



LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ September 11, 2014

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

Staff: Larry Callihan, Keven Aggers, Marilyn Hilgenberg, Janet Meisel-Burns, Ashlee Taylor, Carol Wallace

Absent: Deb Huffsmith

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

Minutes: Minutes of the August 14, 2014 were approved as written.

Council Liaison Report: None

Chilson Facility Rental Rate Adjustment

Staff discussed minor changes to Chilson room rentals from flat rate to prime time and non-prime time rates. Prime time is considered after 4pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The slight increase in rates is comparable to mid-range market prices. The Commission members unanimously approved the changes.

Youth Athletic Grant Funding Recommendations

Youth Athletic Grant Sub-committee discussed the process for the grant recommendations. Big Thompson Tennis Academy has disbanded and returned 2013 funds of \$1,000 to the Parks & Recreation Foundation to be used for scholarships. They will also be donating \$6,000 to the Scholarship program from what is left of their operating budget. The recommendations are: Loveland Baseball Association - \$2,000; Loveland Youth Athletic Association - \$2,000; Loveland Swim Club - \$2,100; Thompson Soccer Association - \$2,500; Rockets Booster Club - \$1,000; Rocky Mountain Rush Softball - \$400. The Parks & Recreation Commission unanimously approved these recommendations.

Flood Project Update

Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park will received FEMA funding of \$2.1 million. Approximately one million will be used for stabilization in that park. The Park will most likely be developed into a drop in day use only. City Council approved \$250,000 towards the design and development process which will begin in November and most likely take a year. Construction could potentially start in 2016 with the Park opening sometime in 2017. River's Edge Natural Area has received \$360,000 from FEMA for mitigation. The estimated opening will be July 2015. The repair of the Wilson Bridge has been turned over to Public Works/Storm Water because of the work needed between Taft & Wilson. This area should be finished by spring 2015.

Trails Update

Repairs continue on the flood damaged parts of the Recreation Trail. Segment 7 of the trail will be constructed in winter 2014/2015. A map was presented to the Commission members showing different trail areas. The highest priority in 2015 will be the Front Range Trail from CR 11C at Boyd Lake SP to CR 30 then heading west to LC trail connection between CR 30 and Carpenter Road. Grant funds will be requested from GOCO and MPO/TAL. The West Side Trail will connect two cities and the county with 4+ miles of new trail paralleling Taft Ave & Shields Street.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm
/s Jack Doyel, Chair