



LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ June 11, 2015

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

Staff: Marilyn Hilgenberg, Keven Aggers, Larry Callihan, Janet Meisel-Burns

Absent: Jack Doyel, Wendi Cudmore, Twyla Dennis, Joe Waneka

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 13, 2015 were approved as written.

Council Liaison Report: Brief discussion about the recently submitted City Capital Plan discussion at the City Council Meeting and the status of the recent discussions on eliminating sales tax on food.

LHPAC's Proposed Site Master Plan for Sculpture Placement at North Lake Park

Staff handed out a map reflecting the Sculpture Master Plan proposed for the east side of the duck pond at North Lake Park. Mac Juneau and Ken Wilson from the High Plains Arts Council were present to answer questions about the plan. Maintenance and upkeep of the area will be similar to Benson Park. Brian Steckelberg asked if the sculpture placements would conflict with fishing. Placement will not conflict with active fishing areas. Gene Alvine asked that we consult with Loveland High representatives to assure the plan does not significantly alter the high school cross country meets that historically have utilized this area. The High Plains Arts Council predicts that the area will be full in about 5 years. The Commission voiced it did not want to lose any more of the Park area for future sculptures. To address pedestrian safety issues between North Lake Park and Benson Park, a fully engineered street crossing is planned at 29th Street and Beech in 2017. The plan was approved with modifications by Commission.

Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park Plan Update

Staff discussed the progress that has been made on the preferred design plan for Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park, destroyed by the 2013 Big Thompson Flood. Some 97 citizen comments were received during the public process with overwhelming support to rebuild the park. Old structures on the site will be incorporated into the new design but at this time, new reservable group shelters are not planned. There will be a final public meeting and open house on the project June 29th. This meeting will also involve the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) plans for highway reconstruction through the Big Thompson Canyon.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm
/s Katie Davis, Chair