

Arvada Park Advisory Committee Minutes
March 11, 2009
Majestic View Nature Center

In Attendance

Cheryl Ames, Bob Barber, CJ Dantinne, Michael Hult, Brandon Marette, Jessica Myklebust, Bill Orchard, Gary Reeves, Larry Wapensky, and Carol Whipple.

Absent

Pat Cervera, Mike Foley and Jean Scharfenberg.

Others Present

Mike Lee, Manager Park and Urban Design.

Call to Order

CJ Dantinne called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Public Present

No members of the public were present.

Approval of Minutes

The February 11, 2009 minutes, on a motion by Bill Orchard, and seconded by Cheryl Ames, were approved.

Breakfast Meeting

Gordon said at the breakfast meeting that new candidates for APAC would be known by April 6th. He also made a request for APAC to prepare a letter of support for the Apex Park and Recreation District's 15-year Master Plan of projects. Gordon also reviewed the 2009-2010 capital maintenance fund of between \$700,000 and \$900,000 and asked that APAC assist in developing a list of priorities of projects that should be funded.

Capital Maintenance Priorities - The Arvada Parks Maintenance staff had prepared three lists of priorities that they felt should be carried out with the additional funds. The lists covered irrigation updates, playground improvements and trail improvements. The Maintenance Department's lists were very detailed and provided a beneficial analysis to determine priorities by APAC. After much discussion, committee members recommended that the irrigation improvements at Oak Park were the number one priority and recommended that the total irrigation improvement be carried out. This recommendation was based on reduced manpower time with an improved system and water savings/sustainability goals that would be achieved. Committee members decided that monies remaining after the Oak Park project should be split approximately 50-50 between playgrounds and trails, again using the priority lists developed by the Maintenance Department as to which projects would be addressed. On a motion by Michael Hult, seconded by Brandon Marette, the vote was unanimous in the APAC recommendation to Gordon.

Report from Mike Lee

- **RFQ Pedestrian/Bike Plan** – This project, awarded to Charlier and Associates, is now underway. There is a meeting scheduled for Monday, March 16th with RTD and any APAC team members that can attend. Bill Orchard indicated he would try to attend.
- **Xeriscape Gardens-MVNC** – Plans that have been developed by Joe Eades will be put out for bid in mid-April.
- **Arvada Channel** – Work is concluding and landscaping is scheduled for spring.

- **Meadowglen HOA** – Parks Maintenance is looking into the existing and needed irrigation for the trees on this project.
- **Pocket Park at Standley Lake** – CJ appeared before the HOA to see what monetary support they would provide for this project. Members of the HOA would not make a commitment at this time and wanted to know how much money would be committed by the City of Arvada. The HOA members were also concerned about the liability on the City's land and also wanted to discuss repairs to the Little Dry Creek Trail. Mike Lee said that he doesn't see liability as an issue. APAC members indicated to CJ that this park request is being made by the community and that their support needs to be made known before the City can make a commitment. CJ was urged to develop some additional resident support for the project and return to the HOA to make a case for their support.
- **Arvada Area Horseman's Association, Naming Barn for Bert Gregg** – Carol will go to the site and get the measurements for Mike. Mike will then have an outside sign company complete the work. There will also be an additional small information sign with a photograph. Carol says she still needs to get the information for that sign and the photograph.
- **Double E Park** – Mike says the project is moving along and is about 75 percent complete. The City is waiting for the plants to arrive and better temperatures to complete the project.
- **Pioneer Park** – Mike says there is some planting to do and the project will be done.
- **Mastodon Head, Arvada Center** – Still shooting to meet the March 31 time schedule.
- **Capital Maintenance** – An RFQ is to be sent out for a consultant.
- **Skyline Estates Park** – A request for proposals for this park, southwest of Stenger, is out.

