PRESENT: Torsten Lyon
Jerry Hodgden
Pete Gotseff
Jerry Harcek
Stephanie Sung

ABSENT: Craig Middleton
Emmy Dimitroff

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

PUBLIC: Marcia Claxton, City Council

ROLL CALL:
Jerry Hodgden, 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 Torsten Lyon, seconded by Jerry Harcek, and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The Minutes of December 17, 2013 were approved on a motion by Pete Gotseff, seconded by Jerry Harcek, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

GOLDEN HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND DISCUSSION:
Jerry Hodgden commented that the existing playground at Golden Heights looks nice. Have there been complaints?

Rod Tarullo said we have not received complaints, it is very old playground and difficult to get parts as you know from previous discussions. Rod also said he took these pictures you
have before you around 3pm yesterday. The park was completely unused whereas Norman D. Park with its new equipment was packed. Rod said we see the most use of this playground from kids who are attending scheduled events at youth sports programs.

Jerry Hodgden said maybe Councilor Claxton as this neighborhoods representative could discuss the playground with her constituents.

Rod said ideally it would be better to have a meeting at their location. The Planning Department is doing a neighborhood meeting with them on March 31st. Their first meeting was well attended. Rod said we didn’t send postcards to their houses for this meeting that could contribute to the low attendance. Our next meeting for Golden Heights will be at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Planning Department so we expect better attendance. Rod said the format of the meeting will be an open house which is different than what we planned to do tonight.

The Board discussed the need to get public process for this playground by whatever means necessary. Councilor Claxton, Rod, and Amber discussed putting the survey on I Neighbors. Amber said we have already partnered with the Planning Department and will send a postcard notification for that meeting as well. The next public meeting for Golden Heights is scheduled for March 31st from 5pm to 7pm.

Rod added that the concepts we are presenting tonight were submitted after a request for proposals was put out to a handful of playground vendors in the area. We did the same for Beverly Heights Playground. Each proposal is unique and different. We can change out components and colors. We anticipate much more turn out at the Beverly Heights meeting next Monday, Feb 24th. Attendees will review the concepts then take a survey to determine which components of the playgrounds are mutually liked by future users. We hope to take information from meeting number one to whittle down to two concepts to present at the next public meeting.

The Board decided to table the initial playground concept review until the next Golden Heights Public meeting.

Pete Gotseff asked about the safety surface. Rod said the safety surfaces could include sand, pea gravel, engineered wood fiber, or poured in place. Amber said only poured in place and engineered wood fiber meet ADA accessibility.

**WYOMING PROPERTY DISCUSSION:**

Rod said during City Council’s study session last week they conceptually liked the idea of the park on the Wyoming property. We will be doing a public process for Wyoming Park as well.
Torsten Lyon asked if the concern was raised with regards to the balance of public process and the family paying for the improvements to the park. Rod said the family has only requested a memorial bench in the park.

The property owner on the west end hasn’t been engaged and will need to be. Rod said they have also discussed making the Cressman Gulch playground improvements with the excess funds from the property’s agreement. Rod added the current conceptual plans also will increase parking.

MARCH MEETING DATE:

Rod said we typically have dates set for Parks Board meetings including the first and third Tuesday of the month. Both he and Amber will be out of town on March 18 which would be our next regular meeting date. We have staff available if you want to move forward with your regular meeting date. If you would prefer to have the meeting on another date, we could move the regular meeting to your Study Session on March 4. You are required to have one regular meeting per month but it isn’t mandated what the meeting date is.

Stephanie Sung motioned the Board make March 4th the regular meeting date, seconded by Torsten Lyon and carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Rod said with the survey that we did for White Ash Mine we are proceeding to replace the basketball court in a similar fashion to what we have had in the past. We are doing Geotech work on it, making sure it will be there for a long time.

The HVAC challenge in this building that most of you are aware of exceeds the height requirements of the Community Center’s building code. The price to move it to a lower roof is $150,000 to 200,000. Council has directed the City Manager to go through the public process to rezone the building. If we choose to move the unit, that is less money available for other operations within the city such as new playgrounds.

We have had structural issues at the Astor House roof; we applied for a State Historic Grant. We were not successful for any of the funds. The next round of grants is April 1st and we will try it again. Nathan Richie, the Museum Director, has ideas on how to stabilize and make changes to the Astor House. We will do a presentation to Council in the near future but we don’t have any money funded currently for structural repairs. The building continues to deteriorate but is currently safe. We are also working on some different ideas on what collection storage might be in the future at the museums. We will also take our Collections Policy to City Council for their approval. A big part of this is to determine what items are removed from the collection. We need a thorough vetted process for this.

Jerry Hodgden said he is concerned we could upset donators. Rod said we want to make sure a policy is in place to protect those people, as well as not burden the museum with collections that do not have value.
Council approved the West Clear Creek Trail closure, signs are up and they hope to be out by April 1st.

Rod said at some point in the not too distant future we are going to have to go back out to visit the Hogback. The options the State of Reclamations has given us are not great; we don’t know what the solution will be there.

Rod said Council approved the overall solar projects for the city. We are having some challenges as the installations continue and we are working through them. We have panels at Tony Grampsas, Splash parking lot, on our golf maintenance building, and on two different restrooms on the golf course. In the last day we have had complaints about the Illinois Street location.

Rod said we had a staff member, Beau Bressler, working at Tony Grampsas Gym when one of the over 50 league basketball players collapsed and did not have a pulse. This was the first time our staff had to administer a shock with an AED and it worked. He was in the hospital for several days, had a couple procedures and is alive and doing great. The hospital staff said the gentleman was one in 3%. We have AED’s in most facilities and parks and we have more ordered.

Pete Gotseff asked about AED maintenance. Rod said the company that services our AEDs actually sent an email the next day alerting our Risk Manager. They told us they will bring out a new unit to replace it the next morning but the existing AED could be used again that night if needed. They are serviced monthly and very well documented.

Torsten Lyon made a motion to congratulate and recognize Beau Bressler’s life saving actions, the motion was seconded by Pete Gotseff and carried unanimously.

Rod said we are 99.5 percent finished with the final draft of the Clear Creek Management Plan. We are at a point where in the next few days we can push this out to you for your review and comments. We will gather feedback, make necessary adjustments and then take it to Council for adoption.

**BOARD MEMBER’S COMMENTS:**

Pete asked about the trail under Hwy 93 at Golden Gate Canyon. Rod said he hadn’t heard anything, but could check. Pete said it’s like squirrels trying to cross 93.

Jerry Hodgden said about 6 months ago the city suggested people on volunteer boards go to a meeting in Denver. There were a lot of Parks Board members down there. A lady from Wheat Ridge called Jerry yesterday and reminded him that the Wheat Ridge Parks Board would like to meet with the Golden Parks Board. One of the topics Jerry brought forth was how the Board handles public process. So they would like to come to one of our meetings.

Pete said it would be interesting to learn how neighboring Boards for cities and districts work.
Rod said he can put together a meeting with the Wheat Ridge Board during one of our study sessions. We will find a date in the calendar; you might want to set an agenda on what topics you would want to cover.

**ADJOURN:**
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Torsten Lyon, seconded by Stephanie Sung, and carried unanimously.