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LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ October 10, 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, Marilyn Hilgenberg

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

Minutes: Minutes of the August 8, 2013 were approved as written.

Council Liaison Report: Hugh McKean shared flood photos about damages to City Water Lines

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Staff provided a Power Point presentation of the information Cindy Mendoza from MIG was scheduled to present at last month's meeting, cancelled because of the flood. Preliminary results and key findings from the community outreach process were present. MIG needs feedback from the Commission as it works on Phase II- the Needs Assessment. Commissioners have been emailed questions to provide their input. MIG will be back in town on November 13th for a joint meeting with our Boards and Commissions to present their findings.

Flood Update on Parks and Recreation Facilities

The Commission reviewed a slide presentation of the effects of the flood on parks and open lands sites along the Big Thompson River corridor. Damaged sites include Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park, Wild Nature Reserve, Morey Wildlife Reserve, Mariana Butte Golf Course, Namaqua Park and Open Lands, Recreation Trail System, Centennial Park, River's Edge Natural Area, Fairgrounds Park, Barnes Softball Complex, RFJY/CTM/Brose Open Lands. We are still in the clean-up and debris removal phase. Volunteers have been an instrumental in efforts to clean up areas, especially at Centennial and Barnes Parks.

Staff has been meeting with its insurance carrier and the Federal Emergency Management Association to evaluate sites and determine funding resources. City budgets will be adjusted at the October 15th City Council meeting and in 2014 to administer flood related costs.

Mehaffey Park – Update

In support of the staff and Commissions' desire to develop the full build out of Mehaffey Park, staff brought a budget appropriation request to the City Council Meeting on September 17th. City Council denied the additional budget appropriation for the development of the Park and asked staff to phase the Park development until the financial implications of the flood are known. Staff is reviewing GMP #2 to re-align site development with available funding. Commission voiced their desire to fully develop the Park. Staff will bring back the budget appropriation to the City Council for Phase II (including amenities on the north end of the Park) when the timing of the other flood expenses is better known.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm
/s Jack Doyle, Chair