

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

October 8, 2018

1. Roll Call

Present: Sue Ahlberg, Doug Gollhofer, Cherese Montgomery, Dan Ohlsen, Robert Pudim and Katja Stokley

Absent: Council Liaison Waters

Staff Present: David Bell, Steve Ransweiler, Timber Toste, Jeff Friesner and Veronica De Santiago

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Robert Pudim to approve the October 8, 2018 Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) Agenda. Katja Stokley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

Rob Pudim asks if there was a signature needed for the resolution discussed in the September meeting. Jeff Friesner and Cherese Montgomery explain no signature was required because the board withstood making the motion due to some members being absent from last month's meeting.

Cherese Montgomery and Dan Ohlsen thought the last sentence of 6A was not captured correctly. Mr. Ohlsen felt the first two questions of the Bond Project are out of our purview whereas the third question is clearly part of PRAB's interest. Ms. Montgomery also mentions 8C needs further clarification in regards to the timing of the recreation online registration start date versus the recreation mail out a week later.

A motion by Cherese Montgomery to approve the September 10, 2018 PRAB minutes with the two modifications. Rob Pudim seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Doug Gollhofer and Katja Stokley withhold because they were not present for the September meeting.

4. Public Invited to be heard

Public invited to be heard opened, no one present, section closed.

5. Old Business

A. Discussion of the November Bond Project Election - Jeff Friesner

Jeff Friesner drafted a proposed resolution to provide a sample of what the board might consider for the Bond Project. The Bond Election is on November 6 and

there are three questions. One question pertains to facility maintenance for the City of Longmont; another question pertains to the Fire Department building a new firehouse and renovating another; and the third question pertains to Recreation and Golf, mostly for irrigation projects and a maintenance building for the three golf courses, with money included for Centennial Pool. For clarity, Cheresse Montgomery shares that this particular bond was originally done in 1999/2000 for the construction of the Quail Campus and the Museum and it is about to sunset. The resolution is trying to extend the bond but now it is getting broken into three separate pieces versus one piece going forward. The City's legal department felt that breaking the bond into three separate pieces allow people more opportunity to say yes or no to single issues rather than a large project with multiple issues. Jeff Friesner specifies it is not an increase of sales tax but rather a continuation of the existing sales tax.

Cheresse Montgomery explains how the new firehouse along with the repair and maintenance of city buildings are easy sell issues whereas it might be a harder sell for the Recreation piece and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's recommendation would assist with that. Council Liaison Waters and the Golf Board suggested that PRAB promote support of the extension. Letters of support to the newspaper is also encouraged.

The board discusses the proposed version of the bond resolution. Katja Stokley and Dan Ohlsen thank Jeff for drafting the resolution. Ms. Stokley addresses the first sentence and its clarity. With input from board members, the first sentence is reconstructed to read, "Whereas, City recreation and golf facilities provide vital programs such as lifelong learning, health and well-being services to the community". The board also discusses replacing the word 'urging' on line 2 with the word 'encouraging' and using 'recommends' in line 24 instead of 'urges'. The format of the resolution is discussed along with the last sentence. Lines 28 & 29 are rewrote as "in order to ensure the continued rehabilitation and improvement of Recreation and Golf facilities". Cheresse Montgomery clarifies that the Bond Resolution will be will be part of the November 6 election but will not be in the mailed blue book. Sue Ahlberg emphasizes that unless PRAB promotes the bond, no one will see it. Jeff Friesner suggests going to council voicing support, as individuals and not the board, along with a letter campaign. A voted board member can go to City Council and represent the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

A motion by Sue Ahlberg to approve the Bond Resolution as modified. Dan Ohlsen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Dan Ohlsen offers to present the revised resolution to City Council on Tuesday November 9, 2018. Doug Gollhofer offers to write a letter to the newspaper editor as an individual person of the community. The board agrees everyone can draft letters and whoever can make it will go support Dan at the council meeting. Katja Stokley

asks what happens if 3C does not pass and Jeff Friesner explains nothing will be cut, things just will not happen or get fixed. Doug Gollhofer asks if there are other outreach things the board can be doing.

6. New Business

A. Elect Vice Chair

In Amy Saunders absence, Cherese Montgomery asks the board if anyone is interested in the role & responsibility of Vice Chair for the next 2 months. Sue Ahlberg nominates Doug Gollhofer who respectfully declines. Mr. Gollhofer nominates Rob Pudim and Ms. Montgomery seconds the nomination. The vote passes and Rob abstains. Cherese Montgomery shares that her Chair term is up at the end of 2018 and she is termed-out.

