

## MINUTES

### PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

December 10, 2018

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: Sue Ahlberg, Cherese Montgomery, Dan Ohlsen, Robert Pudim, Katja Stokley and Council Liaison Tim Waters

Absent: Doug Golliher

Staff Present: David Bell, Jeff Friesner, Steve Ransweiler and Aurora Black

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Cherese Montgomery to approve the December 10, 2018 Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) Agenda. Robert Pudim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

A motion by Robert Pudim to approve the November 5, 2018 PRAB minutes with the recommendations. Dan Ohlsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Cherese Montgomery and Sue Ahlberg abstained as they weren't present.

#### 4. Public Invited to be heard

##### **Allison Reed, 2819 Humboldt Cir., Longmont, 80503**

Concerned about the gaps on the playground bridge and park clean-up at Hover Park. Steve Ransweiler said they'll be sending staff out the next day if there's a safety issue.

Also concerned about child care at the Longmont Rec Center. Suggested having moms and/or volunteers on call to help fill in when understaffed. Feels the babysitting room poses a safety and health concern with having a giant teddy bear and the room not being cleaned properly. Plus, concerned about the assisted pull-up fitness equipment being too close to stairs. Has noticed people have lost their footing down the stairs.

##### **Anna Henry, 1536 Meeker Dr., Longmont, 80504**

Also concerned about child care at the Longmont Recreation Center. Feels the age should be lowered from 6 months. Believes the babysitting staff is unhappy because they're not supported and overwhelmed. Plus, the weekend babysitting hours are very limited. Noticed there aren't any fitness classes past 5:30pm and it's been really busy since Centennial Pool is closed.

##### **Jeff Friesner, Recreation Manager's response to public invited to be heard:**

Recreation has had limited luck in hiring babysitting staff. Will re-evaluate the attendance numbers to justify the babysitting hours as well as fitness classes for evening times. Is interested in looking into moms and volunteers being on-call.

## 5. Old Business

### A. Centennial Pool Repair Update - Jeff Friesner

The boilers are in place waiting for power to be hooked up. The switch gear unit which delivers power to the building didn't get delivered last week. All the wiring has been pulled, and once the switch gear is in, we should get power back. It will lead to pumps and motors being back up and running. It will also allow staff to move back into their offices. The unit should be delivered this week. The structural engineer is coming in to do a review and start doing the construction drawings for the wall that separates the deep end from the mechanical room. As of now, still on track to open January 31<sup>st</sup>.

This led to a discussion regarding the school district and the girl's swim team season not hosting a home meet at Centennial Pool. Sue Ahlberg asked if the parents are talking to the school district in regards to the importance of having another pool. Jeff included that we're still waiting for a meeting with the school district to get a final commitment for the Aquatic and Ice Feasibility study.

Cherese Montgomery asked about the bond issue that passed in November. Jeff responded that if we invest the \$950,000 in Centennial Pool, that's debt over a 20 year period, that's going to force the city's hand in keeping the pool open for 20 years, and it's not in our best interest. If we do get a new pool, there have been three studies that say we shouldn't have Centennial Pool as well. Need to get guidance from legal and the city manager on how to move forward.

## 6. New Business

### A. Discuss Park Development Fees – Steve Ransweiler presented on a handout

Steve gave a presentation in regards to the Park Improvement Fund and handed out a Fund Statement in regards to building permits based on planning projections. The fund statement shows the starting working capital for the years 2018 through 2023. It breaks down revenues and expenditures. Projecting that permits will decrease in the coming years, which means we'll be collecting fewer funds. If we're spending the funds that are allocated for the projects mentioned in the handout, there will be a little over a \$3 million balance at the end of the projects. These projects do not include all the projects already in place.

## 7. On-Going Items

### A. Cherese Montgomery

- Asked about the public meeting to discuss the Oligarchy Ditch Greenway. Steve replied that staff will discuss how to move forward with the meeting.
- Does the ranger truck have an AED sticker? David Bell will look into it.

- There aren't any incentives when hiring lifeguards. Jeff said we need to look into waiving the certification fee if they come to work with us.

## **8. Items from Staff**

### A. Steve Ransweiler

- Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be a public meeting for South Clover Basin Neighborhood Park.

### B. Jeff Friesner

- Turkey Trot had 1,332 participants, a little lower than 2017.
- Longmont Lights had to turn away floats due to capacity.
- Rectrac 3.1, a web based system migration is January 14-19.

### C. David Bell

- New volunteer software program for the city.

## **9. Items from Board**

### A. Dan Ohlsen

- 5% increase for passes and fees in recreation in 2019.

### B. Sue Ahlberg

- Get an incentive program to get and keep reliable recreation and babysitting staff. Jeff added that it's not licensed childcare, and staff is paid minimum wage. Not all babysitting staff is First Aid/CPR trained.

### C. Katja Stokley

- As a new board member, didn't get notified as to when the first meeting is held. Jeff mentioned what happens at the first meeting is to cover items on the agenda, elect a new chair and vice chair, cover meeting items, set the date, put together a yearlong agenda.

- D. This is the last meeting for Cherese Montgomery due to the end of her term and appreciation was expressed all around.

## **10. Public Invited to be heard**

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

## **11. Adjournment-8:35pm**

Cherese Montgomery made a motion to adjourn; Robert Pudim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.