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LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ August 8, 2013

Present: Jack Doyel, Deborah Manderscheid, Twyla Dennis, Gene Alvine, Sean Cronin, Leighton Millar, Katie Davis, Brian Steckelberg, Deb Huffsmith, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison)

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

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

Minutes: Minutes of the July 11, 2013 were approved as written.

Council Liaison Report: City Council will be reviewing CEFs

Youth Athletic Grant 2013

Staff received \$20,000 in Youth Athletic Grant Application requests. Katie Davis, Brian Steckelberg & Sean Cronin reviewed the applications. Several different criteria were reviewed by the group. The sub-committee recommended the following distribution of grant funds: Loveland Baseball Association, \$2,000; Big Thompson Tennis Academy, \$1,000; Loveland Youth Athletic Association, \$2,000; Loveland Swim Club, \$2,000; Thompson Soccer Association, \$2,145; Boys & Girls Club of Larimer County, \$855. Commission members unanimously approved their recommendations.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan – Intercept & On-Line Survey Updates

Six intercept events have been held in several locations for public input. A written survey was mailed out to Loveland residents and over 400 have been returned with input. The City website has an on-line questionnaire that will be available until August 23rd. There has been a big increase in response on the website in the past two weeks and staff is expecting more before the last day. Two focus groups meeting will be held between September 11-13th. MIG representative will be at the Commission meeting in September.

2nd Quarter Financials – Parks & Recreation Department

Staff discussed the second quarter financials for Parks & Recreation Department. A high demand for athletic field reservations and Chilson Center attendance resulted in increased revenues.

Mehaffey Park – Update Bids/Contractors

Bids came in \$400,000 - \$600,000 higher than anticipated. City Council has approved \$2.9 million dollars of budget for beginning the construction phase. Earthwork will begin the week of August 19th by Connell Construction. Commission members will receive a reminder to attend the supplemental funding hearing request at City Council for an additional \$2.8 million in September. Staff will be reviewing options to cut costs, if needed, keeping in mind Commission's support for a full build at Mehaffey Park. Commission member will be notified when a ground breaking date is determined.

Commission Discussion

Parks staff is still working with the installation and training for the security system cameras installed in various park areas. Cameras are currently operational.

Grand opening of River's Edge will be on Saturday, September 28th.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm
/s Jack Doyle, Chair