PRESENT: Torsten Lyon
Laura Weinberg
Emmy Dimitroff
Craig Middleton
Pete Gotseff
Jerry Harcek
Stephanie Sung

ABSENT: Jerry Hodgden

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

PUBLIC: Diane Sauter
Mary Reynolds

ROLL CALL:
Pete Gotseff, Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The Minutes of April 16, 2013 were approved on a motion by Stephanie Sung, seconded by Jerry Harcek, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mary Reynolds said they live at Heritage Road and 4th Avenue. The park, Heritage Dells Park, doesn't have any swings. That is why she is here. One of her neighbors who has a daughter was also interested and sent an email. She wanted to put in the request as it doesn't hurt to ask.
Pete Gotseff asked how far off the equipment replacement is due at that park. Rod said he would have to look, but swings typically are not a problem other than they need a large safety area. Mary suggested replacing the tire swing, it is rarely used. Rod said what he envisioned is a more traditional set of swings with at least one baby swing. Rod said in our world we have to have one that is accessible. He showed Mary and the Board an example. The Board suggested maybe just two infant swings. Rod said we had submitted to Council proposals to use funding for park improvements including schools. We would need to find the funds for this in our budget and determine the safety zone. Rod said he would guess for the whole project we could estimate around $10,000. We will take a look at the area.

Laura Weinberg asked where smaller projects like this live. Rod said we have funds we can allocate to maintain what we have every year. If the project rises to the top we can make these types of projects happen. Rod said Paul and he would put a price to it and review the school site. Stephanie Sung said Shelton Elementary has six swings. Perhaps the school could let us install a toddler swing. Stephanie said it would have to go near the basketball courts. Rod added that we have good resources such as INeighbors to get feedback from the area before we move forward.

Diane Sauter said she has a request and she may not have brought enough copies. She thought she would have more neighbors in attendance. She would like to request an off-leash area in Beverly Heights. It would be something pretty simple. She wanted to see if it was feasible in the south east quadrant which seems to be unused right now. It is away from the playgrounds and picnic tables. Her neighbors would like an area to have for dogs to chase each other but not be a nuisance to the park. They are looking for a fence, gate and sign. Her neighborhood said they would sign a petition.

Pete said there is an unauthorized dog off leash area there now. Stephanie said she talked to Paul Burkholder about dog park locations at the last meeting. She was wondering about the space between the tank and the parking lot. Rod said ultimately the Public Works Department would push that area to us. Rod said what he would say is there wouldn't be any ground cover there. The tank site doesn't have any ground cover now.

Diane said she would compare what they are looking for to Ulysses Dog Park. That type of area would be adequate for her neighborhood. Torsten said he isn't familiar with any long term plan for dog parks in Golden. Rod said we don’t currently have any plans. We have two dog parks, a small one at Ulysses and a large one at Tony Grampsas. When we had meetings for the development of the tank in this neighborhood there were also requests for an off leash area up there. We don't have any funds in the tank area right now. Often times we will get a request for shade and lights when we are installing a dog park. Rod said he would talk with Dan Hartman, the Public Works Director about locations. Laura said she would appreciate if there was a fenced in area where that could happen. It happens in all the parks and that is where you have the conflicts.
Pete asked how Diane would feel if the park started to bring residents from other places. Diane said with Lookout Mountain in their backyard they are used to it. Rod said staff can get prices on fences and we could put some information out on INeighbors.

NORMAN D PARK UPDATE:
Rod said we have not focused on Norman D Park the last two weeks. Amber compiled the notes and sent them out from the last public meeting. We have conflicting results of the two meetings. We did find a grant program from the Colorado Department of Health that could pay for the poured in place surfacing by using waste tires. We used the same grant program to fund new surfaces at Lions Park and Tony Grampsas in 2008. The grant award will reimburse up to $50,000 if we receive it.

We have also taken the concept we left with most recently and we have looked at a couple different companies that have similar melding of both futuristic and traditional structures. Rod said our goal would be to get the playground in by the end of summer. The lot closing is the end of this month.

