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LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ April 10, 2014

Present: Jack Doyel, Twyla Dennis, Sean Cronin, Gene Alvine, Deb Huffsmith, Brian Steckelberg, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison)

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

Absent: Deborah Manderscheid, Katie Davis, Leighton Millar

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm.

Minutes: Minutes of the March 13, 2014 were approved as written.

Council Liaison Report: Hugh McKean reported that the Fracking Special Election has been set for July 29, 2014

Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Department Master Plan update is in the third and final stage. All Commission members were mailed a draft copy of the Master Plan prior to the meeting for review. Staff presented the Recommendations based on community priorities, standards and guidelines and the needs analysis. Overall, Plan focuses on more integration between parks, open lands, recreation, golf and public grounds. Recommended 10-year projects included development of community parks and neighborhood parks acreage, enhancements/improvements at existing parks, additional open lands, more trails and connectivity, an outdoor aquatics facility, a new recreation center, and expanded programming to meet community needs at these locations. The Commission discussed where the development standards came from and has changed since the last plan. Staff will provide additional clarification on this and make sure it is adequately reflected in the plan. Discussions on the Implementation centered on funding for Master Plan Recommendations. With current levels of funding, the Department should be able to fund all master plan recommendations with the exception of a new recreation center and full development of another community park.

2015 10-Year Capital Plan for Parks and Recreation

As part of the annual budget process, the first component is to update the 10-Year Capital Plan for each Department financial fund. The Commission discussed the Perpetual Care, Parks Improvement, Conservation Trust, and Capital Expansion Funds. These Capital Plans reflect all Recommendations from the Master Plan process identified for the next ten years. Capital plans will be discussed with City Council in May.

Re-development Discussion for Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park

The core visitor areas at Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park were demolished with the September 2013 flood. Staff has been working with FEMA to determine options for re-opening the park for public use in the future with mitigation changes and improvements to lessen impacts on infrastructure with future floods at this location. The Commission was in favor of more natural landscaping due to a lack of available irrigation, nature play features, picnic areas, fishing, restroom and environmental education.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm
/s Jack Doyle, Chair