Unfinished Business

- **School Matching Grants** – Jean and Jessica have sent the grant letter out through the school system. As of the meeting, one application has been received. Depending on additional grant requests, APAC will meet early at the April 8th meeting to determine recipients.
- **West Arvada Dog Park** – A rebuilding effort continues with the next public meeting set for March 12th. Bill is planning on attending and will see if the survey results are in.
- **Dog Park at Five Parks (Beeman Park)** – Jessica has City information on the future development plans for this park and will use the information for an HOA newsletter article. This addresses the undeveloped portion of the park. Nothing is new on the request to start a dog park on the site.
- **Trail at Candlelight and Wyndham Subdivision** – A letter has been sent to John Sullivan that APAC cannot do anything further in 2009. Mr. Sullivan is urged to continue working with the HOAs and return in 2010. This item will now be removed from unfinished business.
- **Skate Board Support Letter** – A letter of support for a GoCo grant for the Skate Board park was sent out by Larry and CJ. This item will now be removed from the list.
- **Apex Meeting with APAC** – A letter supporting Apex's 15-year Master Plan will be written by Larry and CJ and sent to the Apex Board. This item will be removed from the unfinished business.
- **Student APAC Member** – Larry is heading up the effort to find a high school student to serve on APAC. He will send out an email to APAC members to solicit their help on this program. Larry also discussed the need to find additional residents to serve on APAC. He urged committee members to bring their neighbors and friends to an APAC meeting to spur interest in the six vacancies.

New Business

- **Election of Secretary** – Discussion was held on the need to fill the secretary position beginning with the May meeting. Cheryl Ames suggested that it would be better if two people would help with the position. Mike Hult volunteered to serve as secretary and Carol Whipple volunteered to serve as back up. There was unanimous support from committee members.
- **Meetings with Gordon** – The list of attendees for the breakfast meetings with Gordon and the co-chairs was reviewed. Larry pointed out that arrangements can be made for a different time of the day

for those unable to attend a breakfast meeting.

Ongoing Business

- **Sustainability** – This sub-committee met prior to the APAC meeting. Chair Brandon said the sub-committee is determining where they currently stand and what needs to be done next.
- **Park Assessments** – A meeting with the District III supervisor and Mike McDonnell has been set for April 10th at the City’s Indiana facility. Members are completing evaluations for Wyndham and Meadow Lake parks.
- **Park Improvements 2009-2010** – With the action to prioritize the expenditures, this item has been removed from the list.
- **Arvada Channel Naming** – Bill said the team has a total of 43 names, including those submitted through publicity from the public. The team has gathered suggestions from City Council and will now select three names based on all the input. The three names will be submitted to City Council for the final selection.
- **Park Trail Dedications** – Discussion was held on future dedications. It was determined that events should be considered for Churches Ranch, the Arvada Channel and Double E Park. This team is headed by Bob Barber and will include Jean, Bill and Larry.
- **Apex Board Meetings** – Several substitutions were made to the attendance list for the Apex Board meetings. The list will be revised and emailed to committee members. Gary Reeves is scheduled for the March 19th meeting.
- **Arvada Naming Policy** – The support letter on this project was completed.
- **Arvada Report Articles** – Carol has finished an article, with photographs, on Churches Ranch and submitted it. Jessica said an article on the school matching grants program might be possible after the selection of projects. Gary said he would revisit the park trivia article and Pat will be reminded she was going to see if an updated article on park vandalism could be done.

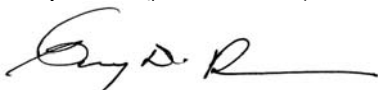
Announcements

- Bill reminded members about Trails Day and that help is needed. He also passed out brochures that will be used that day – one for the bike ride and another for the nature and fun walk. Bill also said that the Arvada Harvest Festival this year will serve as a qualifier for marching bands and he also said that the Olde Town Square will be the location for the Farmers Market, beginning June 21st and continuing every Sunday till the fall.
- Bob talked about coyotes and the problems Arvada and the Colorado Division of Wildlife are having in neighborhoods. He said that DOW is urging people to learn to live with the coyotes, but not to feed them. He said a problem that occurs is that fruit falling from trees is not picked up by residents and becomes food for the coyotes.
- Discussion was held on list APAC’s Field Trip as a future agenda item. It was noted that it is probably a little early but we do want to include Churches Ranch and Double E Park this year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary D. Reeves