



LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ June 13, 2019

Present: Wendi Cudmore, Shane McWatters, John Bradley, Keller Taylor, Laura Leah Olsen, Katie Davis, Brett Dowgin

Staff: Elizabeth Kayl, Dan Willadsen, Bryan Harding, Kim Lucero

Absent: Kevin Turvey, Jim Haynes, Councilor Richard Ball

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

Minutes: Minutes from May 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved without changes.

Director's Report: Director Kayl reported on two main items. In collaboration with UCHealth and a grant through the National Fitness Campaign, Loveland received the first outdoor fitness court in Colorado, located in Fairgrounds Park. The grand opening was on June 8, 2019, and people as far as Lakewood attended. Recreation Manager LeAnn Williams was the Project Manager who secured the grant for this project and forged the partnership with UCHealth. UCHealth doctors will prescribe rehab for their patients to utilize this site. Commissioner McWatters suggested incorporating use of this facility during their Liberty Run, and staff will meet with him to discuss further. The second item Director Kayl discussed was the owl-banding event of a mother and her owlets that took place on Monday at an undisclosed City of Loveland Open Lands site.

Council Liaison Report: No update to report as the Council Liaison was not in attendance.

Update on the CIP: Commissioner Bradley reported there was an informal vote among Councilors and that 7 to 2 voted in favor of the half-cent sales tax increase for the eight items. Commissioner Bradley is requesting ideas from the Commission for a slogan for the half-cent tax increase and asked that any ideas be emailed to him. Commissioner Bradley is also looking to recruit members for another group that will raise money and put together a plan. Please email Commissioner Bradley if interested.

Department Vision Statement Final Version: The final version of the P&R Department Vision Statement was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Cemetery Cost Recovery Goals: The Parks Manager's PowerPoint presentation on this topic included the history of the cemetery and its cost recovery goals from the past to present. The Parks Manager is requesting feedback from the Commission for any possible changes to be made to the current cost recovery model. After questions were asked and answered by the Commission, the consensus was to lower the cost recovery range. However, the Commission agreed that more time is needed to review and discuss options and requested that this item be revisited on next month's agenda. In the meantime, the Parks Manager asked the Commission to email him any other questions or comments they may have before the July meeting.



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Drone Policy – Drafted Version: The Parks Manager presented the draft drone policy and opened the topic up to discussion and feedback from the Commission. The Parks Manager advised the Commission that once the draft policy is presented to the Open Lands Advisory Commission next month, the policy will be finalized. The Parks Manager asked that any other suggestions or specific questions about the draft policy be emailed to him. Once there is signage and a policy in place, the Loveland Police Department can enforce and issue citations for violations. There will also be a special-use permit drafted allowing drones to be used at special events.

Other Discussion: The commission packet will not include an Operations and Projects Update for the next two months until we receive the new report format from the City Manager's Office. Commissioner Davis asked for an update on the North Lake restrooms and the Parks Manager stated they should be open by July 4, 2019. Commissioner Davis asked about Namaqua Park opening and the Parks Manager stated it is scheduled to open on June 19, 2019. The playground at Namaqua Park is being replaced. Construction will start on June 17 and it will take approximately eight days to install. The playground should be open by the end of June. The Planning Manager provided an update regarding the art piece that will be installed at Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park in early to mid-July. The Parks Manager provided an update about Loveland Sports Park expansion: half of the fields will be seeded in June and the rest in July.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm
Next meeting at 7/11/2019
/s/ Wendi Cudmore, Chair