Tuesday, March 16, 2010

PRESENT:  
Meredith Campbell  
Jeff Oxenford  
Jerry Hodgden  
Stephanie Sung  
Jenny Ricks  
Emmy Dimitroff

ABSENT:  
Dylan Grange  
Peter Gotseff

STAFF:  
Rod Tarullo, Director of Parks, Recreation and Golf  
Amber Speedy, Parks and Recreation Coordinator  
Paul Burkholder, Parks, Forestry, Cemetery Manager

PUBLIC:  
None

ROLL CALL:  
Meredith Campbell, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:  
The agenda was approved as amended with Jerry Hodgden’s comments to be presented under Board Member Comments upon a motion by Jerry Hodgden, seconded by Jeff Oxenford, and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2010 MINUTES:  
The minutes of the February 16, 2010 meeting were approved upon a motion by Jeff Oxenford, seconded by Emmy Dimitroff, and carried unanimously.
PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP) DISCUSSION:
Rod Tarullo provided the Board with a document which is a work in progress and includes the existing parks and recreation CIP projects, Master Plan priorities, Council priorities and the Parks Board project wish list. Rod said staff will also be making a list of priorities. The City Council is having a discussion on CIP projects on May 20th. Rod said he hoped staff could give input to the Board by their next meeting and following the Board would prioritize to be able to provide a document to City Council. City Council ranks their projects in August and then has a public hearing in September and approves the projects in October, 2010. Rod said he hopes the Board is comfortable with having a master list by May 20th. The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting is April 20th. Rod said there is not a lot to do tonight.

Jenny Ricks said she wanted to add a project. She said the west side of Clear Creek Trail past 6th Avenue keeps widening because people walk on the outside of the trail. Rod said we need to look at it as it might be Jefferson County. We would likely take care of it with maintenance funds and not CIP. Jerry Hodgden said it is uncertain where the trail becomes Jefferson County. Paul Burkholder said there is a Jefferson County sign marking the entrance. Jenny said she likes the line item currently in the CIP called existing park improvements. She said we talked a lot about integrating natural elements and making improvements. Rod said another element is site furnishings. Rod said we can be as specific as we want to be. Jerry asked if the ice sheet shown the CIP projects list was a skating rink. Rod said yes. Rod said we will need to prioritize where we put our money first. Jerry said not everything has to stay we can remove some ideas from the current list. Jerry said if Lions Pond stays it would be nice to have an improved dock system. Jenny said it is important to have funds set aside for implementation of the Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan as well.

CLEAR CREEK MASTER PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:
Meredith Campbell asked who wanted to represent the Board on the Advisory Committee. Meredith said Jerry Hodgden asked if he might serve on the committee and he would be great. Jerry said he wanted to be on the committee as he is married to the plan and he brought it up during the Downtown Character Plan development. Jeff Oxenford said he is quite interested as well and he is especially interested due to his time commitment to the creek. Emmy Dimitroff said she is interested but could be persuaded. Stephanie Sung said she is not the best person due to traveling for work. Jenny Ricks said she would also like to be on the committee but her schedule could make it difficult. Rod said there are about four meetings total for the Advisory Committee. Jeff said Emmy could touch the family aspect of the corridor. Emmy said she is a stakeholder due to her location on 11th Street so she can be involved that way as well.

Meredith suggested Emmy or Charlie Sturdevon could represent for the 11th Street Neighborhood. She said he was very interested. Jenny said her husband could represent for the 8th Street neighborhood. He is an architect, specializes in ADA, and was a former Planning Commission Member. Rod said he will talk to Steve Glueck, Director of Planning and Development, and thanked the Board for their input on potential representatives.
Meredith said Jeff and Jerry will represent the Board if everyone agrees. Everyone was in agreement. Stephanie Sung made a motion that Jerry Hodgden and Jeff Oxenford represent the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on the Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan Advisory Committee, seconded by Jenny Ricks, and carried unanimously.

Rod asked Amber Speedy to give the Board an update of the status of the Master Plan. Amber said she has been working with Jesse Clark, from Wenk Associates, this week to prepare for launch of the project website www.clearcreekplan.net. The site will go live the week of March 22nd likely towards the end of the week. Amber said the site is a great tool to get feedback from the citizens and stakeholders and to provide project updates, documents and meeting minutes. The site will include a “Leave a Comment” blog for conversations regarding the planning process as well as a “Contact Us” email to contact the consultants and staff directly. The website should also be a tool to get the word out to the public of upcoming meetings and locations.

