

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

February 11, 2019

1. Roll Call

Present: Sue Ahlberg, Doug Gollhofer, Dan Ohlsen, Robert Pudim, Katja Stokley, Paige Lewis, Justin Mack and Council Liaison Waters

Staff Present: David Bell, Jeff Friesner, Steve Ransweiler, Dan Wolford and Jennifer Wojniak

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Doug Gollhofer to approve February 11, 2019, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) Agenda. Jeff Friesner suggested moving 6A in New Business before Old Business section. The motion was seconded by Justin Mack, the motion passed as modified, unanimously.

3. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

A motion by Robert Pudim to approve January 14, 2019, PRAB minutes. Changing 7D to reflect the change from Dan Waters to Tim Waters. Also re-stating the paragraph to include the word 'priorities' after PRAB. The motion was seconded by Dan Ohlsen, the motion passed as modified, unanimously.

4. Public Invited to be heard

Jurij Deputat 1183 Trout Creek Cir. Longmont

Mr. Deputat would like more information about the feasibility study. Has questions on what we would do with the current facility.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sustainability Update-Lisa Knoblauch

Lisa Knoblauch the City's sustainability coordinator updated PRAB on the City's sustainability program to see if anyone from PRAB would want to be a representative on the sustainability coalition. They completed and adopted the study at the end of 2016. There are ten areas of sustainability along with the three pillars. Annual update incorporated greenhouse gas inventory, identified eleven strategies which include improving and monitoring air quality, and better communication to citizens. They are also working with community services to expand the neighborhood program. 2019 focus areas include sustainable business program, air quality and equity strategies. They will also focus on education and engagement with a quarterly newsletter and outreach brochures in English and Spanish that are handed out at events.

Doug Gollhofer asked about wildlife corridors, Dan Wolford said that will be discussed at the next public meeting.

Katja Stokley stated that it is hard to find composting information and what is compostable.

Sue Ahlberg would like a bigger push for multi-family units to compost. Steve said that the city doesn't provide trash service to units greater than eight.

Justin Mack would like information on what citizens can recycle, where do the products go and how much is rejected. Rob Pudim volunteered to represent the board on the sustainability coalition.

5. Old Business

A. Centennial Pool Repair Update-Jeff Friesner

Electricians have finished and he is waiting for a response from the structural engineer. Hopeful to start filling by next week and to open by Feb 25 or Feb 28th. Discovered the north end pool deck has a fine crack and water was leaking in the equipment room. Getting quotes from tile company. Doug Gollhofer asked how they are keeping citizens informed. Jeff stated that he is letting specific swim groups know and will get with the newspaper.

B. Update Pool and Ice Project

Jeff Friesner said there hasn't been a specific update on the feasibility study. The study recommends the current ice rink not stay open; demand is not there to support two facilities. Jeff explained that the study includes one sheet of ice with room for the second sheet along with spectator seating. Jeff went through past information on the study, design, and involvement with St Vrain Valley School District (SVVSD). Doug Gollhofer asked about the school district's financial contribution; Jeff said they can't talk about it yet. Paige Lewis asked how much detail is needed to go to the ballot; Jeff said just need enough info for the council to give direction. Paige Lewis asked about polling the public about the location of the pool/ice facility. Next public process is after the Council gives PRAB direction. Doug Gollhofer thinks we should spend time at a future meeting and go through options again and come up with a point of view to the council. Katja Stokley makes a motion to move on to public invited to be heard before ongoing items. Motion seconded by Doug Gollhofer, the motion passed unanimously.

10. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Jason Bain 2167 Kay St. Longmont

Work for the City of Longmont as a hockey coach. Mr. Bain doesn't spend time and money in Longmont because he has to commute to other cities for hockey even though he lives in Longmont. He also doesn't want to train kids in the hockey program knowing they won't be able to continue in Longmont with our program.

Sue Ahlberg asked what kind of pressure they have put on SVVSD in the past, and if there is a way to organize parents to talk to SVVSD.

