



LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ January 14, 2016

Present: Gene Alvine, Katie Davis, Twyla Dennis, Joe Waneka, Brian Steckelberg, Wendi Cudmore, Deborah Manderscheid, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison)

Staff: Elizabeth Anderson, Marilyn Hilgenberg, Keven Aggers & Larry Callihan

Absent: Leighton Millar

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

Minutes: Minutes of the November 12, 2015 were approved as written.

Council Liaison

Report: Hugh reported that City Council discussed year-end budget savings and how those dollars affect future budgets. Commissioners asked for an update on downtown development.

Youth Athletic Grant Program:

Each year the Loveland Parks and Recreation Commission helps the Department grant \$10,000 in funds to assist self-directed youth athletic groups in the community. The Commission thought the program structure was working well and did not propose any changes to the format. The Youth Athletic Grant Program is being promoted with a March 1st application deadline. A sub-committee from the Commission (Deb Manderscheid, Joe Waneka & Wendi Cudmore) will review the applications and make a funding recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission at the March meeting.

Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study:

Copies of the Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study were distributed to the Commission. The presentation of the Study to the City Council went well. The next step is for the City Council to evaluate its entire Capital Plan and see if there is adequate community support for a ballot initiative that would include future funding for a new recreation center. The Commission discussed the success of the 1984 ballot measure that raised the funds for the Chilson Recreation Center and how the success of that effort could be replicated as a funding mechanism for another recreation center.

Commission Goals for 2016:

The Commission discussed making changes to the monthly Parks and Recreation Commission meetings. Commission members hope to have a more active input on decisions and options related to Parks and Recreation issues. The Commission also requested additional opportunities to get updates on Department projects and programs. The Commission Chair will work with Commission members to set the monthly agenda for the meetings. Staff will bring the Department capital project work plan to the next meeting and have the Commission identify their priorities and goals at that time.

Director Updates:

The Director asked that a new agenda item be added to the Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda call "Director's Report" so she can update the Commission on special items not otherwise on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm
/s Wendi Cudmore, Vice-Chair