

City of Northglenn
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday, November 14, 2005
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Dwight Kimsey, President, at 6:00 pm., November 14, 2005, at Northglenn City Hall, City Council Chambers, Northglenn, Colorado.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Don Anema, Dwight Kimsey, Chris DeMay and Douglas Swanson

Members Absent: Jerry Gavette

Staff Present: Steve Zoet, Director of Recreation and Cultural Services, and Donna Reagan, Administrative Assistant

Council Ex-Officio: Rosie Garner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 10, 2005 – Approved

PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD: No one came forward

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: 6.9 CIP Project Prioritization

ACTION ITEMS:

5.1 Fee Waiver Request – The Ridge Community Church: Todd Sheurmann, Lead Pastor at The Ridge Community Church addressed the Board with the request to use the D. L. Parson's Theatre for their weekly Sunday morning church services as well as the Parkview and Mountainview rooms for children's ministry at the same reduced cost in 2006 as was approved by this Board for their use in 2005. Don Anema moved to approve the request for a reduction in rates for the use of the Theatre and the other two meeting rooms at \$275/week rather than the \$250/week request due to the increase in church parishioners. Douglas Swanson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Steve Zoet clarified that this agreement applies to the Sunday morning rentals only – other dates (i.e., Christmas Eve Service would not be included due to the need for staff to be paid holiday pay to cover the opening/cleaning of the facility).

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

6.1NWOS Update – Curt Childress: Dwight shared a letter to the Mayor dated March 1, 2001 (complete with maps) with the Board regarding NWOS Management from Allan Hollingsworth and Kae Madden. Dwight explained how the Board had designated the Oscar Arnold area as a Natural area inclusive of a nature pathway, however, City Council never adopted the plan. He also mentioned that the Butterfly Pavilion offered to give the City chrysalis for this area once the weeds had been pulled and other vegetation planted for donated butterflies. Dwight clarified the difference between jurisdictional and non-

jurisdictional wetlands. Chris DeMay had questions regarding the need for two playgrounds and as much parking as is being proposed , particularly on the west side. Curt Childress asked how much top soil was required for reclamation of a natural area and Dwight replied that it would take 12-18 inches. Rosie Garner commented that it was time to “officially” define the Oscar Arnold nature area and declare borders based on the map that Dwight Kimsey showed earlier. Don Anema asked about how many schools use the Croke Reservoir for educational purposes. Curt Childress did not know but suggested the City identify and clarify what they believe to be City parks, open space, natural areas, nature areas, and wetlands. Dwight Kimsey stated that his interpretation of a natural area as an area that does not receive maintenance. Douglas Swanson suggested that the first step would be to acquire Council's resolution of the Oscar Arnold area. Curt was asked to consider moving the parking lot further west or could go with one less row of parking on the east side and to take into account the drain swell. Dwight offered Curt the disk with the map he showed from 2001.

6.2 Model Airplanes in NWOS: Bob Andreason addressed the Board in regard to his desire to see the City allow model airplanes in NWOS. Mr. Andreason indicated that there were other interests for the NWOS other than organized sports. He mentioned that the exercise stations had been removed. He suggested installing a putting green or an area where people can hit whiffle balls or Frisbee golf is another idea (Westminster has provided one in their City). Mr. Andreason explained how he and his family were involved in the building and launching of Estes Rockets and has been told that they are prohibited because they leave trash which he does not believe is a true statement. Another reason he has been given for not being able to fly model airplanes in Northglenn is due to the impact on wildlife, however, he explained that the Silent Flyer is an electric model airplane and emits less noise than a lawn mower. Mr. Andreason stated that Mayor Novak informed him that the ordinance currently prohibiting such uses was not strictly enforced which he did not believe was a good idea. Mr. Andreason explained that there isn't much area needed to fly model airplanes and Chatfield has an area so not all cities are being prohibitive. Mr. Andreason reported also that there are two potholes on the bicycle path on the north side of the NWOS that could be a liability issue. Dwight encouraged Mr. Andreason to attend the Wednesday evening NWOS meeting and to come prepared with a list of suggestions.

6.3 Summer Recreation Programs Update: Steve Zoet explained to the Board that some of the data in the graphs they received do not include certain programming information as it is located in separate areas of the report but committed to working on including additional verbiage for future reports that would explain this detail. Based on how reports can be run, information is provided in different ways but with further written information provided it should help clarify the matter. Don Anema questioned the \$20 increase for Roving Rec as this program may involve youth that are unable to participate in many other programs due to the cost involved. Steve assured Don and the Board that staff are looking at scholarships/sponsorships for those youth who are unable to pay the new cost.

