



LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ September 13, 2012

Present: Sean Cronin, Gene Alvine, Jack Doyel, , Neil Spooner, Deborah Manderscheid, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison)

Staff: Gary Havener, Keven Aggers, Janet Meisel-Burns, Carol Wallace

Absent: Kerry Brooks, Leighton Millar, Twyla Dennis, Katie Davis

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

Minutes: Minutes of the August 9, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

Council Liaison Report: The City Budget has a different look for 2013 with an operating budget of \$160 million.

Mehaffey Park Schedule/Design Update

An update on Mehaffey Park design and schedule was presented to Commission members. The project is still on schedule with construction beginning in May 2013, with an estimated cost of \$10 million. Depending on the construction bids for construction, parts of the Mehaffey Park Master Plan design could be phased in as funds become available. A Commission member inquired about obtaining funds from private sources. Staff is exploring several options to assist with the construction phase. Commission members unanimously approved the Mehaffey Park Master Plan as presented with the possibility of minor adjustments, as needed.

Madison Avenue Underpass Project

Information was presented to Commission members on the Madison Avenue Underpass Project. The Underpass will allow for safe crossing of Recreation Trail users under Madison Avenue. Construction diagrams were discussed showing the layout for the underpass crossing. Staff will be contacting the VAC to ask about providing decorative art on the Recreation Trail railing at the underpass

Irrigation Status Report

The Civic Center turf is irrigated by an on-site well. The well has gone dry and is no longer providing irrigation water. Staff is looking at the possibility of converting this area to domestic water supply. Because of the shortage of water this year, irrigation has been drastically reduced at the neighborhood parks and where raw water supplies are limited due to delivery source or storage capacity.

Commission Member Discussion

Staff will be meeting with High Plains Art Council concerning their request to expand sculpture into North Lake Park. North Lake Park is heavily used by organized and casual individuals and family uses. Commission members discussed a map of the park, showing possible future enhancements to the heavily used areas. Goals for North Lake Park will be presented at the meeting with HPAC. Commission members made suggestions and felt that the goals needed to include the actual amount of activities presently taking place at the park. A Master Plan for Benson Park, and possibly North Lake Park areas for sculpture needs to be updated and or developed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm
/s Gene Alvine, Chair