PRESENT: Jerry Hodgden  
Jerry Harcek  
Torsten Lyon  
Casey Brown  
Emmy Dimitroff  
Peter Gotseff  
Stephanie Sung

ABSENT: Craig Middleton

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

PUBLIC: Preston Driggers  
Matthew Meyers

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved on a motion by Jerry Harcek, seconded by Jerry Hodgden, and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of January 20, 2015 were approved on a motion by Jerry Hodgden, seconded by Jerry Harcek, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BACHMAN PROPERTY PUBLIC MEETING: Rod Tarullo began the discussion by stating we have scheduled a March 3 meeting at Shelton Elementary Library starting at 7pm to discuss the Bachman Property. Preston Driggers suggested an electronic sign at Bachman rather than the written neighborhood meeting signs. A sign on Heritage Road and another at Zeta. Rod and Amber agreed it was a good idea.
Rod said from his perspective the purpose of this meeting is twofold. One, to confirm the purchase and purpose of the Bachman property including funding mechanisms. It is very clear and apparent the purchase of the property was for a neighborhood park and open space.

Jerry Hodgden asked how many acres total. Rod said he thought 14. Rod said there are some people in the community who didn’t realize it was intended for a future park site. One of the purposes of the meeting is to affirm the purpose of the land.

Jerry Hodgden asked if trails and other features, such as a dog park, could be put in the open space. Rod said we can put in trails in open space. Rod said one of the objectives of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan discussed making connections between neighborhood parks, schools, etc. Some of the initial plans orchestrated by the neighborhood group included parks and trails. Rod said he would also say that it was an area of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan that was identified as having an unmet park need on the south side of town and part of the reason we used open space funds to acquire it. To develop this site for a neighborhood park it would cost millions of dollars. When we have funding for something to this extent that would be the appropriate time to create a master plan for this future park. Rod’s recommendation would not to be getting into the weeds at this point. It would clearly be a significant public process when the appropriate time comes and funding is available.

Torsten Lyon said, to be clear, the meeting on March 3 is not a master planning meeting for the future park. Rod said with that said, the second objective of the meeting is, as city owned open space, what level of activity would we allow in the park at this time? What is acceptable to the community for the property? We have heard in our meetings there are residents who would advocate for a social trail; in Rod's mind if that was something to be considered it would be a soft paved social trail so that when we had funding to develop the site we could do something more permanent.

Rod said there could be other suggestions from residents that come to light on March 3 as well as residents who would rather the property is left as is.

Rod said to take it a step further, in talking to residents; it appears that at least some may have a desire to also discuss Heritage Road and Heritage Square’s closure. Jerry Hodgden asked if Public Works could attend. Rod said we discussed it at Management Team this morning and the feeling is we would invite Public Works and Planning to this meeting and be prepared to answer these types of questions.

Jerry Hodgden said since the Heritage Road improvements are adjacent to the Bachman property, we might want to consider the road and traffic circles when looking at this area.

Jerry Hodgden asked about the new development on Colfax. Rod said it seems there are some challenges with that property that might make it difficult to develop. On the North side drainage makes it difficult. Rod said Mr. Glueck has also been working on a paved path
from the S. E corner of the Bachman Property continuing on Colfax where it meets on Heritage. We have plans for this but again no funding at this time.

Jerry Hodgden asked if the closing of Heritage Square would have an effect on this. Rod said it depends on what the property owner decides to do. The Jefferson County Apex Park will not be affected by Heritage Square’s closing. Many are concerned if a social trail came into Bachman it would be heavily used a thoroughfare to Apex.

Preston Driggers said he would like to comment there are 8 neighborhoods involved in this discussion, probably more on the east end. All the neighborhoods want to have input. Preston said they would be happy to get flyers out to the mobile home parks. Preston said he imagines the City purchasing Heritage Square, there is parking and neighborhood trails going to the park. There will be sidewalks after this summer. It could have indoor hockey, soccer, cycling, etc. There could be multiple uses throughout the day, off leash dog parks, climbing, etc. It could be called the Apex Community Park. Imagine a training facility and public/private partnership. Imagine a place with a small auditorium for community use. This parcel could actually serve all of Golden and be a place where people would want to come and not compete with any businesses on a 10-20 year plan. Last fall he had a tough conversation regarding a community garden on the Bachman Property. He said we have a place right now that would be something we could be proud of. Preston said there are options we need to keep ourselves aware of that we didn't have before.

Torsten said he loves the visionary idea for sure. We need to keep this conversation focused on the Bachman Property for this meeting. Jerry Hodgden agreed with Torsten, but also appreciated what Preston has to say because it is an important and relevant consideration. Torsten said it is great to be aware of the hot topics in the neighborhood right now, but we need to stay on task and be able to come to gather input specifically for the Bachman Property.

Preston said there should be some sort of form that makes sure the neighborhoods are represented.

Rod said there has been some discussion if a social trail was to be considered people assume additional fencing and lighting. There are other elements of concern that potentially come with a trail. This discussion would also need to take place at this meeting. Rod said his vision for the meeting was to be organized. He is interested in how the Parks Board would like the meeting to run.

Casey Brown said perhaps we should have an organized introduction and talk through the issues. If someone is specifically interested in the roundabout then they could be in one corner, Heritage Square in another, and lastly Bachman. It could be similar to an Open House. Torsten said he also liked that idea. Jerry Hodgden said he wondered if there could be a follow-up meeting and summary report on what the staff heard. The summary would also be posted on the website. Casey wondered if they could arrange a field trip at 6:30pm
to the site with a staff person to better familiarize anyone who would like to attend with the property. Rod said we can easily make that happen. Jerry Harcek asked for an overhead at the meeting to show the property and also the proximity to the different neighborhoods.

