Election of Officers

Marc Litzen nominated Gary Schroen for the office of Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Bob Wiig and carried unanimously.

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

Marc Litzen nominated Abby Landmeier for the office of Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Sam Susuras and carried unanimously.

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

Item 5: For the Good of the Community

Traci shared with the board some of the recent grant awards secured for projects. The river recreation feature was awarded two grants. One from the Colorado River Basin Roundtable for \$10,000 and one from the Colorado Water Plan for \$150,000. The Lunch Loop project was awarded a \$400,000 grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Riverside Park project was awarded \$490,000 by the Colorado Health Foundation for improvements to Riverside Park and surrounding area.

Rob advised the board that a youth football group which worked with Parks and Recreation to rent field space appears to have had some improper exchange of money. The group, previously known as Mesa County Junior Football was turned into a for-profit group between two and three years ago and re-named Mesa County Youth Sports. That group owes Parks and Recreation around \$10,000 for field rental. Former members of the for-profit group are creating a new non-profit group called Grand Valley Youth Football. The City will work with the new group to secure field space so they can continue to promote youth football in the valley.

Item 6: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Little
Administrative Specialist