PRESENT: Torsten Lyon
Laura Weinberg
Jerry Harcek
Peter Gotseff
Jerry Hodgden
Stephanie Sung
Dylan Grange
Emmy Dimitroff

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Amber Thill, Parks and Recreation Analyst
Rod Tarullo, Director of Parks, Recreation and Golf

COUNCIL: Councilor Saiorse Charis-Graves, District One

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 Jerry Harcek, seconded by Torsten Lyon, and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The Minutes of November 20, 2012 were approved on a motion by Torsten Lyon, seconded by Jerry Harcek, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

NORMAN D PARK UPDATE:
Rod Tarullo said City Council took action to move forward with the sale of the lot in the KB Homes Subdivision near Norman D. Park. We anticipate $100,000 for the lot. As soon as it sells we would likely begin the public process to determine what the neighbors would like to have in their playground. Potentially public meetings could begin early in 2013. We will need to outreach to all of the northern part of town.
2013-2014 BUDGET REVIEW:
We had some discussion last time about the City of Golden Budget document. It probably has more information than you ever wanted to know about Golden finances. Rod said he would like to briefly discuss a few specific pages within the document. The beginning of the document includes a Memo from Mr. Bestor, City Manager, and shows fees and charges increases they have included in the budget document. Page 24 covers the different funds within the budget. There are capital project funds, sales and use tax, special funds, proprietary funds and enterprise funds. Enterprise funds include Splash, GCC, Fossil Trace, Cemetery, Rooney Road, etc. We also have a trust fund in Perpetual Care at the Cemetery.

Rod said there are a couple pages starting on page 28 showing where revenue is coming from to the City and where it goes. Parks and Recreation is spending approximately 20% of the City’s budgeted funds.

Torsten asked about staffing changes to address the Clear Creek Corridor this year. Rod said we have some funding put towards Public Safety for hiring of additional staff specifically for Clear Creek.

Rod said on page 54 there is a review of General Fund Revenues.

Now we move to Enterprise Funds. Page 69 shows revenues for the enterprise funds. Enterprise Funds are generally self-sustaining.

For example, Fossil Trace had the highest merchandise sales this year at $410,000. Jim Hajek was recognized as Merchandiser of the Year for the second time by the Colorado PGA. The golf course will ultimately pay for itself then bring profit in for the City and other programs and services.

Rod said the next section of the Budget he wants to bring to the Board’s attention is the Jefferson County Open Space Fund. The County allocates these funds annually. The grants we apply for through Jefferson County Open Space also come from some of the County sales tax set aside specifically for the local grants program. Torsten asked what the specifics are for spending these funds. Rod said the funds are earmarked for parks, trails and open space.

The Lottery Revenue is the Conservation Trust Fund. It is approximately $168,000 in 2013. It also is restricted to use for parks.

When we get to page 140, we have a narrative and budget split into detail for each fund within our Department and throughout the City. The first is Parks and Recreation Administration. What you see here are expenditures. It covers each of our funds; Outdoor Recreation is another General Fund example. The budget narratives show goals, accomplishments, and performance measures. You may also have interest in looking at the current 10 Year Capital Improvements Program Budget at the end of this document.
Rod added every month we generate monthly budget reports which demonstrate money spent year to date and total revenue. It also includes our current cost recovery. It then provides budget expense detail.

Jerry Hodgden asked if we can extract our relevant pages from the City’s Budget. Jerry said we might use it anytime there is a new Board Member. We tend to forget what we encompass. Peter Gotseff said he has found useful one or two page cut sheets. Amber suggested sending out the front page of the Parks and Recreation Monthly Revenue and Expense Reports. The Board agreed that would be great.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:
Rod said we are diligently working on the Clear Creek Management Plan. The City Council has a Study Session on January 17th to discuss. We have an Open House on February 12th which will include a series of “work stations” dealing with most of the issues articulated regarding parking, trail congestion, management strategies, the Ecological Evaluation, a survey, etc. Torsten Lyon said the Board should be educated and a presence at this Open House.

