



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes
January 16, 2013

Meeting Summary

Staff provided an update on the policies and procedures for naming public facilities. Other recreation and park-related matters were discussed.

Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) was called to order by Chair Dick Miller at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, in the Aspen Conference Room of the Paul Derda Recreation Center (PDRC).

Present: Dick Miller, Sarah Davenport, Larry Crawford, Mike Moroze, Dave Peterson

Absent: April Muir

Others in Attendance: Nancy Harrold, Director of Recreation Services
Kevin Jacobs, Ex officio
Martha Derda, Ex officio alternate
Ellen Cancino, Recording Secretary

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RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

No residents attended. Nancy shared an email that she had received in which the resident requested that staff consider expanding the swimming area of the PDRC to include more lanes and a diving well. There are no plans to do either at this time. Nancy responded to the resident, expressing her appreciation for the correspondence and informing her that her concern would be relayed to PRAC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sarah made a motion, seconded by Larry, to approve the November 28, 2012 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

STAFF REPORTS

Recreation Services budget. Nancy said that Recreation Services' revenue and number of pass holders have both increased. 2012 reflected a record number of pass sales. The number of active pass holders increased by approximately 1,000 over 2011.

Upcoming events. There will be a 5K Fun Run on February 3. The upcoming Spring Fitness Challenge is usually very popular. A youth art show will be at the Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS

"Global Supremacy" - discussion and location recommendations. "Global Supremacy" is a 6-foot stainless steel sculpture of a blue heron. It has been part of Public Art's "Art for a While" program and was recently purchased by Broomfield. It has been and will continue to be on display temporarily at the 1stBANK Center. The Public Art Committee has suggested several park sites as a permanent sight for the sculpture and has requested PRAC's input.

Discussion followed, with the Committee stating that they would prefer McKay Lake Park as a permanent site. It may be several years before improvements are complete at the park, however. Dick suggested that PRAC select a second-choice site, as well, in case there are further delays with McKay. Nancy asked PRAC members to view the sculpture and consider what site might be the best fit. This item will be back for further consideration at a future meeting.

Naming policies and procedures. City Council considered the current policies and procedures, developed in 2011, at a study session on January 15. The staff memo for that study session included information from an informal survey done of other Colorado communities regarding their naming policies. After discussing, the City Council said that they prefer that PRAC make recommendations, using the guidelines in the current policy, to them regarding naming parks, ball fields, or other amenities for their consideration.

Nancy had drafted a "Nomination Form for Naming of Parks and Recreation Assets." The form would be completed by those making nominations and would include letters of support from other community members as attachments.

Discussion followed and several points were made:

Kevin: Requests minor rewording on page 2 of the application

Mike: Keep in mind the idea of having a memorial park (Founders Park or Legacy Park) that honors several individuals.

Kevin: City Council would facilitate development of such a park.

The "burden of proof" that a nominee is worthy of the honor would be with the nominator.

City Council said in their Study Session that they do not wish to discount memorializing those still living.

Kevin: Suggested being more specific (in the "Directions" section of the application) about who should supply the letters of support.

Mike: The memorial park may be a good place to incorporate public art pieces. The park could include various sections for community founders, etc.

Larry made a motion to accept the application with suggested changes. The motion passed unanimously. Nancy will make the changes and send the application to PRAC members for review.

PROJECT UPDATES

Tom Frost Reservoir shelter. The shelter has been completed. Nancy said that it should be available for rentals this year.

McKay Lake Park. A consultant has been hired to develop an illustrative master plan for the park, which should be complete by the end of May. As there is currently no funding available for improvements, a final master plan may not be completed for two to three years. PRAC may meet jointly with the Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee as this process continues.

Summit Green. PRAC visited this site during the August 15 park tour. It is located in the MidCities area of Interlocken. The multi-family housing development is required to include a public park. The developer had proposed a one-acre park in the center of the site. Staff had wanted to have the park moved closer to the street. In response, the developer has proposed to widen the driveway and the greenway to the park, but leave it in the same location. Mike noted that it will be very important to have street signage.

Nancy has provided comments to the Planning Division, noting that the large, circular concrete pads in the plan should be removed and replaced with turf. Seating and/or picnic tables should be added. There is currently no shaded areas proposed. As a public park, a portable toilet should be on site.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: DATE/AGENDA ITEMS

Date. The next meeting of the PRAC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda items for the next regular meeting.

- Projects
- Naming policy follow-up
- Global Supremacy sculpture placement
- Recreation Services events

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved by PRAC on May 23, 2013.