



LOVELAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes ♦ August 11, 2016

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

Staff: Keven Aggers, Molly Elder, Marilyn Hilgenberg, David Bothell, Carol Wallace

Absent: Brian Steckelberg, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison)

Public: Bruce Croissant

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

Minutes: Minutes of the August 11, 2016 were approved as written.

Council Liaison Report: None

Public Comments: Bruce Croissant briefly presented ideas for improvement at the Cemetery. Staff will forward his contact information to the New Parks Manager, when he starts at the end of August.

Director's Report: None

What's Going On With Loveland's Open Lands & Recreation Trails:

A PowerPoint presentation was presented to Commission members discussing the Open Lands/Trails Master Plan and how it relates to current goals. The public has expressed the need for more outdoor recreation opportunities, connection to nature and more trails. Currently, there are 8,062 acres preserved by Open Lands. The acreage is either owned by the City, in partnership with others or conservation easements. The funding comes from County Open Space tax, CEFs, Grants, Partnerships and donations. Some of the acquisitions are: Namaqua Skyline, West Boedecker Lake, Ryans Gulch, Soaring Vista, Sunset Vista, Oxbow, Swisher Addition, and Mineral Addition. The Department's goal is to complete the Recreation Trail to allow connections with nature, which includes the Regional Trail connections. The funding for the Recreation Trails comes from Lottery dollars, CEFs, Grants, Partnerships, and donations. There will be several soft surface trail areas. Open Lands is providing more programming and outreach which includes Trail Hosts, and new Environmental Education Programs.

Second Quarter Financial Report for Department:

There was a brief discussion about the second quarter Department financials. Overall, the Department projections for the year are tracking correctly, with minor fluctuations.

Commission Member Discussion:

A Commission member would like to note that the Parks & Recreation Commission has not had City Council representation for several meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm
/s Wendi Cudmore Chair