Rod said we have coffee mug gifts for you tonight and an invitation to the Boards and Commissions Appreciation Dinner on February 20th at Heritage Square. We hope to see you there.

Rod said Steve Glueck, Director of Planning and Economic Development, sent an update on the Bachman property late today. What has happened is the property has been appraised again and it has come in even less. The owner wants a lot more money than what the appraisal says the property is worth. We would like to put this on your January Agenda. The south neighborhood group will likely come to discuss the property at your January meeting. You will then likely have to make a motion.

Jerry Hodgden suggested the Board drive around the property before the January meeting to get the lay of the land.

Jerry Harcek said if you look over from Apex there is also a really good perspective. Rod added if you take a drive don’t forget the Connector Trail Group is very interested in the property for their first connector trail.

The Board agreed not to have a Study Session on January 1st.

BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS:
Jerry Hodgden said he is thrilled with what is happening with the South Side Trail and was fascinated by how far back from the bridge it actually is. One can see the concrete driving from 10th Street. It will be very attractive to most people. It will also divide some bicycle traffic. We need to watch how traffic flows.
Jerry Hodgden added that Vanover Park might have been discussed last month but he missed the meeting. Rod said he talked to Council but he hasn’t formally had Council review the Concept. Part of the challenge is with the design we have, Rod is not sure we determined what the ground cover should be. We might need to give that area some attention. We will move forward in 2013 on Vanover Park improvements.

Jerry Hodgden asked if Councilor Saiorse Charis-Graves had any comment. She said you have probably heard before her District was so grateful the City acquired the Bachman property. She wanted to reiterate how much that purchase meant to those in the area.

Secondly she said she really appreciates the work the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board does and the challenges the Board faces. She is grateful for your contributions and thoughtfulness.

Stephanie Sung asked about the status of the Beverly Heights parking lot. Rod said he doesn’t have a date for completion yet.

Jerry Harcek asked about the completion date for the South Side Clear Creek Trail. Rod said they are close on concrete, it is weather dependent.

Torsten said Happy Holidays.

Laura Weinberg asked of any public site that would show private property within the City of Golden limits. She is wondering if there is a way to see undeveloped land within City limits which is privately owned. How unique is the Bachman property? Jerry Harcek said that is available at the Jeffco Assessor’s Office and is a GIS question. Pete added there is a mapping tool.

Rod added we have a list of Open Space Priorities property that you have ranked in the past with aerials. Amber said she will send it out tomorrow.

Pete Gotseff said the new Clear Creek Trail concrete is very nice and smooth for riding. It is a new paradigm in Golden for trails.

Pete asked what the status of the National Park Service Agreement is. Rod said Joy Lujan is our contact and will be at the February 12th meeting. She is great to work with.

Torsten asked if we will have any glimpse of the information to be provided on the 12th prior to the Open House. Rod said we are giving information to Council on January 17th so as that gets prepared we can also send it to the Board.

Emmy Dimitroff asked what the plans are for the dirt lot on 11th Street. How do you define the parking lot from the trail? Rod said he doesn’t know but he can find out. Emmy said she would like some trees. She said they were defining an edge today. Rod said Paul
Burkholder went and talked to his friends from Jeffco and he is getting a bunch of rocks for that purpose. They may be on both sides of the trail in the dirt lot. Rod said there is supposed to be a swale on the north side of the trail.

Emmy also asked what the policy is at the Clear Creek RV Park regarding the overflow space on the east end. It congests the trail when it is used. Rod said with the Master Plan it ultimately goes away. Rod said he can check on it. Emmy said in the summer it becomes a pinch point.

Jerry Hodgden said ordinarily he hears nothing but nice things; though he was sitting in the hot tub this week and heard people talk. He had three complaints that the jets are not powerful enough. He has also heard the showers are not getting cleaned as well as they should.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Emmy Dimitroff, seconded by Laura Weinberg, and carried unanimously.