Tuesday, December 07, 2010

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

ABSENT:  Dylan Grange

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

PUBLIC: None

ROLL CALL: Meredith Campbell, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:
The agenda was approved upon a motion by Jerry Hodgden, seconded by Jeff Oxenford, and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:
The minutes of November 16, 2010 were approved upon a motion by Jerry Hodgden, seconded by Stephanie Sung, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

2011 JOINT VENTURE GRANT DISCUSSION:
Rod said we spoke last month and the Board gave approval of the Vanover Memorial as proposed by Jerry for the next Jefferson County Joint Venture. The next day in our staff meeting the Recreation Division suggested a new safety surface at the spray pad at splash. Each year we spend about $3,000 to repair the current soft surface. The Diamond Bright product we will use is non slip and mold and mildew resistant river rock surface. It is hard and not a soft surface but lasts much longer. We are not the first people to use it and it is what the
industry recommends. To replace the entire spray pad area is $18,000 so we threw that in as an additional 2nd priority grant for Jefferson County Open Space.

We don’t have a lot of money to put towards a match; we used the Vanover Memorial as our top priority with a structure over the memorial tree, an additional structure next to the playground and a small playground for toddlers. What we have historically proposed to Jefferson County is a 50/50 match on grants; we went lower this time with a 30/70 match. We are confident Jefferson County will like the project and it is only $87,000, much less than we have asked for historically. We hope Council will bless the venture grant requests Thursday, and then we will turn them into Jefferson County on Friday.

Jerry Hodgden provided additional information this week which we can use in our presentation to Jefferson County in January. As you did not approve the spray pad grant at your last meeting, if you are happy with the request we would like approval tonight for the project. We can take it off the table if you don’t want to move forward. Jerry said if this can take care of the spray pad for the next 15 years then it is a good project. Jerry Hodgden made a motion to approve the Spray Pad Resurfacing Joint Venture Grant Request, Emmy Dimitroff seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

CLEAR CREEK CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN UPDATE:
Rod said the Planning Commission, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Wenk Associates and the neighborhood groups are all invested in this project. Rod provided a new schedule for upcoming Master Plan meetings. Rod said we looked at Wenk’s schedule and here is what we have suggested. At your January 4th Study Session, Wenk would come in to give a response to the neighborhood. Meredith said her concern is she was under the impression that we would try to do another public workshop for everyone, all stakeholders. Rod said what we have is a big gap until March 1st. Then we have two months to take action as appropriate so we can schedule another potential public workshop within this timeframe. Rod said Bill Wenk is committed to coming back to the neighbors with a response to their meeting. We will then assess the outcome of the meeting and make decisions on any future meetings. It also gives Wenk time to get the plan to 90 percent completion. March 1st we will have Wenk attend your Study Session and present the plan at 90 percent completion. They will do the same with Council on March 10th. We will hold a public hearing at your regular meeting on March 15th and likely one more study session with Council and possible adoption in April. Jerry asked if this process includes the Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan Advisory Committee. Rod said not unless we need them between January and March. Rod said he would propose to send an email or letter to all Advisory Committee Members, Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Board and GURA and tell them this is the plan schedule. We would invite them to participate in any and all of these meetings and let them know that we will also send them minutes of any meetings after for their review. Rod said Steve Glueck felt comfortable with this idea also. Rod said he didn’t initially have the Council Study Session at 90 percent completion as they want to be able to act on any issues earlier. Meredith said there is only 5 days between the Council session and the Parks Board Meeting on March 15th. Rod said that is fine. Jerry asked if this delay will cost much extra from Wenk. Rod said there will be an additional cost and Council is aware of that. There is additional expense because of the neighborhoods
coming to the table late in the process. The bottom line is Wenk is committed to getting through the process with us. Once we go done the road we will be able to easily identify what is above and beyond their original contract. Other curveballs could be thrown at us along the way. Jerry said this is a much longer process than the Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan was. Rod said that is because more care about the Clear Creek Corridor.

