



LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ November 13, 2014

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

Staff: Larry Callihan, Keven Aggers, Marilyn Hilgenberg, Carol Wallace

Absent: Deb Huffsmith, Twyla Dennis

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

Minutes: Minutes of the October 9, 2014 were approved as written.

Council Liaison Report: Councilor McKean responded to questions about the Evergreen project and impacts to Parks & Recreation CEF funds. Other questions centered on economic development, possible changes at the Fort Collins-Loveland Airport & the preliminary schedule for Department Director interviews.

“Create Loveland” – the City’s New Comprehensive Plan

A brief discussion was held about City Comprehensive Plan. Commission members were asked to review the different opportunities listed and determine what the top five priorities are, in their opinion. The opportunities listed can be changed or others added if the Commission feels an item is missing. An intense discussion will take place at the January meeting.

Review of Potential Scope of Work for the Recreation Feasibility Study

Originally, in 2008, the Parks & Recreation Commission unanimously suggested that a new Recreation Center be built and later remodel the existing Chilson Recreation Center. But because of budget cuts and concerns, the renovation of Chilson occurred first. Staff would like the feasibility study to look at Recreation Facilities which would include an outdoor swimming pool. The best consultants for this type of feasibility study are in Colorado. There will be outreach for public opinion. Do we have the need and what we do will be a focus. There will be a needs assessment, space use planning, conceptual planning and reviewing 3 different sites. One concern will be the continual operation costs of an additional facility. The feasibility study is budgeted at \$100,000. Staff will look at the local market to see what is presently available. Commission members agreed that the Chilson Recreation Center is a community center, which is much more than private work out centers. The measure of the social use of Chilson would be very helpful. There is approximately a daily use of 1,300 people. The process of interviewing potential consultants will include Commission members. The study should be completed by June 2015.

Commission Members Discussion

A Commission member raised a concern about the health dangers of artificial turf. Staff will investigate information about this danger.

Boards & Commission Summit will be on February 25th from 5pm to 9pm. Parks & Recreation will be giving a presentation at this summit.

Deb Huffsmith, representative from R2J, will no longer be able to be on the Commission. Members expressed a desire to keep her position filled with a R2J representative.

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