



## **LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Minutes ♦ July 10, 2014

- Present:** Jack Doyel, Twyla Dennis, Katie Davis, Leighton Millar, Brian Steckelberg, Wendi Croft
- Staff:** Gary Havener, Larry Callihan, Keven Aggers, Carol Wallace
- Absent:** Deb Huffsmith, Gene Alvine, Deborah Manderscheid, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison)
- Call to Order:** After a brief tour of Mehaffey construction site, the meeting was called to order at 4:50 pm.
- Minutes:** Minutes of the May 8, 2014 were approved as written.

**Council Liaison Report:** None

### **HPAC Amended Master Plan – Benson Sculpture Park Garden & Draft Agreement & Map – North Lake Park Sculpture Garden Expansion Area**

The Commission reviewed and approved the Master Plan amendment that includes changes to infrastructure on the west and central portions of Benson Park, and acknowledge that the City will be completing work on the Benson pond outfall structure that runs south under 29<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Commission then reviewed the draft Agreement and map for the North Lake Park Sculpture Garden Expansion Area. They unanimously approved the agreement and map and understand that there is additional information coming their way including the design and location of the 29<sup>th</sup> Street pedestrian crossing (Public Works) as well as the sidewalk, landscape, and master sculpture location plan.

### **Viestenz-Smith Conceptual Plan – Re-development of Park**

Information was presented to Commission on possible options for re-development of Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park. The site will potentially be a day use area with picnic tables. No work will be done until the summer of 2015. A hydrology study will be conducted to show impact of any future flooding. Staff is waiting to hear from FEMA about any available funds for this project.

### **Budget 2015 – Priority Based Budget Reporting – Capital Plans**

A brief discussion of Priority Based Budget process was given to Commission members. Parks & Recreation Department should not be affected by PBB and the 2015 budget presented to the City Manager should be approved. Some of the 5-year Capital requests made are the Cemetery Maintenance/Office Replacement Design, Restroom & Shelter renovations, Open Land Acquisitions, Rec Facility Feasibility Study, Park Land Acquisitions and Recreation Trail.

### **Commission Members Discussion Topics**

A couple of breakthroughs for completing the Recreation Trail loop were discussed. Staff is working on an agreement to complete the trail from Highway 34 to Namaqua, which will be a soft surface trail. Open Lands on land at Taft & 57<sup>th</sup> Street that should expedite the trail connection to the north and east. This will also allow a possible link to the trail going north to Fort Collins.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm  
/s Jack Doyle, Chair