PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2016
5:30 p.m.

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BE A GOOD STEWARD: Protect & Respect your Parks, Trails & Recreation Facilities

Board Attendance
Staff: Bob Adams, Mike Calhoon, Kurt Friesen, Ashley Smith, Matt Parker, David Young, Annie Bierbower
Guest: Lance Holter, FAST Swim Team; Troy Tafoya & Matt Dworak, Archery Association

Call Meeting to Order: Jessica MacMillan called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

Agenda Review & Items of Note: None.

Citizen Participation: Lance Holter – Fast Swim Team: changes at EPIC
• Maintenance project at EPIC
  o $2 million maintenance
    ▪ Team is thrilled for proposed changes, but the closures are effecting the swim teams; accommodating with CSU and Mulberry Pool
    ▪ May 15th through October maybe November
  o Concerns about deadlines: state swim meet has already taken place
    ▪ EPIC lane fees expensive and FAST is a main user of the facility
    ▪ Want to know deadlines: may lose $50 K due to closure as scheduled; if closure is beyond October losses increase
  o May 23rd or May 10th waiting for contractors; goal to not go past November 11th
  o Firm dates will be established by April 1st
  o Two summer Recreators have been prepared: one with EPIC open and one with EPIC closed

Approval of Minutes: Discussion: Bruce agreed that the summary was comparable to the bullet points. Bruce Henderson and Scott Simms made the motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Board Minutes of January 27, 2016.

Meeting Summary
• The P&R Board heard information regarding the Archery Club and its outlook into the near future.
• The P&R Board heard information regarding the advancement in communication and research regarding the West Nile Virus.
• Recreation is looking forward to their two new hires starting next week as well as preparing for the EPIC construction.
• Parks Planning is hosting a community outreach on Thursday, March 3rd regarding the refreshing of City Park.
• The following officers have been elected:
  o Chair: Scott Sinn
  o Vice-Chair: Bruce Henderson
  o Secretary: Dawn Theis
AGENDA ITEMS:

Archery Club Update – Troy Tafoya, Matt Dworak, Fort Collins Archery Club
- Goal of presentation is to raise awareness of the Board concerning the Archery Range and the partnership with the Fort Collins Archery Club
- Visual Tour of range
- 150 static targets
- Nonprofit and City of Fort Collins city owns land
- Responsible for cleaning up after themselves
- 400 family Club members
  - Includes the use of the range and membership to the club
- Permanent home
- Daily traffic increasing
- Strong volunteer base
- Stairs: eagle scout stairs to connect the two lower and upper lots
  - Volunteer time
- Vision: long term plan: public restroom, maintenance facility, frontage road paving, natural areas conservatory, I-25 expansion, configuration of range
- No funding plan so far

West Nile Virus Update – Matt Parker, Crew Chief-Natural Areas; David Young, Public Relations Coordinator-Community and Public Involvement Office (CPIO); Annie Bierbower, Civic Engagement Liaison-CPIO
- Improvement processes:
  - Risk Dusk through Dawn
    - Communication
  - Not about mosquitos, but preventing West Nile Virus
  - Risks include, culex tarsalis and culex pipiens
  - 4-D’s: Deet, drain still water, avoid time outside dusk through dawn and dress appropriately
    - As West Nile increases in birds, it increases chances for humans
    - Breeding cycle quickens when there is available stagnant water and temperatures elevate
  - Correlation with age groups…older age group has more risk
  - Communicate Data and Robust Engagement Plan in Place
  - Coordinate with county on outreach efforts
  - Touching base with multiple boards to gain more information and suggestions

STAFF UPDATES

Parks Updates
- Turnover – crew chief retired, promotions, interim positions moved
- Cemeteries – columbarium are completed
- Forestry – Replaced a 1998 International grapple truck with a new unit which includes an 8,000 pound payload and upgraded safety lighting. Cost of the new unit was $167,000

Recreation Updates
- The two new Recreation Area Managers will be introduced at next month’s meeting
- Reaccreditation for Senior Center is underway with a site visit scheduled next month
Park Planning Updates

- City Park – outreach meeting on Thursday, March 3rd for the neighborhood to see how to improve the park. There is an additional meeting on Monday, March 7th for community input.
  - Video of history and how the park has evolved
  - Usage of park
  - 10 project goals and 4 concepts for review
  - New train and playground
- Southeast Community Park update
- Longview trail update – working through funding issues with the County and Loveland

Board Work Plan Items

- None

Bicycle Advisory Board Liaison Update

- Monday meeting – 17500 participants to winter bike to work
- Education campaign underway targeting commercial haulers and how to drive with the bikes on the road
- Pitkin bikeway corridor – construction start this summer
  - Extra Space
  - Design elements will be similar to Remington Street
- FC Moves for traffic regulation

Schedule of Articles/Calendar

- Kenny – due Recreator special events
- Citizen involvement with the board
- Park refresh
- Senior Center Reaccreditation
- Parks related to the water – mosquito focus

Elect Board Officers

- Chair: Scott Sinn
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Bullet Points

- Archery Update
- West Nile Update
- FAST – EPIC Pool Construction

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Smith

BOARD APPROVED MINUTES AT THE MARCH MEETING: VOTE -8:0