Torsten asked Preston Driggers to introduce himself and Matthew Myers. Preston said we need to have comment forms and ask for the neighborhood and contact information at the meeting. It would also be nice to submit comments electronically.

Torsten said he wouldn’t mind coordinating with Rod further prior to the meeting. Casey said it is great to bring in other Departments as well. Rod said he would also ask for Jefferson County Open Space representatives to attend.

PARKS BOARD 2015 WORK PLAN:
Torsten said the intent of the 2015 Work Plan was to communicate it to Council and discuss it with them on March 12th at their meeting. Rod said they have a regularly scheduled meeting that night followed by a Study Session. Rod said they are trying to keep their meetings before 10pm, Rod would guess 8pm would be a good estimate. It will be a Study Session format, a little more casual than a regular meeting. Rod said typically any Board members who want to attend are welcome to attend.

Casey said the Work Plan looks great. Torsten said we need to pass this on to Council tomorrow; it was approved at our last meeting with changes so we should be all set here. Torsten asked that staff also pass on the updated CIP priorities to Council.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:
Rod said he has been meeting with the Cannon View Subdivision and working with them and the State on the North Hogback mine closure. We have another meeting on Thursday at 5pm. The fencing of the hogback will be done by the end of March. The work they have completed thus far has been north of the city limits. The work they need to finish is on city property as it is the site line for the neighbors. It is finally wrapping up.

Rod said we had a meeting in the fall with neighbors impacted by the triangle property on South Golden Road. We had, as a staff, come to the conclusion it would be best to re-irrigate that property. We thought if we brought it back to blue grass, they would be happy. Some in the neighborhood are interested in other options such as seating. This is not ideal to our School Resources Officer. Rod said what he is going to do is have our Landscape Architect create one to two alternatives for neighboring residents and business owners to view, which the Board will also review.

Rod said we came to some conclusions regarding the Wyoming Circle Park and it looks like we were over budget. We are making modifications to the plans to try to bring it within the budget. We will push it out via email to those who attended the public meeting for comments. They are not significant changes and some of the work we may do in house instead of hiring a contractor.
Nathan Richie from the museums has been working with his staff on a master plan for the History Park. He intended to bring it to the Parks Board tonight, but he is backing off that right now and you will likely have the first blush on this project in the near future.

Torsten asked about the Astor House. Rod said we are meeting with a contractor tomorrow on the structural issues. We should start in late 2015 and finish this project in 2016. Nathan is hoping to find some funding for the programming side of it.

Jerry Hodgden asked about acquisition of documents related to Golden’s history from the Library. Rod said for all practical purposes this transfer is complete. We have been able to preserve it, but what we don’t have in place at this time is how to get it to the public.

Rod also wanted to update the Board on future vacancies, the deadline for applications to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is March 12. Three of you are term limited, Jerry Hodgden, Peter and Stephanie. Torsten is also up and eligible to reapply. Rod said from what he understands it appears Council will make appointments mid-April. We assume our current board members will fulfill their role through April. If you know of people who would be great on this Board make sure they are aware. Amber suggested we check with Craig’s alternate status.

Rod said from a turf perspective the Ullr Festival came out fine due to some snow cover. Torsten said he heard positive feedback. Rod said there was some mix up on the license for alcohol.

**BOARD MEMBER’S COMMENTS:**

- Torsten asked about an update on the bike park. Jerry Harcek said he met with Billy and Paul from city staff and walked the site. They mentioned getting bids from a professional trail building company. Rod said we have plugged in $10,000 for this work to the bike park back to its former glory. Jerry Harcek said he has contact information for a good contractor. Jerry said he has also been asked by COMBA to be their representative with the city. Torsten asked if Jerry felt the bike park maintenance is where it needs to be. Jerry said a refresh of the park by a contractor is a good idea, and then it is just a matter of upkeep.

- Torsten said he saw a link on a Recreation Summit later this week and was wondering if any staff would be attending. Rod asked if he could have the information. Rod said there is a similar event at the County on Monday.

- Torsten commented we received a nice email from Jeff Oxenford regarding the Clear Creek Whitewater improvements. It appears all on the Board received it and he also sent one to City Council.

- Emmy said Paul left her a message regarding her rock; she hasn’t returned it but wanted to let him know she likes the new rock even better.
• Peter commented he met with Paul Burkholder, Kim Fredrick from Jeffco, and Tye Garner and walked South Table and the takeaway of the meeting was collaboration between adjacent assets. Paul and Kim agreed it was a great idea and the city should collaborate on maintaining these access areas. Pete suggested coming this spring perhaps we could do better connecting to Jeffco trails, Jeffco uses EventBrite and could lead this charge. Matt from Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado is now working for Jefferson County starting this week. We hope with Matt being at Jeffco this would be a good impetus to better soft trail access to Jeffco. Torsten said we should nurture the contacts and relationships Pete has built for the trail system. Pete said Jeffco hiring Matt will be tremendous for volunteerism.

• Rod asked if we should set a time for a field trip for Bachman. Casey was thinking 4:30pm before the meeting; it might only take 30 minutes. Torsten said we could set a different meeting night. Casey felt there was some benefit to give residents an opportunity to kick dirt with us. Rod said meet at the Fire Station at 4:30pm on March 3rd.

• Torsten said two weeks ago they went camping and he enjoyed his new City of Golden camping chair.

**ADJOURN:**
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jerry Harcek, seconded by Emmy Dimitroff, and carried unanimously.