Rod said he would be curious as to the Boards thoughts on the Study Session January 4th. We would invite the neighborhood group, who else do we need to send invitations to? Obviously everyone is welcome to attend a public meeting. We would invite the Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan Advisory Committee as well. Jerry said the neighborhoods were not totally unified in their comments but they were most adverse to the pond loss and the street alignment. Jerry said we cannot agree that 10th Street is safe as it is today. We need to be sure to keep all parties involved. Meredith asked where Wenk is going with their comments at this time. Rod said Bill Wenk will address parking impacts and road alignments with his traffic consultant to show detail in those two areas. Meredith said the neighbors are doing their own traffic study. Rod said Public Works has completed several studies in different seasons to show the group what data we are using to make decisions.

Meredith asked how we envision this study session going. Rod said he would guess we open the meeting up to Bill Wenk and let them run the meeting. After we would have general discussion as we have had at previous master plan meetings. We have an obligation to communicate to the neighbors’ information based on their meeting. Jeff said this may not be the best forum for the neighbors’ response. They want another public meeting. Jeff said otherwise we are going to have one group influence the Board’s decision and the point is to keep all stakeholders involved. Rod said from Wenk’s perspective they hope it is simply minor changes, if major we will have a public meeting to address the issues. Rod said if Wenk’s ideas and solutions don’t satisfy the neighborhoods in January, then the March 15th public hearing is an opportunity for everyone to participate in the direction. Jerry said we already know the neighborhood issues. Emmy Dimitroff suggested at the January 4th Study Session we invite the Clear Creek Corridor Advisory Committee to comment. Then we can have a discussion afterwards. Emmy said then we only get one representative from each stakeholder. Rod recapped Wenk would attend the study session, give his response, and we would invite the CCCMP Advisory Committee. Rod said based on the meeting, we can determine future meetings and public process as needed. Meredith said the two months following January 4th gives Wenk ample time to finish to 90 percent completion. We would want Wenk at any public hearings. Rod said we will provide new meeting information to the Planning Commission, GURA, Historic Preservation Board, and the CCCMP Advisory Committee. Meredith said we should invite Beth Bidwell as the neighborhoods representative. The neighborhood would be welcome to send their responses to Bill’s modifications following the meeting.

Jenny Ricks asked if we hired Wenk to do more than just master plan. Rod said we did request a design element, including the narrowed streetscapes and parking. Jenny asked if we are going to have to complete a public process again as we start developing the creek. Rod said yes, we don’t know when the development will come about and there will likely be a need to have a public process again for each area of development. Jerry said Vanover Park is a good example,
the CCCMP is looking for something natural and simple at Vanover and with the memorial we are keeping with that plan. Rod said to some degree there needs to be a little design to help “sell” a plan. Jenny commented that there may be a need to have a public workshop regarding the community garden space. Meredith said she spoke to the Mayor about the space and he would like City Council to talk with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to ensure we are all on the same page. He suggested Council attend one of our meetings. The other suggestion he had was that he could attend. He did say that the community gardens were never taken off the table to be accessed. We haven’t agreed to an alternative for that location. Jenny commented it is designated to be there in the CCCMP.

Rod said the Board could recommend that there is a public process for the area. Jeff Oxenford commented there is still a need for parking. Rod said Council is going to receive a recommendation from the City for renovating the blue building for City employees which will necessitate a need for additional parking. Rod asked if we should invite the Mayor and or Council to the January 4th meeting. Jeff said he is not in favor of pulling the community gardens area out of the plan. He said we need to address the space. The garden space should be addressed the same as the bike park or the archery range. Jerry said he would like to see a February Study Session with a discussion on the gardens. Keep the issues separate for master plan dissention. Jerry said the January 18th meeting is fine as well. Jeff said we could again invite the CCCMP Advisory Committee and Council. Meredith said there are not any other good ideas for use of the area; the community gardens are going to be there. Jenny said what the Board has felt is that the area was not fully vetted. Meredith said she felt it was. Rod said if it’s decided that the community gardens are in the space we need to determine the supervision and oversight, get agreements in place, and designated staff to oversee them. Jeff said there were other suggestions for the land, but they disappeared quickly. There are not a lot of people vested in the area. He said the community gardeners have done a nice job with the space, but the parking was taken out and that is an area that definitely needs adequate parking.