6.4 Amplified Sound: Copies of the City of Northglenn's Ordinance as well as one for the town of Dillon in addition to a list of other cities and their sound limitations was provided

the Board. Dwight commented that it seemed reasonable that someone with the Parks Division or Steven Stokes should know what 90 decibels at 10 feet from the speaker location sounds like and be able to know when to turn down the sound. Dwight believes the City has a culpable responsibility to ensure noise level is appropriate. Steve Zoet suggested that there be more of a City presence at all large non-City events as a way to help monitor sound and other uses that may be imposing on other park guests. The ordinance the City has ensures a specific noise level in the evening hours. Dwight asked staff to find out if we have a decibel reader and if not to find out what the cost of purchasing one would be.

6.52006 Budget Development Discussion: Rosie Garner reported that the budget was analyzed “to death” which she said was good and they met the state mandated deadline. Steve Zoet reported that Council approved and adopted the budget as recommended.

6.6 Overview of NRPA Conference: Steve Zoet and Don Anema attended the Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Steve stated that his focus was on Recreation facilities, better Master Plans, and partnerships (corporate involvement). He also stated that many of the speakers were from major urban areas facing different challenges and opportunities than those facing Northglenn. He and Don took advantage of the opportunity to gather information from exhibitors and requested resources on shade structures, skate parks and bouldering (man-made product that gives natural look for climbing on). They both believed it was time well-spent. Don was able to talk to Skate Park Associations which was well worth his time. Don also suggested implementing an idea to use a Mystery Shopper to go into a facility and evaluate the services received. Don suggested the Board purchase the Conference CD.

6.7 Parks Master Plan Update: Steve Zoet asked the Board for their comments on the Draft copy they received. Rosie suggested more about the public process be included. Chris DeMay made suggestions that Steve made note of as well as his suggestion to include the Open Space Master Plan as part of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Dwight suggested the Noxious Weed Management Plan also be included. Steve said his plans are to expand on this document and include more of a public process to it and asked for the Board's assistance in that regard. Chris said he would like to see a list of project priorities. Don Anema commented that he thought public input needed to be gathered before anymore comments were made.

6.8 Parks Tour: Steve Zoet asked the Board if they were interested in touring all the City parks on a Saturday when they could get out and walk around to make any assessments for near or long-term CIPs. Chris DeMay would rather do sooner than later. 2006 Budget has been adopted so Steve Zoet suggested a tour after the first of the year with the intent that they begin looking at project needs for 2007. This item will be readdressed at the December Board meeting.

6.9 CIP Priority: Steve Zoet reported that from a staffing and fiscal standpoint, the City would likely not be able to complete all the projects in need. Therefore, Steve asked the

Board to consider where their focus of interest lies relative to three priority projects. Dwight Kimsey requested a list of the cost associated with each before he felt comfortable setting a priority. Curt Childress updated the Board on Croke Reservoir to let them know the road subsurface isn't as weak as assumed and there isn't any seepage, therefore, the shoreline reclamation won't need to be as extensive. Curt stated they could build a retaining wall or undertake a number of other options available but noted that this will also need to go through a public process. Two projects that were noted by the Parks Board were: Skate Park and Sensory Playground. Don Anema would like to see small projects completed first. The Board would like to know what kind of monies are available and a cost estimate associated with each project. Steve reported that the City receives approximately \$300,000 from the Conservation Trust Fund and \$175,000 from Adams County Open Space as discretionary spending dollars each year. This item will be a standing agenda item and updates provided as additional information on costs and grants become available.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL EX-OFFICIO: Rosie Garner stated that a new Council will also bring reassignment of Ex Officio to Boards so Rosie may not be assigned to this Board as it is at the Mayor's discretion.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR: Nothing more to report.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

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PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD: Deb DeMay asked to speak in regard to the NWOS Plan and would like to see the north side of the Open Space stay as natural as possible. Deb shared with the Board her ideas for rearrangement of basketball courts, pavilions, and parking areas.

SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

Amplified Sound
Parks Tour
CIP Priorities

ADJOURNMENT: 8:28 pm.

Signature

Date