Sander Wyjad 718 Bucannan Ln. Longmont

Came tonight to show support for the ice rink. She has two kids in the ice program and likes having the kids be part of the community.

Sean Smith, Nelson Park Ln. Longmont

Has two kids in hockey, and asked if the feasibility study is the final plan. Jeff said that is the plan they would go with. Mr. Smith then asked what happens if City Council rejects plan based on the cost.

Jurij Deputat 1183 Trout Creek Cir. Longmont

Mr. Deputat has two kids in the hockey program. He has to commute kids to Lafayette to be part of the travel league. He feels that there needs to be more pressure on the school board; not fair to put back on parents. He doesn't know of any other place that has the outdoor rink, and that makes Longmont unique. Is there a time table, Jeff said the best case in 3 years.

Darrek Blaha 1800 fountain Ct. Longmont

Mr. Blaha has kids in the hockey league and will be the last year for his daughter since she is turning 18. She feels comfortable playing at the Longmont league and is paying a lot of money playing in a league in another city.

Chris Bayon 4109 Florentine Dr. Longmont

Mr. Bayon asked if the city has considered other money that comes from tournaments. He feels that the rink has more value than the pool. Jeff said that there is a need for both pool and ice. Mr. Bayon also feels that the footprint at Drycreek is too small for this facility and Quail would be better.

Doug Gollhofer said that when PRAB started talking about the pool/ice rink feasibility study, people in favor of a new ice facility rallied at first then died off.

Tim Waters stated that SVVSD refused to put the feasibility study on the bond question and hoped the City would. Mr. Waters said that Council direction is to get a commitment from SVVSD to cover some of the funding. Need to talk to SVVSD and get them behind the study. Get both groups organized to support a ballot measure.

7. ON-GOING ITEMS

Sue Ahlberg thinks that everyone is doing well with Centennial Pool closure. Dan Ohlsen said that there were 21 people for masters swim today and it worked well. Paige Lewis asked about converting Centennial Pool as a community center, Jeff said that it is still part of the plan.

Sue Ahlberg asked about public meetings for Wertman and S. Clover Basin parks. Steve said there were 21 people for Wertman and 35 in attendance for S. Clover Basin. Katja Stokley asked if the emerald ash borer is detected on private homeowners, who takes care of it. David said that private homes don't have to do anything with them. Doug Gollhofer asked Dan Wolford about Sunset natural resources complex construction. Dan said that there is \$35,000 in this year's CIP to hire a consultant to manage space and storage, and possible expansion to the west. Paige Lewis asked

about what happens at the public meeting with the wildlife management plan. Dan said that the focus of the public meeting is working with the planning department, to give a brief introduction and overview of prairie dog management, then resilient St. Vrain. The second meeting is a month later, and the topics include the importance of pollinators, native fishery, and land acquisition priorities. They will develop a draft of updates and take to board of environmental affairs then PRAB for recommendation to Council.

Dan heads to the council for the Double Six land acquisition tomorrow night, and with approval, they can close on this property. Newby property has closed with four houses on the land. Currently working on Hays property, with an easement letter of intent.

Doug Golliher makes a motion to extend meeting until 9 pm or finish agenda which occurs first. The motion was seconded by Dan Olhsen, the motion passed unanimously.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Steve gave an overview of Wertmen Neighborhood Park. The cost of the project was higher than projected. Steve was able to get the cost down from 2.9 million to 1.2 million with a basic playground and restrooms. The next meeting is on Wednesday.

9. ITEMS FROM BOARD

Justin Mack asked how the scheduling is handled for programming at the Longmont Recreation Center. He would like to sign his kids up for classes that aren't during the day. There needs to be more classes for working parents.

Paige Lewis is in support of the ice hockey program.

Katja Stokley wondered which department handles snow removal for sidewalks. The curve cuts are not getting shoveled.

11. ADJOURNMENT-8:49 pm.

Sue Ahlberg made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Doug Golliher. The motion passed unanimously.