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LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ April 12, 2012

Present: Neil Spooner, Jack Doyel, Twyla Dennis, Deborah Manderscheid, Sean Cronin, Katie Davis, Gene Alvine

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

Absent: Kerry Brooks, Leighton Millar, Margo Ervin, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison)

Guests: Justine Stone, City Engineer & Ray Moe (LSA Associates)

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

Minutes: Minutes of the March 15, 2012 meeting (rescheduled from March 8, 2012) were approved as written.

Council Liaison Report: None

Presentation of Loveland Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Draft

Justin Stone with Transportation and Ray Moe with LSA Associates gave a PowerPoint presentation to Commission members about the City of Loveland Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The presentation was informational and did not require any Commission action. This plan will become part of the 2030 Transportation Plan, once it is developed.

Introduction to Capital Projects Department Plan & Schedule

Information was passed out to Commission members and staff discussed the 2013 Budget schedule. Staff identified some capital project opportunities. Commission members discussed the larger size of the skate park at Mehaffey would address the need for more space. There was a concern about the size of Winona pool and the popularity of the outdoor pool. A couple of suggestions were to expand with a leisure pool and splash park feature at that location. A suggestion was made to more hours available for swim lessons at Winona Pool. Staff will present updated information on capital projects for Commission input prior to finalization of budget.

Mehaffey Park Update

Staff is in negotiations with landowner to acquire 9.33 acres on the north of the Mehaffey Park parcel. A north entrance to the park will be developed on this parcel. A GOCO Grant was applied for to provide additional money for Mehaffey Park and a decision will be known the end of June. Staff also has requested grant money from the Crow Family Trust. Acquisition of a north entry way to 29th Street has delayed the project by several months.

HPAC Presentation Request

The High Plains Art Council has requested time at a Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to make a presentation about sculpture at North Lake Park in July. Commission members agreed that a 10 minutes presentation would be appropriate at the July 12th meeting, focusing on HPAC plans and ideas for expansion not history of Benson Sculpture Park.

Commission Member Discussion:

Commission members and Staff discussed better ways to communicate and determine concerns to be discussed at monthly Commission meetings.

The Commission representatives for the 2012 Youth Athletic Grant process will be: Twyla Dennis, Neil Spooner & Sean Cronin.

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