Stephanie went to the park in Dylan, CO. The spin cups were a hit. She observed a 70 year old couple get in them and have a great time. We should have several in the park.

Emmy said she has spoken to a few neighbors and they are concerned that the park will not be quiet anymore and will become a regional playground.

VANOVER PARK IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE:
Some concrete has been completed; the tables and Barbara Falls area are ready to be installed. The “Home Tree” climbing structure will be purchased this week and we will fill with natural elements such as logs, tunnels, musical play, etc.

APEX TRAILHEAD IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE:
The City will work to make the Golden land better for Jefferson County’s new Apex Trailhead; the quarry has repaired the parking lot. The musical theatre will close the end of this year. Typically road repair includes a bike lane. Heritage Road is slated for repair. Torsten said “Yay Golden.” Torsten asked if we have communicated with Bill Mangle and the Golden Connector Trails Group that the Bachman bike trail is a no go at this point. Rod said not specifically but we will. Rod said when we have allocated resource for the park then we can pursue a public process to get the playground built.

Laura said the Board needs to have a plan; perhaps they should develop a Bachman Master Plan so that we are not wasting the land unused.

Emmy said she enjoys that Bachman is open space when she drives by. Rod said there are plans for sidewalk along Colfax coming that way. That could trigger trail development.

Rod also added that we own the hogback just north of Canyon View homes. We own the furthest southern portion as a part of the Richmond Homes Subdivision that went in there.
Our property line is pretty close to the proposed Byway. Back in Oct 2011 we had to do a mine rescue. It brought attention to the open mines on city property. We applied and received a grant to close the mine openings. There are four or five openings on our property, some of which go in hundreds of feet and some have high wall exposures and are very dangerous. We put a deer fence and signage up on the southern edge. As we have worked with the State on this to find solutions, ideally the best thing to do is to totally eliminate the issue by filling in the mine. There are specifications to sealing a mine. The solutions suggested were very expensive and in the end the State is suggesting we put a barrier there so you have to choose to enter it. We will likely end up with just a fence around the openings. We had a neighborhood meeting and meet with people in Canyon View and quickly heard that people had paid money to be able to look at the hogback. The area was also designated as a National Natural Landmark. The Board agreed to take a field trip Study Session to the area on Tuesday, June 4th.

CLEAR CREEK MANAGEMENT UPDATE:
Rod said the fences are installed; there is a pull out by the changing station. The Golden Park Rangers are out and we are at normal levels for snow pack. As of today the flows are 315 cfs which is exactly at typical average. We have also widened the trail on the north side to accommodate multiple uses. Signage will be going in the next couple weeks. Laura commented that there was trash everywhere the day after Mother’s Day. When is the trash emptied? Rod said we went to full parks weekend staffing last weekend. Amber commented that on the weekends, the Parks crews are dedicated to trash pick-up. It is typically the only thing they do on those shifts.

Emmy said there were Park Rangers out last week both on Thursday and Friday. She said on Saturday they didn’t see any Rangers. On Sunday there was one Police Officer. There were people on the trail, parking in inappropriate areas, and alcohol everywhere. She suggested it seemed like a missed opportunity during the first kayak event of the season to start with strong enforcement.

She added that people are being charged to park around Boulder Open Space. Torsten said parking management is one of our best tools that is being ignored thus far.

LIONS PARK UPDATE:
Rod said the pond is once again under construction. We couldn’t get the water out of the after the first attempt at the pond removal. We have a new drainage system which looks like a Mickey Mouse hat. We will then add sod and restore irrigation by the first week in June. The pond area will have to be fenced off until July 4th to establish the sod.

BOARD MEMBER’S COMMENTS:
Jerry Harcek said he agreed with Laura about the Bachman Property, we didn’t buy property just to keep it undeveloped. Laura said it’s difficult to just drop it all together.
Craig Middleton said he agreed on doing something with the Bachman Property. Amber said perhaps we need to make it an Agenda item to discuss and she will add it to our next regular meeting agenda.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Torsten Lyon, seconded by Jerry Harcek, and carried unanimously.