



LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ November 10, 2016

Present: Gene Alvine, Katie Davis, Leighton Millar, Deborah Manderscheid, Twyla Dennis, Wendi Cudmore, Constance Faber

Staff: Elizabeth, Keven Aggers, Molly Elder, Jim Mueller, Janet Meisel-Burns, Carol Wallace

Absent: Brett Dowgin, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison)

Visitor: Kyle Dietz

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

Minutes: Minutes of the October 10, 2016 were approved as written.

Council Liaison Report: None

Director's Report: Jim Mueller, new Parks Manager, was introduced to Parks & Recreation Commission members. Brian Steckelberg resigned from the Commission because of work commitments. The annual holiday dinner for the Parks & Recreation Commission will be held the evening of December 15th at Biaggi's at 6pm.

Recreation Trail, Viestenz-Smith, Flood Recovery Presentation:

Presentation given to Commission members on Recreation Trails, Flood Recovery and Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park. When updates are available for the Recreation Trails, staff puts that update on the Department website. The Trail map shows both current and proposed trails. Updates were presented on the Longview Corridor Trail, Trail from Namaqua to west US Hwy 34 Underpass (10B), Trail from Namaqua to Wilson and North Front Range Trail. The Longview Corridor Trail will connect two cities & county with 4.4 miles of new trail. There will be trailhead parking at Duffield & West 57th Street. A TAP Grant was received for \$700,000 to be used for the Namaqua Avenue Underpass. Wilson to Taft Flood recovery needed FEMA approval. Bridge construction is scheduled for Fall/Winter 2016/2017. North Front Range Trail construction should begin Summer 2017 and open in 2018. There was some delay with obtaining right-of-way, but it is only a 6-month delay. There was a brief discussion of the process to rebuild Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park, which should begin in 2017. Staff will bring updates to future Commission meetings.

Commission Discussion:

Kyle Dietz, presently in the Merchant Marines, would like to see a dedication to this branch of the service at the Dwayne Webster Veteran Memorial. Staff will research a dedication to the Merchant Marines.

The City 2017 Budget was approved by City Council.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm
/s Wendi Cudmore Chair