Rod said the January 18th Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will include an invitation to Council to discuss the Master Plan with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. It could also include the gardens and any other areas of dissention. Council is contemplating spending funding on the Hogback which could also be a discussion topic as the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board did not have it as a high priority for open space purchases.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**
Rod said February 3rd is a City Council regular meeting and we are hosting the meeting at Fossil Trace. We will provide dinner and tell them about our golf operations and discuss the future direction of Splash. There are two schools of thought on Splash. One is to spend money to keep it current and refreshed. The other thought is it caters to a specific group of kids and as they grow, new kids utilize the park. We will do a tour of the golf amenities after the meeting.

Jefferson County Open Space sent a letter stating they are running out of money and asked all the different communities to provide a list of upcoming open space purchase needs. Rod said his sense is they had many more requests then money. They are putting everything on hold. The Bachman Property was ahead of the decision to hold and will likely be purchased by the end of the year. The Hogback could potentially be purchased with City funds not Open Space.
Funds.

Paul said his staff has been doing ADA concrete improvements and poured a concrete pad at the dog park. At Golden Heights we have done concrete work, new picnic tables and benches at South Ridge and New Loveland. We will put the new shelter in at Golden Heights and ADA access off the trail to get a good view of the ball fields. Meredith said Beverly Heights has a swing that is too high. Paul said it continually erodes. If we redevelop we can add concrete to the area. We hopefully will address Beverly Heights in the next year or two. Rod said we talked to Public Works and the tank removal will be late 2011. We will have the opportunity to figure out what we want to do with the available space.

Rod said the Cemetery Building bid opening is on the 9th and construction will begin shortly after.
Paul said the Parfet restroom new roof will also be installed next week.

Rod said the holiday lights are incredible. The parks staff did a great job. The Board agreed.

**BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS:**
* Jerry said in 2006 he wrote a letter in the Golden Transcript regarding the parks work, Jerry said he could send the letter tomorrow and we could update it. The public should know how much we put into the lighting. Paul said our portion of the holiday lights is 35,000 feet not including GURA’s additions. Jerry asked how much was GURA? Paul said east to west is parks, north to south is GURA. Jerry said it is the best he has ever seen. Paul said there were several large trees we had not previously lit.
* Jeff said we got the bid for the Open Canoe National Slalom Championship July 8th through the 10th. We will have paddlers from across the county. He also heard the Junior Olympics are coming the week after. Jeff said we are looking for camping areas.
* Peter suggested Rod speak to Jefferson County Open Space about a trail from Chimney to Apex on the front upper part of the mountain. It is over a mile from the Apex trailhead. People don’t know how cool it is. There is an old alignment there. It wouldn’t impact the area and would be great. You have to want to go there. Rod agreed he would talk to Open Space about the potential for a trail.
* Meredith said the Informer had a blurb about the bike connection to C-470. Rod said our department wasn’t involved; city funds were used through the Planning Department to make the connection with the City of Lakewood and Jefferson County. Meredith commented there was information in the Informer on the trail connection but not the Golden Bike Park Opening. It seemed there should have been more information on the Grand Opening of the Bike Park with all the hard work of the volunteers. Staff agreed and will work on an announcement in the spring encouraging riders to get back out there.
* Pete said there is a trail map in the Transcript every week and it is not colored, Rod said they didn’t get it from us and they use it as fill. We will look into sending them a new map. We will also be reprinting our Parks, Trails and Open Space Map with updates in the next month or two.

**ADJOURN:**
Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Oxenford, seconded by Jerry Hodgden, and carried
unanimously.