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

ABSENT  Casey Brown  
Emmy Dimitroff

STAFF: Amber Thill, Parks and Recreation Analyst  
Rod Tarullo, Director of Parks, Recreation and Golf  
Dan Hartman, Director of Public Works

PUBLIC: None

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 Craig Middleton, seconded by Peter Gotseff, and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
The Minutes of July 15, 2014 were approved on a motion by Jerry Harcek, seconded by Peter Gotseff and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:  
None

US 6th and 19th INTERCHANGE CONCEPTS REVIEW:  
Dan Hartman, Director of Public Works, gave a brief overview of the US 6th and 19th Street Interchange. Rod Tarullo made introductions and said there are multiple concepts that have been reviewed by public process for the interchange. We will be involved with some level of park and trail maintenance once it is built. Dan is here tonight to discuss these concepts.
Dan said the next public meeting is in early September. Dan said we have held two public meetings thus far with the most recent in July narrowing some conceptual ideas. He said we have a few decisions to make.

Dan reviewed the history of the corridor. He said the region was trying very hard to build a six lane 70 mile an hour freeway through Golden. He said we realized 6th and Hwy 93 is state right of way. There is only a certain level we can affect change. Obviously a freeway creates noise. The less obvious is it becomes a real barrier in our community. If you leave here to drive to the West 6th Avenue/Denver West area, it was a part of Golden before I-70 made it separate. We have spent years discussing how to prevent this from happening to Golden again with the freeway. On Interstate 90 on Mercer Island you can stand over a 10 lane freeway and watch someone play baseball without hearing the freeway. That has been our guiding principle with the 6th and 19th Street Interchange. Our goal is to make the crossing a nice place to be.

Dan said staff has identified four areas of the proposed freeway that have the most barriers. Those are areas where we have to mitigate the presence of a barrier. Dan said we are completely dependent for funding from the larger region. We have been able to get an agreement with CDOT that agrees to the conceptual design standards that we have talked about in this corridor. Dan said we have received a $20 million grant. The City has matched it with $4 million with Colorado School of Mines adding $1 million. For many reasons, this was the right place to start. This will set a standard for the community and future interchanges.

Dan said we solicited input in several areas from the public. The traffic concept coming off or on to 6th Avenue was one of them. In all these alternatives shown we are lowering 6th Avenue by 25 feet. We could make a single roundabout in the center. He said the only current issue is to leave the Beverly Heights neighborhood you need to follow 19th Street towards downtown and then take a second round about to go back to 6th Avenue. In the second alternative (Free Left alternative) we show you could come out of Beverly Heights and take a left. You wouldn’t need a traffic signal just a stop sign. More information about these concepts is available at www.cityofgolden.net. This concept also leaves more potential park space above 6th Avenue. The final concept was a traditional diamond. He said they have had lots of input on these traffic alternatives. He will be recommending the Free Left alternative to Council on Thursday night. Dan added we will also add an off shoot trail from Triceratops Trail.

Craig Middleton asked what the cost differential was between the three options. Dan said the Free Left alternative is expensive due to the walls.

Peter Gotseff asked about the culvert to the north. Dan said it will be replaced.

Dan said the park land on top of the bridge will be the city’s, the 5 ft concrete underneath will be CDOT.
Dan also showed Bridge Elevation options. Lastly he showed a concept for what the park space crossing might feel like. He said staff has thought about amenities that may or may not be needed in this area. There has been a push for a mountain park feel to tie in with the Lariat Loop.

Dan said the next meeting will be the week of September 8th. We will try to get refined park concepts to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board by that time if possible.

Craig Middleton asked how long the residents of Beverly Heights will need to live in construction. Dan said we would like to be under construction just after the 1st of the year. We have already hired a contractor. Actual construction time will be about a year.

Craig Middleton asked about air quality over the bridge. Dan said without stoplights you will find it actually improves.

**GOLDEN BIKE PARK UPDATE:**
Jerry Harcek said they have been pulling weeds at the bike park. Tumble weeds are moving again. They are trying to organize another work day with the midget football team three weeks out or so.

Torsten Lyon asked about the City’s concerns regarding the bike park. Rod said our insurance carrier had the initial concerns. We have had a few meetings and will be plugging in a proposal for budget for city staff to take some of the maintenance burden off the volunteers. As we go through the budget process we will know more. There is a renewal coming up between the City and COMBA. It will depend a lot on the budget process and what funding we can get for the bike park. There had been some discussion about expansion out there which also weighs in. For him it is a balancing act.

Jerry Harcek said the grass isn’t doing well at Vanover so he wonders about the trail at Vanover. Jerry said the new amenities at Vanover seem to be well received.

