

Minutes

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Monday, July 19, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

Members Present: Kevin Hart - Commissioner, Toni Hofland, Chad Gochanour, Art Villasenor, Tony Bartoletti

Members Not Present: Stephanie Galle

Approval of Minutes from Board Meetings held Nov. 16, 2020; Mar. 29, 2021; and May 17, 2021 – Art Villasenor motioned to approve. Chad Gochanour seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes.

Old Business:

- Vacancies - Dr. Anthony Bartoletti has been appointed to fill the Community Board Member position. SD10 has requested that Dakota Norris be appointed to fill the SD10 Board Member position. The Commission will vote on SD10's request on 07/21/2021.
- Election of Chair – Art Villasenor motioned that Toni Hofland remain Chairman. Chad Gochanour seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Election of Vice-Chair – Chad Gochanour nominated Art Villasenor. Kevin Hart motioned that Art Villasenor serve as Vice-Chair. Chad Gochanour seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Recommendation to CEO/Parks Director that general maintenance and corrections to signage be performed at Kennedy Common – Rose Nyman requested that the Board draft a letter to the CEO and Parks Director requesting maintenance to Kennedy Common. Chief among the concerns were: the repairs to the Memorial Benches, some errors in various signage throughout the Common, and the damaged planter. Art Villasenor motioned that the Board draft a letter requesting maintenance and upkeep. Tony Bartoletti seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Maintenance Concerns throughout the Parks system – The Board tabled this item until Stephanie Galle is present as she was working on a letter to address these concerns. Chair Toni Hofland will contact Stephanie to see if she is still willing to work on this letter and present at the next meeting. Rose Nyman did offer to draft a letter if Stephanie is unable.
- West Valley Park Letter of Support – Chad Gochanour is requesting a Letter of Support to be addressed to CEO and Parks Director requesting money to be set aside for improvements and maintenance at West Valley Park. He would like to see sod and new fencing put in. He did want to express his gratitude for Rose Nyman's recent donation of trees. Kevin Hart recommended that we draft a letter requesting \$10,000 to be set aside in the Parks budget each year until all improvements are complete. Art Villasenor motioned to draft letter. Tony Bartoletti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- West Valley Skate Park – Amanda Dour requested a Letter of Support for renovations to the Benny Goodman Skate Park and development of a new skate park at the West Valley Park. Amanda submitted a proposal to the Board. She outlined the need for improvements to Benny Goodman Skate Park. These improvements were mainly related to improving the safety of the existing Skate Park and expanding the skate area. She also encouraged a small skate park feature in the West Valley Park. Amanda also plans to make helmet-use a focus of her fundraising campaigns. She has met with Lacey Stone (local representative for *Wear It for Barrett*) to work on the safety- education aspect of her proposal. Julie Miller, mother of a local skater, offered her support for both projects. She spoke about the closeness of the skate community and the importance of offering a wide variety of outdoor/sporting activities. Her specific concerns at this time include the drain system for the Bowl, the crumbling cement, and she hopes that lights can be installed with the other improvements. Tony Bartoletti applauded the skater’s commitment to their sport. He mentioned seeing the youth shoveling snow, out of the bowl, so that they could skate. Kevin Hart addressed the liability concerns that the County Insurer (MMIA) might have. With the proposed safety enhancements and the reduced maintenance needs, he felt that the proposal had many benefits to the community and the youth. He also felt that the Commission would look favorably upon the fundraising efforts of the non-profit. Kevin Hart motioned to approve a Letter of Support for the Skate Park proposal. Art Villasenor seconded the motion. Motion passed unianimously.
- Disc Golf Course Letter of Support – Matt Buerkle and Teah Fuller presented Anaconda Community Intervention’s proposal for a Disc Golf Course. They would like to build a nine-basket course between the Hope Lutheran Church and Washoe Park. They have secured an M.O.U. from the Hope Lutheran Church. ACI plans to use some federal funding that must contribute to “beautification of the community and serve as an alternative to substance use”. Anaconda-Deer Lodge County is currently performing maintenance on the area and ACI and Accelerate Anaconda would be performing any additional maintenance to the course. As the course would encompass some swampy land, they have asked the designer to be aware of that area. Tony Bartoletti motioned to approve a Letter of Support for the Disc Golf Course. Kevin Hart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous:

- Art Villasenor commented how nice it was to have a quorum. He mentioned that SD10 had appointed Dakota Norris as the new Board Member and was waiting for Commission approval.
- Toni Hofland mentioned the recent vandalism and theft from local businesses and parks. She requested that everyone keep an eye out and report any suspicious activity.

Public Comment:

- Rose Nyman expressed her concern on the state of the Multi-Purpose Structure in Kennedy Common. She had concerns on who had been in it as it was quite dirty and seemed to have been smoked in. She planned to discuss with the County CEO and Parks Director.