CITY OF GOLDEN
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
*****REGULAR MEETING*****
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

GOLDEN COMMUNITY CENTER

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of December 6, 2011 Minutes
4. Public Comment
5. Norman D Park Discussion
6. Vanover Park Discussion
7. Director's Report
8. Board Members' Comments
9. Adjourn
Norman D Park Advocates – Canyon View community

Park Dynamics
- Park property was donated in roughly 1978
- In the past 5-7 years, there are at least two new neighborhoods who are frequent users of the park
  a. North 40/Tucker Gulch
     i. 18 homes
     ii. 10+ children
  b. Canyon View- (2011 Taxable revenue of $14.4M)
     i. 56 homes
     ii. 40+ children, most of which are under the age of 5
     iii. 15+ pet owners who frequent the park

How our communities view the Park
- Our view is that the park is a terrific spot for all ages, and the openness is valued and should remain similar to its current layout. However, we also feel the park under serves our community based on the changing demographics of the neighborhood
- In particular, the actual playground area does not have enough equipment during times of peak use, nor does it offer any equipment geared towards older children. We'd like to propose an improvement to the playground area that would benefit children of all ages.

Neighborhood Survey
- We conducted an online survey to gather demographic, use and ideas for improvement
- 39 of the ~70 homes noted above participated
- Summary of findings
  o Most respondents are advocates of a project to improve Norman D.
  o Most respondents would be willing to help with such a project, in various ways
  o All of the households with small children are moderate to frequent users of the park
  o Many of the pet owners are also frequent users
- In general, the community is very happy with the current park offerings. Open space, great shade, well connected pathways, location and privacy were common positive or very positive observations
- Improvement ideas followed the following themes:
  o Big kid Swings, and additional baby swings
  o Consideration of a different surface other than sand. Ex. Mulch or rubber surface similar to Lions Park
  o Consideration of more or upgraded playground equipment including slides, bridges, etc. or potentially a more aesthetic playground structure. Ex. Wooden
  o Enhanced seating
  o Managing the hilly weed patch at the west end of the park
  o Additional trash receptacles