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LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ March 15, 2012 (Rescheduled)

Present: Neil Spooner, Jack Doyel, Twyla Dennis, Deborah Manderscheid, Leighton Millar, Sean Cronin, Katie Davis, Margo Ervin, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison)

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

Absent: Gene Alvine, Kerry Brooks

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

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

Council Liaison Report: ACE is no longer involved and has moved on to the Denver area

Boards & Commission Summit Report

The annual Summit was well received by all participants. Deborah Manderscheid & Leighton Millar represented the Parks & Recreation Commission and gave a good presentation.

Mehaffey Park

Staff presented Mehaffey Park design concept changes, which included expanded tennis courts & skate park. Grading design work has begun on the south half of the park area. Commission members discussed the Adventure Playground design that was presented and were very supportive. The Parks & Recreation Department has applied for a GOCO Grant for \$350,000 which would go towards the expansion of the tennis courts and skate park. Staff is in a discussion with a landowner on the northwest edge of park as a possible north entrance to Mehaffey Park. There is funds available in 2012 for land purchase which could be used for the additional 9.33 acres without using current project funding for the park. Commission member comments were positive concerning the additional acre purchase.

R2J – City Joint Use Agreement

The joint use agreement included three changes from existing agreement: 1) No surprise funding request; 2) Identify facilities as revenue generating and use payments; 3) evaluate the R-2J – City Joint Use Agreement annually.

High Plains Art Council Representatives – Meeting with Staff regarding North Lake Park Expansion of Sculpture Park

Staff and Commission members discussed the request by High Plains Art Council to expand sculpture placement into the main part of North Lake Park. Concerns were expressed because the area is used for “family” type activities and will be the only space available for future shelter, playgrounds or other park facilities and amenities expansion. Park interests should remain the priority for use of the park property. Commission members agreed that the only likely spot, without disrupting park activities, would be just east of the pond area to the high school parking lot, south to the amphitheater.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm
/s Jack Doyel, Vice-Chair