Amber added currently Wenk Associates is hoping to begin stakeholders’ interviews the week of March 29th. Meredith Campbell said the schedule seemed very tight to get the word out for people to attend. Jenny Ricks commented there would be a stakeholder meeting the Saturday before Easter which could be difficult. Amber said Wenk Associates is trying to have the stakeholder meetings complete so that information is compiled for the April 14th Super Ward Meeting. Jeff Oxenford suggested the Super Ward meeting would be a great time to get the word out about upcoming meetings. Jeff added we need to be sure to get the youth of Golden involved. Meredith agreed. Rod said we will keep working with Wenk Associates to get the schedule going and keep the Board updated. Meredith Campbell suggested the meetings be announced at the Super Ward Meeting and occur later in April.

**TONY GRAMPSAS BIKE PARK UPDATE:**
Rod Tarullo said the current update on the bike park is the City Attorney is going through the footage of the Council meeting to ensure we have all amendments agreed upon in the agreement. Rod said he is hoping to see an agreement tomorrow and he will work with the Colorado Mountain Biking Association (COMBA) to get it executed. The City Engineer said the COMBA plan was not as detailed as is typical but they are moving a small amount of dirt. The plan is conceptual. Rod said the Fairmount Neighborhood has requested to see what is being submitted for a storm water drainage plan as well. Rod said he hasn’t seen the plan but he needs to determine with the City Engineer how strict we need to be on the planning documentation. The Fairmount Neighborhood wants to meet with Rod and COMBA. Rod said Jefferson County has asked for specific traffic and parking information for Easley Road. Rod said he heard there was an article regarding the bike park in the Transcript last week but he hasn’t yet seen it. Meredith said Terry Breheny from COMBA was on Channel 7 as well.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**
Rod Tarullo said he is working with the archery group to further negotiate the City’s agreement with them. They will likely give the City 50% of all their fundraising proceeds they do in a year which will likely be around $1,500. They are raising the cap limit for Golden residents so they will let in additional members and coordinate programming with the Recreation Division. Jerry Hodgden asked if they will have events. Rod said they have three to
four events per year. Jenny asked what the membership was. Rod said they have over 300 members, 90 of which are Golden residents, and 170 of which are Jefferson County residents. They are the largest and least expensive archery club in the state. They instructed 190 people in lessons last year. They take youth as well. Rod said its one of those groups that if you want to learn archery you will find them.

Jerry Hodgden asked for an update on the museum. Rod said the museums and the City are looking at the possibility of restructuring operations and we don’t know what that will ultimately look like. They have hired a consultant to look at possible transitions and Rod has been working closely with Michelle Barnes. A proposal will likely come to the City in the next month or so. They are having a reception next week that the Board would be invited to. They are opening an exhibit, a Show and Tell exhibition of Golden Artifacts. The event begins at 6p.m. on March 25th.

Rod said staff presented the Cemetery Office remodel to Council and the Sustainability Board had pushed staff and Council to make it a sustainable project. Last week the Historic Preservation Board had their meeting and told Council the money should not be spent that way. We cancelled the bids and we will go back to our architect to clean up the inside and get handicap access to the building. It is interesting as two boards told City Council different alternatives. We do need to clean up the mold and provide a better work environment for our staff. Jerry asked what the impact on the Cemetery is by light rail. Rod said they chopped down several trees and have put up a retaining wall right outside our fence. They paid the City for the removal.

Rod said his last item is on April 6th at 6p.m. there is a reception for Greg Stevenson who was the County Open Space Advisory Committee Chair for Jefferson County for several years and everyone is invited to attend at the Jefferson County Courthouse.

BOARD MEMBER’S COMMENTS:
-Jerry Hodgden said when the Golden Community Center closes at 9:00p.m. at night with only two ladies on staff to close. They have to search the building and he felt it might be dangerous. Jerry suggested the police come by and check the lot and the building. Rod said we can definitely ask the police to assist. Rod said they often move their cars up close. He added that the Golden Community Center also has a new custodial contractor who is now here before the ladies close the building so there is actually other people in the building. Rod said it is just as scary in the morning although we often have several customers waiting in line for the building to open. Rod said we will mention it to the police to do a drive by at closing.

-Jeff Oxenford asked if we were doing anything with the dead fish in the pond. Paul Burkholder said they have been scooping them out and putting them in the dumpster. Jeff asked if the pond is stocked. Rod said it was in previous years. Rod said there is a gentleman promoting fishery who wants the pond stocked and the creek. Rod said we used to stock it for the fishing derby although the fish die and no one has caught anything for the last two years. The water is tested from our water lab and to make it a viable fishery it would need a lot of work. Jeff said it might be the same guy he had spoken to and that he suggested the gentleman talk with Trout Unlimited.
-Meredith Campbell asked about the dog park light. Rod said it is going in Thursday at Ulysses Dog Park.

ADJOURN:
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jerry Hodgden, seconded by Jeff Oxenford and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.