

Wellington Parks Advisory Board

Minutes – March 20th, 2019

The meeting of the Parks Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Cox at 6:00p.m., March 20th, 2019 at the Leeper Center, 3800 Wilson Ave., Wellington, CO.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J.C. Cox, Lorilyn Bockelman, Eric Sartor, Sarah Rice, Trustee John Evans and Kathy Wydallis

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PRESIDING: Chairman Cox

ALSO PRESENT: Bryan Critchfield – Wellington Recreation Manager & PAB/Town liaison, Bob Gowing - Wellington Public Works Director, Austin Montgomery – DiscMania, and Kyle Griffin – Wellington resident and professional disc golfer.

1. Public to Be Heard on Non-Agenda Items

None

2. Approval of Minutes

MEMBER RICE MOVED AND MEMBER SARTOR SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes from both the January 16th and February 20th, 2019 PAB meetings. Roll call was taken and the motion was passed unanimously.

3. Old Business

a. CIP Update

Bob Gowing reported that the proposals for the Trail Project from JUB Engineers, Majestic Surveying & Western Land Services (land acquisitions) will be recommended for approval to the trustees at an April meeting. Negative feedback on social media from an article in the North Forty News on capital expenditure plans was discussed. Mr. Gowing said his door is always open to anyone with questions on Wellington projects and encouraged PAB members to attend the trustee meetings. Member Bockelman reminded the PAB that at the Open House in February 2015, the new park and splash pad was the #1 priority and trails were #2. (Wellington Community Park was under construction in February 2015 and trails were the #1 priority at the Open House, according to the 2015 Annual Report.) Trustee Evans believes that the board of trustees is supportive of the Trail Projects and has suggested that the Trustee Meetings be videoed and available online for greater community involvement. Other members mentioned anecdotal conversations with Wellington residents interested in expanded trails within and outside of Town. Member Rice suggested that the Town monitor social media and perhaps occasionally post explanations to correct misinformation. Member Bockelman advocated for an online monthly newsletter, similar to Estes Park's,

to inform residents of current/future projects or issues, the history of those issues, and where residents can direct their input.

In other budget discussions, \$40,000 is allocated for resurfacing Winick Park, \$75,000 for a Tot Lot at the Wellington Community Park ball fields, and \$56,312 for "PAB items." (The money budgeted for the trail between Jefferson and Washington for 2019 is \$850,000.) The PAB was surprised that no money was budgeted for dugout covers as this is an on-going safety issue.

Mr. Gowing advised that the PAB prioritize projects now because the Town wants the next CIP "wrapped up" by August. The cost of each item wanted for 2020 is needed for the budget. Member Bockelman offered to research costs for signage and other items. Bryan Critchfield has the cost of the dugout covers and will find out the current price for the library bike rack.

Member Sartor suggested that we have a budget discussion listed on every PAB agenda.

4. New Business

a. DiscMania Presentation – Austin Montgomery

Austin Montgomery introduced himself and Kyle Griffin. DiscMania recently moved their business to Wellington from California. They manufacture disc golf equipment and design disc golf courses. Mr. Montgomery would like to have tournaments in Wellington. He had three suggestions for improving disc golf in Wellington.

1) Improvements to grow disc golf in Wellington – install better tee pads & plant large trees on the wide-open holes to make them more challenging. Mr. Griffin added replacing the locks with waterproof locks on the "baskets" and installing bridges or some way to cross Boxelder Creek easily on the stretch of course between the frontage road and Ronald Reagan Ave.

2) Long Term – Add a beginner-friendly 9-hole course. This would need nine acres and cost ~\$10,000.

3) Long Term – Add a professional course. This would need 72 acres (~four acres/hole) and cost between \$25,000 & \$30,000.

In Mr. Montgomery's experience, sponsorships often pay for half of the construction of new disc golf courses.

Our existing course is used by 30 players/day even in the winter.

Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Griffin expressed their appreciation multiple times during their presentation for Jim Miller and the Public Works crew's help in maintaining the course.

b. Kids to Parks Day Discussion

May 18th is National Kids to Parks Day.

Member Bockelman explained the event and asked for ideas for activities. She will compose and send a proclamation for the mayor to read at the May 14th Trustee Meeting.

Mr. Montgomery said he could staff the disc golf course for the day to introduce disc golf to kids.

Mr. Critchfield will advertise the event to his recreation list and could possibly run kickball games at Wellington Community Park if he does not have make-up soccer games on that day.

Chairman Cox will contact food truck vendors.

Member Sartor will ask Richard Bacon of CAC to hold the Fishing Derby on May 18th.

5. Town Board Update

Nothing to report besides trail and budget information that had already been discussed.

6. Staff Update

Bryan Critchfield said that Members Bockelman and Cox need to be formally reappointed to the PAB.

MEMBER RICE MOVED AND MEMBER EVANS SECONDED a motion to recommend the reappointment of J.C. Cox to the Parks Advisory Board and to continue his appointment as chairman for a term ending in 2021. Roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

MEMBER RICE MOVED AND MEMBER WYDALLIS SECONDED a motion to recommend the reappointment of Lorilyn Bockelman to the Parks Advisory Board for a term ending in 2022. Roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The Town website is being updated and the PAB vacancy and the date and times of meetings will be posted regularly after the update and will also be posted to other social media sites like Let's Talk Wellington.

Mr. Critchfield asked if anyone had pdf files for the Parks binder. Member Bockelman does and will send a copy to him.

He is still trying to ascertain if Town event flyers can be distributed at the local schools.

Kickball league starts on Friday, March 22nd at 6:15p.m. at Wellington Community Park. The PAB members are invited to join a team or simply put in an appearance at the games.

7. Other

Member Bockelman said that 'Playful City' is taking a break this year so there will be no reapplication made. KaBoom is still making grants and Wellington is eligible to apply. A Centennial Park playground and a disc golf course were suggested as possibilities. Mr. Montgomery mentioned that the disc golf course at Hughes Stadium in Fort Collins was built by a GOCO grant.

Member Rice had a resident request that the Town plant trees along the eastern edge of Winick Park as there is no shade in the park except for one small shade structure.

Mr. Critchfield is looking for coaches for youth soccer teams.

The next Parks Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, April 17th, 2019 at the Leeper Center.

MEMBER WYDALLIS MOVED, AND CHAIRMAN COX SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned 7:26p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kathy Wydallis', written in black ink.

Kathy Wydallis, Secretary