



LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ January 8, 2015

Present: Katie Davis, Gene Alvine, Jack Doyel, Wendi Cudmore, Twyla Dennis

Staff: Keven Aggers, Marilyn Hilgenberg, Carol Wallace

Absent: Leighton Millar, Deborah Manderscheid, Brian Steckelberg, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison)

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

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

Council Liaison Report: None

Election of Officers for 2015

Commission members unanimously approved Katie Davis as Chairman and Wendi Cudmore as Vice-Chairman.

Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study Update

Proposals were received from three firms for the Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study: Barker, Rinker, Seacat; Ohlson-Lavoie Collaborative; and GreenPlay. These firms will be interviewed and the Commission members who are interested in being part of the interview panel, are Jack Doyel, Katie Davis, Wendi Cudmore and Leighton Millar.

Annual Boards & Commission Meeting

The Boards & Commission annual meeting will be held Thursday February 19th beginning at 5pm. The Parks & Recreation Commission will be represented by Wendi Cudmore. Staff will contact Brian Steckelberg and Leighton Millar about attending. There will be a short presentation given by a Commission member.

Artificial Turf In-Fill Data/Report

A discussion was held about the concerns of artificial turf in-fill and reports of increased cancer among players. Most of the problems seems to stem from artificial turf which was installed prior to 2010. The Championship Field artificial turf at Loveland Sports Park was installed prior to 2010. This field also experiences excessive heat during the summer months and is not usable. Staff will review options and look at solutions to these problems.

Commission Member Discussion

Staff announced the selection of a new Department Director to replace Gary Havener, who retired in July 2014. Elizabeth Anderson, currently with the City of Sacramento in California, will be starting February 17th.

Staff discussed CEFs and the City's proposal to change from a buy in system to a plans based system. CEF funds have allowed the Department to grow and develop parks, recreation, trails and open lands. The new plan based method was presented to staff at the last minute and there is concern about the method used and the way the system works. Staff needs time to review the proposal and will get back to Commission members with more information.

Commission members recommended approval to City Council for Joe Waneka as R2J Representative on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm
/s Jack Doyel, Chair