**GO GOLDEN EVENT DISCUSSION:**
Rod said a couple of City Council would like to have a month long event called Go Golden to start with the USA Pro Challenge and go until October 2nd or 3rd. The closing would be the Mayor’s State of the City address and the awards program. This year she has invited the former Mayor of Oklahoma City who challenged the city to lose an immense amount of weight.

Our Mayor isn’t interested in the lose weight portion just to encourage people to be active. Rod said Mr. Glueck, Julie Brooks and our elected officials are working to put together a package to have a mini special event in the park. We are having some of our recreation instructors come out for physical activity in the park. Lions, Parfet, New Loveland and Southridge Parks are likely locations. Our recreation staff is committing one or two regular classes a month in the park. Classes will be free of charge and include a variety of
programs. Most in the morning, mid day and after work. We are also inviting private companies to join in. In addition, the City Council is agreeing to host one or two walks or hikes a week hosted by Council members.

Tokens will be provided and every time a person participates he or she gets a token. At the end of the month they can redeem their tokens for prizes.

This event might change our 20th Anniversary Party for the GCC. Look for a calendar of events online.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

Next week, August 18th through the 24th is the Golden Community Center shut down for maintenance week.

Council elected to rezone this building for the HVAC system a couple weeks ago.

Staff will turn in our budgets next week. We are preparing our budget for the next two years and also providing an alternative budget with additional service levels such as bike park maintenance, internal trash pickup on Sundays, maintenance along south Golden Road, recycling in the Clear Creek Corridor, etc. We will keep you posted as we progress.

The Native Grasses Tour we moved your regular scheduled meeting for, scheduled for August 19, did not have many takers; we have decided to cancel that tour. You will be getting an email with a copy of all the places we were going to take you which asks you to take a look on your own. On August 28th Council will have a Study Session to discuss these areas. You are invited to attend and give some input. Likely starting around 8:30 or 9pm after their regular Council meeting. A few of these areas will be flown with a drone this Friday to give you more visual opportunity to see the areas.

We received a grant for the W.44th Avenue Trail from Great Outdoors Colorado. The Astor House also received a grant for $200,000 from the Colorado Historical Society. The good news is we have received a half a million in grants, the bad news is that we have right of way issues along West 44th. We had feasibility studies completed but when the city annexed that piece several years ago they annexed pavement edge to pavement edge. The right of way we need is owned by a private land owner, CDOT and Jefferson County. We are working on agreements from these owners so that we can turn in our agreement to GOCO.

Colorado Historical Society Grants are difficult as well. We need to have a discussion with Council to see how serious they are to commit to the Astor House as a museum. The bill is $650,000 for structural issues as well as $200,000 in new interpretation which Nathan has proposed.

Rod said we are days away from White Ash Mine Basketball court construction commencing.
The Wyoming Circle parking lot designer is currently working on construction drawings.

Both Golden Heights and Beverly Height’s playgrounds are open and currently being enjoyed by all. We need to celebrate their opening in the not too distant future. Rod said he would like feedback from the Board.

There is no Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting next week. He doesn’t know of any needs for a study session in September. Our next regular meeting in September, the 16th. Rod will be at the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association Conference.

Rod said we presented concepts for neighborhood review for Wyoming Circle parking lot a few months ago. We had good attendance. We are in the design phase and will send an email out to the attendees of that meeting the final design concepts. There will be a unique shelter, a few more parking spaces, some benches and trees, and a bike rack.

**BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS:**

Torsten said we talked previously about combining the playground celebrations. Craig said he thinks we need to celebrate at each park as they are spaced pretty far apart. Jerry Hodgden suggested an ice cream social. We can have ribbon cuttings.

Craig and Torsten liked the idea of incorporating the park celebrations into the Go Golden Event. You could certainly do a walk or a hike ending at the park and have smoothies or something at the end.

Craig said he noticed that we cut down the most favorite tree in Norman D Park. Rod said he will check on it, it may have been dangerous. Craig also said there are lips in the concrete along Tucker Gulch Trail. It’s terrible on a road bike. Craig asked about the missing statues downtown. Rod said Levi was hit by a car and the fisherman is also being repaired. He believes they will then be replaced.

Peter said he met with the Mayor but didn’t have a lot of opportunity to discuss parks. A question came up as to whether Golden gave discounts to those on Medicaid. Rod said we have a scholarship program for a variety of circumstances. Peter also said this building needs a lot of maintenance and will get some tender loving care next week. The spin bikes especially need some work. Rod said the will fix them up during the shutdown.

Stephanie Sung said the aquatics staff is amazing. Eva is having a great time. Within four lessons she has gone from not swimming to swimming the length of the pool.

Torsten said they have been very impressed with the camp program this summer as well.

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