



LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ October 11, 2012

Present: Sean Cronin, Jack Doyel, Neil Spooner, Deborah Manderscheid, Leighton Millar, Twyla Dennis, Katie Davis

Staff: Gary Havener, Marilyn Hilgenberg, Keven Aggers, Larry Callihan, Janet Meisel-Burns, Carol Wallace

Absent: Kerry Brooks, Gene Alvine, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison)

Visitor: Lloyd Griner, Loveland Pickelball Club

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

Minutes: Minutes of the September 13, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

Council Liaison Report: None

Mehaffey Park

VAC Approval of Art Pieces

Robert Tully is the artist that has been selected to place three pieces of art at Mehaffey Park. The three pieces are: a large compass with a seating area; a tall stone column at the entrance of the park off 22nd Street; and a 3-Stone Mosaic, representing the Overland Trail. The tall column will be reflected across the pond area into the park. The 3-Stone Mosaic will face the parking lot in the core of the park. The Compass Rose Bench is located on the picnic knoll. The Commission did not voice any concerns.

Council Annexation & Zoning Schedule

The annexation and rezoning has been approved by the Planning Commission. The new zoning designation is PP (public parks). Submittal of the site development plan will occur early in 2013.

The estimated cost of developing the entire 65 acres is approximately \$10M. Construction budget is currently \$7.4M and staff will evaluate phasing development of the park to meet budget amount as well as value engineering for facilities and amenities. Additional funding would need to be appropriated by City Council from one or more current Parks dedicated funds.

Benson Sculpture Park Expansion Options

The HPAC expects Benson Park to be at art capacity in 6-8 years and are looking into other options for art locations. They have expressed a desire to locate art on the west side of North Lake Park. This area is heavily used by athletics for youth programs and also by the public for family get-togethers and picnics. A suggestion was made to create more sculpture placement areas within Benson Park by filling in certain areas that currently are not usable. Commission members and staff discussed a more functional sculpture placement would be on the east side of the pond at North Lake Park and just west of Loveland High School. This area is easily assessable from Benson Park and already has a sidewalk in place. Additional placement sites at Benson were also discussed with storm drainage improvements and changes.

CEF's

City Council is reviewing possible changes to the CEF's in rates and application criteria for 2013. CEF's are based on capital assets. The Commission members voted unanimously that Parks, Recreation Trails and Open Space should not be considered separately from other CEF's when looking at making changes to the way the City collects CEF's. Staff will forward correspondence to Alan Krcmarik, who is drafting CEF project updates for consideration when setting 2013 fees.



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Commission Member Discussion

Commission requested that staff: 1) Look at putting up a dog waste station at North Lake Park by the football fields; 2) The video camera system in several Park locations is no longer supported by the original company and staff is looking into a replacing components of the system; 3) Desire for more discussion on a policy for qualification of low-income status for reduced rates at the Chilson Recreation Center as well as an overall look at non-resident and the low to medium income level policies for the entire Department. Commission members decided that the present non-resident policy at Chilson works well and that no changes are needed, but would like to revisit at a future meeting with more information provided by Staff.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm
/s Gene Alvine, Chair