



LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ August 14, 2014

- Present:** Twyla Dennis, Katie Davis, Brian Steckelberg, Wendi Croft, Gene Alvine
- Staff:** Larry Callihan, Keven Aggers, Marilyn Hilgenberg, Carol Wallace
- Absent:** Deb Huffsmith, Leighton Millar, Deborah Manderscheid, Jack Doyel, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison)
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.
- Minutes:** Minutes of the July 10, 2014 were approved as written.
- Council Liaison Report:** None

YA Grant Policies & Process

Staff briefly discussed the Youth Athletic Grant process. The purpose of the grant is for funds to go to youth with the majority of the funds allocated to scholarships. The Commission members on the sub-committee to review applications and make recommendations are: Brian Steckelberg, Wendi Croft and Katie Davis.

2nd Quarter Financials

Second quarter financials indicate that the Parks & Recreation Department is in good financial shape. The Parks Improvement Fund was impacted by the 2013 flood damage. All other capital funds are tracking where they should.

Master Plan

The consulting firm was very helpful to staff in developing the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Securing land is a crucial part of implementation of the Master Plan. A consulting firm will do a feasibility study for building an additional Recreation Center.

Open Lands Update

Staff reported that the Larimer County Commissioners have decided to place an extension of the Open Space tax on the November ballot. Scheduled to sunset in 2018, the current Open Space tax of a quarter cent generates in the neighborhood of \$1.7 million annually for the purchase, maintenance, and operation of open space and natural areas in the City of Loveland. Impacts of the County plan were discussed. Staff also reported on the progress for hiring a new Natural Areas Manager and reported on the acquisition of property at the corner of Taft Ave. and 57th Street.

Commission Members Discussion Topics

The City has purchased the property on the north east corner of 57th and Taft. This is a huge break-through for trail development, which will probably begin construction in that area in 2016-2017.

At the next meeting the Youth Athletic Grant will be discussed along with some minor changes to Chilson rental fees.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm
/s Gene Alvine, Vice-Chair