ROLL CALL:
Jerry Hodgden, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
The Agenda was approved on a motion by Laura Weinberg, seconded by Torsten Lyon, and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The Minutes of October 15, 2013 were approved on a motion by Jerry Harcek, seconded by Emmy Dimitroff, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

CSM SKATE PARK PROJECT:
Students from a CSM Senior Design Program made a presentation on their vision for the future of Ulysses Skate Park. Kaitlin Hedberg led the group by telling the Board about the two semesters Senior Design Course. It is intended to prepare future engineers to work in a group. Teams are put together and throughout the year they will develop a conceptual
design and prototyping project. They will have a final presentation in May. This group is redesigning the Ulysses Skate Park. Rod said this group suggested to Council in August that they would like to extend their help. The City has given them some parameters including a budget.

The students made their presentation.

**2014 PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSION:**

Rod Tarullo said from his perspective he felt the Board came to consensus regarding making improvements to Golden Heights Park in 2014. He would like another playground as the second to receive improvements. He anticipates a $450,000 budget which would likely include improvements to two neighborhood playgrounds with some remaining funds for park improvements across the parks system as needed. The Board said they discussed Beverly Heights and Heritage Dells as an option as well.

Emmy Dimitroff said her perspective is the north side of town received upgrades at Norman D. Park and Vanover Park. She felt the south side of town needed attention in 2014.

Laura Weinberg said Tony Grampsas Playground is also not particularly attractive. Rod said community playgrounds would likely be larger replacements and more costly, thus not considered for neighborhood park improvements.

Laura added Heritage Dells is right next to the school so she is undecided if we should make a large investment there when it may not be needed in the future with a new playground at the school.

Emmy said she would advocate for South Ridge or Heritage Dells. The north end has had a lot of improvements.

Laura said if some of the money should be put towards playgrounds based on age and concern over replacement parts, Beverly Heights is the next oldest so it would be replaced.

Stephanie Sung said she is concerned Beverly Heights playground wouldn’t be visited much because of the construction to occur at 19th with the future beltway.

Rod asked if Cressman Gulch playground needed to remain and be replaced. It is more of a linear rest area along Tucker Gulch.

Rod said Lion’s Park, New Loveland, Heritage Dells, Beverly Heights and Cressman are all 1995 to 1997 built playgrounds.

The Board determined they will revisit the second playground to receive improvements at their regular meeting in December. Craig Middleton suggested narrowing their options to three with the Board making a decision next month. The Board will review and visit Beverly
Heights, Heritage Dells, Cressman Gulch, South Ridge, and New Loveland for consideration next month.

CLEAR CREEK PARKING DISCUSSION
Jerry Hodgden said we had a great parking meeting with the public November 7th and a couple of the Board members discussed the situation after the meeting. One of the reasons we haven’t found solutions for parking along Clear Creek is because we don’t have the problem well defined. There were various different problems depending on where you are within the corridor.

The Board decided to work towards identifying the problem and finding solutions based on neighborhood rather than one solution fits all. Torsten said the meeting a couple weeks ago was specific to parking management. The discussion after the meeting was directed towards issues that tie into the problem which could be reviewed through the lens of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. He believes the problem should be phrased for this Board as use management within the corridor. Laura created a comprehensive event calendar for use/activities and events within the corridor.

Laura said one of the things that came up was we talk about solutions but haven’t defined the problem well enough to determine when to use the solutions. For example what hours of the day would need parking management? Laura said Beth Bidwell sent her events that may cause congestion and Laura took it and flushed it out further. All the events that Laura could find she put into a calendar. It is still missing pavilion rentals and ball field rentals. Amber said pavilion rentals typically occur May through September Thursday through Sunday. Laura added if we finished the calendar we could decide how to manage the corridor use as conflicts would be defined.

Torsten said we could even overlay the temperature and river flow charts to more clearly see the conflict.

Emmy said her neighborhood is concerned about the School of Mines sports facility. She said Mopar used to be a pain in their side, but they eventually worked together. Is there a way to make the residents more excited about what is happening in their neighborhood? Is there a way to decrease the confrontation? Permits may not necessarily solve it.

Laura said we need to learn the big picture of the problem in order to not squeeze the bubble and cause more conflicts in other areas. Many businesses have private events and can provide parking. CSM does not have enough parking for their games so it is expected to have cars parking in the neighborhoods.

