

Arvada Park Advisory Committee Minutes
April 8, 2009
Majestic View Nature Center

In Attendance

Cheryl Ames, Bob Barber, Pat Cervera, CJ Dantine, Mike Foley, Michael Hult, Brandon Marete, Jessica Myklebust, Bill Orchard, Gary Reeves, Jean Scharfenberg, Larry Wapensky, and Carol Whipple. No member were absent.

Others Present

Mike Lee, Manager Park and Urban Design. Gordon Reusink, Director of Parks, Golf and Hospitality Services

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm.

School Matching Grants – The committee reviewed three applications for school matching grants. A proposal by **Arvada Senior High School** to provide an onsite recreation area students can utilize during lunch and off periods to minimize the number of students leaving campus. The total cost of this project is \$10,695.75, of which at risk-funds of \$5,695.75 are available. The requested grant for \$5,000 on a motion by Pat, and seconded by Jessica, was approved.

Lawrence Elementary requested a grant to to update and spruce up the playground and grounds. The project will cost \$27,550, of which \$22,550 has already been secured. The requested grant for \$5,000 on a motion by Jessica, and seconded by Carol, was approved.

The third grant request by **Van Arsdale Elementary** for funds towards a new playground, security cameras, storage shed and trash can storage area was considered. They requested \$5,000 in matching funds towards their \$110,000 project. Committee members felt that the application was incomplete. Larry volunteered to draft a letter to Van Arsdale setting out APAC's concerns.

Public Present

John Bird appeared before APAC to update members on the two disc parks. He talked about his work in solving problems at Memorial Park involving play etiquette and intrusion on resident property. He is working with the players and residents and has solved a couple of problems by moving tees and baskets, fixing fences and conducting a clean up. John then talked about progress on Bird's Nest Disc Golf Park. He says no city funds have been used at this disc golf park since 2004. The course is getting a lot of use and John is having to spend a lot of time on the maintenance and watering of trees. He says he needs to move ahead on an office/storage unit and his plans include raising funds through donations, fund raisers and possibly a pay-to-play. John is considering making a bid for a national tournament that would utilize Arvada disc golf and other area disc golf courses. John has outlined a number of needs at Bird's Nest. Carol and Brandon asked John if he has developed a master plan that details future options. At this point no master plan has been developed. APAC decided they would provide a letter of support to John for the work he is caring out at the disc golf facilities.

Approval of Minutes

The March 11, 2009 minutes, on a motion by Mike Foley, and seconded by Cheryl Ames, were approved.

Breakfast Meeting

Gordon said at the breakfast meeting that City sales tax receipts are down. A management drought plan will be reviewed in May. Gordon also said that \$190,000 plus in money has been allocated to resurface 23 tennis courts at 12 to 13 different locations. This is the largest tennis court improvement

project in many years. Parks is working with the Colorado Division of Wildlife on gathering information on possible mercury levels in fish, supplied by CDW, in the Arvada Reservoir. The reservoir was opened on April 1. This year there are more reservoir rangers than ever – 90. It was learned that stimulus funds, through Economic Development, can be used to improve the playground at Memorial Park. City funds allocated for this project will be used at other park playgrounds. Gordon also talked at breakfast and the APAC meeting of his need for APAC to work on the Taking Lasting Care Plan. This is a three-year plan on capital maintenance and priorities that need to be established. Jo Matton will assist APAC and a consultant will be retained. Mike Lee will set up a work session where the three lists of priorities, prepared by maintenance, will be used to develop the plan.

Report from Mike Lee

- **Pedestrian/Bike Plan** – Mike said the plan is well underway. There have been meetings with RTD and bike groups.
- **Xeriscape Gardens-MVNC** – Bids due in mid-April.
- **Arvada Channel** – Pretty well done with some planting to do.
- **Stenger Restrooms** – RFQ is out. Looking to team up an architect with a contractor. A decision will be made in a couple of weeks.
- **Meadowglen HOA** – Planting design has been started. The irrigation issue has been resolved and two valves, enough for all the trees, have been located. Because of maintenance budget cut backs, a means for maintaining this project will have to be found.
- **Pocket Park at Standley Lake** – Because CJ will no longer be on APAC he will take the citizen lead on this project. He has collected over 100 signatures from citizens in support. The HOA has said it is ready to work with CJ and will earmark some funds.
- **Arvada Area Horseman's Association**, Carol got the measurements to Mike and some sample sign designs have been done. However, it was determined that the sign approval is short of the 100 signatures. Carol will see that the additional signatures are obtained so the barn name for Bert Gregg can continue.
- **Double E Park** – Mike says there has been a weather set back but the project is now moving on. The shrubs, laid out on April 8th, were to be planted the next day.
- **Pioneer Park** – Furniture has been set in place under the pavilion.
- **Mastodon Head**. Progress is now being made on the head.

Unfinished Business

- **West Arvada Dog Park** – The rebuilding effort continues and Bill says the group has gotten a lot of new volunteers. A Clean up is planned and the group is looking at fund raising opportunities.
- **Beeman Park** – Jessica continues with the publicity efforts to keep residents informed as to when changes will take place at the park. There is some money scheduled for 2010. Gordon explained that the fence, which is an eyesore to some residents, has to be there because of blowing snow. Once changes take place, including leveling the land, the fence can be removed. The Committee decided this item has been addressed and will be closed.

New Business

- **Election of Co-Chair** – With the appointment of CJ to the Planning Commission, nominations were held on a Co-Chair to serve with Larry. **Brandon** was nominated by Carol and seconded by Cheryl. He was then elected Co-Chair.
- **New APAC Members** – Larry announced the six new members joining the Committee in May. Those appointed by City Council, with terms ending April 30, 2011, are: Michael Campbell, Lane Drager and Larry Medina. Those appointed with terms ending April 30, 2012 are: Craig Donaldson, Tom MacDonnel and Ray Ramelow. City Council also reappointed Brandon and Jean to new three-year terms.

Ongoing Business

- **Park Assessments** – A meeting with the District III supervisor and Mike McDonnell has been set

for April 10th at the City's Indiana facility.

- **Student APAC Member** – Larry and Jean will work on this project.
- **Arvada Channel Naming** – Bill said the team has a total of 43 names, including those submitted through publicity from the public. The team reviewed all of the input and narrowed the list to three names to be presented to City Council (along with the other names). The names selected were:
 1. **Olde Tramway Trail** - this name is based on the name of company that operated the rail route, the Denver Tramway Company. The system itself was also referred to as the tramway. The "olde" was added to match with the moniker of Olde Town and Olde Wadsworth.
 2. **Interurban Trail** - this name refers the part of the Denver Tramway System that ran between urban areas, namely Arvada and Golden and also Arvada and Leyden. All the trolleys in Arvada were part of the interurban system.
 3. **Olde interurban Trail** - same as above but the "olde" was added to match with the moniker of Olde Town and Olde Wadsworth.
- **Park Trail Dedications** – None scheduled.
- **Arvada Naming Policy** – Jean says the Executive Director of the Arvada Center is very enthusiastic and supportive of the effort. He is receptive to honoring people who have made contributions to Arvada and is behind a plan for a rotating historical display.
- **Committees and Teams** – Gary reviewed a list of sub-committee, teams and programs to update the leaders and teams.

Announcements

- Bill reminded members about Trails Day and that help is needed.
- Bob said the coyote educational effort continues.
- Recognition of departing members was held. Leaving APAC is Cheryl, Pat, Gary, Lisa and CJ.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary D. Reeves