7. On-Going Items

A. Parks Operations Update

Timber Toste answers Cherese Montgomery's question about the PWNR call-center. Mr. Toste explains PWNR uses CRM/Service Works online and direct calls into the call center. PWNR tries to get back to customers within a 48hrs timeframe. PWNR and Recreation are working closely to better the city website and keep the various web pages updated.

B. Natural Resources Update

Cherese Montgomery inquires about the warranty period for Garden Acres Park Renewal. Steve Ransweiler explains there is a one-year warranty from acceptance for each standard contractor agreement.

Cherese Montgomery checks on the Wildlife Management Plan Update. David Bell shares that the RFP did start in September 2018. It went out to bid, was awarded and technical advisories groups are forming to help work on it. Union Reservoir and Button Rock Preserve Updates are noted as not updated.

Doug Gollhofer asks for clarification on maintaining the City's Natural Stream Corridors and its relation to the newspaper article regarding the buffer requirement. David Bell explains it is related to the RSVP and the flood recovery project work with FEMA. Mr. Gollhofer would like more of an informational point of view for the board on this topic. David Bell suggests a presentation to PRAB about the 150 ft. setback development code. Katja Stokley and Sue Ahlberg agree it would be good to be informed on the various city activity with The Resilient St Vrain Project. Cherese Montgomery suggests an update on Dry Creek Park. Steve Ransweiler states a full feasibility study is being set forth for raising the elevation and putting in turf and installing synthetic turf.

Katja Stokley asks David Bell about Union Reservoir restroom improvements. Mr. Bell says there is a bridge coming for the entryway. Staff is really looking at getting changing rooms to relieve some of the pressure on the restrooms. The dock is pretty broken up and staff is not finding something that meets all needs of the Union Reservoir dock. Ms. Stokley said she would look for some contacts.

Rob Pudim asks about Forestry's tree replacement process. David Bell explains the process of taking sick trees out before they die while bringing in a variety of other trees and still keeping about 1/3 of them by doing some of the treatments Forestry uses.

C. Recreation Update

Jeff Friesner explains what the recently purchased Watt Bikes are and how it works. A Watt Bike is a stationary bike that has a built in power meter that monitors individual pressure and information. It is for a higher-level bicyclist.

8. Items from Staff

Timber Toste mentions October is Parks busiest time of the year, with 200 irrigation systems and 54 restrooms to winterize. In September, the primary focus is getting caught up with light, turf and last minute repairs. Park restrooms close mid-October and crews work to blow out the restroom buildings. Community Parks will close the second Sunday of November, staying open for soccer and football games.

Natural Resources staff have many active projects going on at the moment. Steve Ransweiler lets the board know they are open to answer any questions they may have.

Jeff Friesner discusses the city pools. Sunset Pool is closing as of Monday October 8, 2018. With the winter forecast, Jeff was told to start winterizing Sunset to avoid another damaged pool. Recreation is still waiting for insurance to respond to give the direction to start work on Centennial Pool. The only thing Recreation has been given permission to do at this point is to winterize Centennial, which is interesting because Centennial Pool has never had to be winterized before. Recreation has really tried to accommodate as much as possible but there is no way to accommodate everything and everyone. Part of the issue is the insurance company is not used to the complexity of a mechanical room that has been under water and trying to figure out what possible damage has been done to the building. A structural engineer was hired to come in and look at the pool while it has been sitting empty and their report should be in by the end of the week. Their biggest concern is the wall between the deep end of the diving well and the mechanical room – they are concerned about the differentiating pressure on the wall from its original design. Because the switch gear that controls the electricity for the whole building was under 5 feet of water and ruined, there is no electricity in the Centennial building and is the reason Centennial Pool needs to be winterized. Recreation is cutting back on a number of programs and activities due to the limited space caused by Centennial's closed status.

The Annual Halloween Parade is Saturday October 2, the Turkey Trot is Saturday November 10 and Longmont Lights is December 7 & 8.

Jeff Friesner lets Sue Ahlberg know the city is still working on meeting with St. Vrain Valley School District by next month's meeting.

9. Items from Board

Doug Golliher asks about funding for new development in Parks and Recreation. Jeff Friesner will have the recreation impact fee at the next meeting. Kathy Kron may have more insight to funding numbers.

Cherese Montgomery comments on Centennial Pool and the impact its closure is having on local swim teams. Redtails and other swim groups and teams are traveling out of town for practices and events causing economic development to be dispersed outside of the Longmont community.

10. Public Invited to be heard

Public invited to be heard opened, no one present, section closed

11. Adjournment-7:56pm

Robert Pudim made a motion to adjourn; Dan Ohlsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.