Laura said city staff did discuss stepping up enforcement next summer in the neighborhoods.
Torsten said Laura’s calendar is a great start. This Board could assist with analyzing this problem from Lion’s park all the way to Vanover Park. Let’s look at usage with weather and flow rates. Let's add business hours and then we will have a great way of defining the problem. Torsten said he is happy to chair a committee to overlay this information. Laura said she can assist for the next month. Emmy will also help as she is geographically affected. Craig Middleton said he would also like to help.

Rod said there is also a sub-committee group gathering to work on parking management. They are meeting on Monday, November 25th, here at the Golden Community Center. The meeting will take place from 3:30pm to 5pm. If you want to get on the list for the committee, Beth Bidwell is the contact.

**2A/2B LAND PARCEL DISCUSSION:**

Rod wanted to update the Board, a memo was provided in your packet from Mr. Glueck which was also presented to Council. 2A and 2B are two land parcels which were on the ballot for vote by Council to enable us to potentially sell the lots. It passed. Rod said he wanted to apologize to the Board, we did discuss these parcels multiple times but Rod is sorry that he didn’t review it again with the Board prior to the ballot. 2A is located at Wyoming Circle and Pine View Road. 2B is located at the corner of Ridge Road and Cressman Circle.

The parcel on Ridge Road has an adjacent property owner who has been looking for some relief as their property is on a zero property line. The City property with heavy rains has some erosion. The property owner cannot access their property very well from that side.

Rod said there has been some criticism as to how the ballot was worded though it did pass and Council now has the option to decide whether they want to sell the land parcels. If the Parks Board would like to give advice to Council on these parcels you are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Rod said he and Mr. Glueck have met with the neighbors on Ridge Road.

Jerry Hodgden said there are several parcels of property under city ownership that we do not derive direct benefit from but are required to maintain. These are two of at least eight properties that have been identified.

Torsten said this discussion is very different from that. Torsten said he was shocked to see this on the ballot, Mr. Glueck has been here previously but as a Board we did not make a recommendation to sell or potentially sell any of these properties. He would request this Board revisit Parcel 2A and determine what park usage data we need to gather and help guide Council in what to do if anything. 2A provides a tremendous asset for access to that North Table. He would like to express to Council why it is important to have this land in the system long term and understand what the tradeoff would be in selling it. We could then make a formal recommendation to Council that they not divest that property.
Rod said his understanding of 2A was originally an extension of that neighborhood. It has served as a parking lot over time.

Pete Gotseff said the land will also change with the realignment of Hwy 93. There wouldn’t be a right turn off 93, there would need to be some modification perhaps the turnoff would be a future frontage road.

Torsten said his concern is in the current alignment that parkland provides a lot of access to North Table for Golden residents. Craig Middleton said there are a few cars parked there now on any given day, we should hold off Council and do a review. Rod said they will be having a discussion about it in February. You may wish to request more time of Council before that time.

Torsten said we will never get any property back that we sell. 2A provides value to the City of Golden recreation enthusiasts.

Jerry Hodgden suggested we work on our recommendation to Council at our next meeting.

Torsten made a motion to delay any decision by Council regarding the potential liquidation of parcel 2A until the Board has had time to review and gather data regarding the parcel at which time the Board would make a recommendation. The motion was seconded by Jerry Harcek and passed by 6 votes with two abstaining.

Torsten said the Board needs to determine whether this piece of land is an asset to the parks system.

Stephanie Sung said she feels this is exactly why Council will have the public hearing in February, we need to see what the residents want not just what the Board wants.

**GOLDEN CEMETERY DISCUSSION:**
There was an article in the Transcript regarding the Golden Cemetery which continues to be unable to support itself financially. This topic will continue at the next meeting for discussion.

**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD SOCIAL:**
Jerry Hodgden said traditionally the Board has had a holiday social. He was curious if the Board was interested in that this year. The Board said they would discuss it next month as well. Craig Middleton offered up his home for a meeting place.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**
Rod said in previous years you have pushed your regular meeting to the Study Session the first Tuesday in December rather than holding your regular meeting the third Tuesday. It’s up to you to decide your December schedule.

The Board agreed their next meeting will remain on December 17th. The Study Session will be cancelled.
BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS:
Laura asked what the status was of the new HVAC system at the Golden Community Center. Rod said it is too tall and does not meet code; they will go before Council in February to discuss their options to remedy the situation.

Jerry Harcek said we have fixed the CIRSA issues at the Golden Bike Park. Rod said he is talking to COMBA to try to find out where we will stand with maintenance going forward.

ADJOURN:
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jerry Harcek, seconded by Stephanie Sung, and carried unanimously.