

Wellington Parks Advisory Board

Minutes – June 19th, 2019

The meeting of the Parks Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Cox at 6:01p.m., June 19th, 2019 at the Leeper Center, 3800 Wilson Ave., Wellington, CO.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Rice

PRESIDING: Chairman Cox

ALSO PRESENT: Bryan Critchfield – Wellington Recreation Manager & PAB/Town liaison, Bob Gowing - Wellington Public Works Director, Kevan Bringer – Wellington resident and PAB applicant, Eric Henning – Wellington resident and property owner near possible trail route, Bill Tourte – Wellington Recreation coach, John Killingsworth – Wellington resident, and Jack Killingsworth – Wellington resident and Eagle Scout candidate.

1. Public to Be Heard on Non-Agenda Items

None

2. Approval of Minutes

MEMBER SARTOR MOVED AND MEMBER BOCKELMAN SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15th, 2019 PAB meeting. Roll call was taken and the motion was passed unanimously.

3. New Business

a. Centennial Park Skate Park

Jack Killingsworth, Eagle Rank candidate, presented his project plan for replacing the dilapidated skateboard ramp at Centennial Park with a new and larger ramp. It would be built in modular units so it could be moved if the existing skate park is ever dismantled. The materials and construction costs would be covered by the Killingsworths and by donated labor organized by the Killingsworths. The construction would be done on four consecutive Saturdays in August/September and the skate park would need to be closed during construction unless fencing could be obtained. As the project must be completed by December 2019 to receive the Eagle Scout ranking, Mr. Killingsworth requested permission to be granted by the end of July.

The PAB members were very enthusiastic about Mr. Killingsworth's project. His next step is to present the plans to the Trustees. Chairman Cox offered to attend the next Trustee Meeting on July 25th, 2019 with Mr. Killingsworth to affirm the PAB's support to the Board. Bob Gowing offered to check into any necessary permits and construction standards. John Killingsworth will contact Mr. Gowing in a few days.

b. Non-Agenda issue – Eric Henning – Land Acquisition for Proposed Trail

Chairman Cox asked Mr. Henning if he had something to discuss as he had missed the “Public to be Heard...” portion at the beginning of the meeting and invited him to speak.

Mr. Henning had recently received a letter from Western States Land Service about the Town acquiring some of his property. Mr. Henning’s property borders both banks of Boxelder Creek near Washington Avenue and a portion of it has been considered as a possible route for the bike trail planned between Cleveland Avenue and Washington Avenue. He had attended earlier meetings about the trail one and two years ago and had expressed his concerns regarding his home’s and his livestock’s safety due to trash, fires and trespassers should the Town build a trail on a utility easement on the west side of his property. A survey was done at that time by Molson & Associates. His understanding was that the Town was leaning towards a different route through a nearby subdivision and was very upset to find out recently via this letter from a third party that this was not the case. No one from the Town had contacted him since those earlier meetings regarding acquisition of his land and he felt blindsided. Bob Gowing will try and improve the communication between the Town and Mr. Henning and apologized that such a letter was sent to him without him first being contacted by the Town Administration.

c. PAB Applicant

Kevan Bringer has been a resident of Wellington for three years. He is a veteran and para-athlete. He offered some enlightening perspectives on wheelchair accessibility beyond ADA standards.

4. Old Business

a. CIP Discussion

The Parks part of the CIP has not changed since the last discussion. The CIP is going before the Board in July. Bob Gowing will email the PAB members if there are changes. There is still some question whether or not dugout covers for the Wellington Community Park and Library Park ball fields are on the CIP budget for 2019 or 2020. Mr. Gowing will email a corrected version of the Parks budget and CIP to PAB members.

Bill Tourte suggested sponsorships be sought from local businesses to fund recreational teams and perhaps sections of the proposed trail. He had the names of numerous businesses that are willing to sponsor entire teams’ uniforms and equipment.

Bryan Critchfield has been working with Kelly Houghteling, Assistant Town Administrator, to make a sponsorship package for Town events and youth and adult sports.

Member Bockelman urged that a new GRASP study be a main priority especially because a Parks and Town Master Plan is on the CIP list for 2020. Mr. Gowing asked if she would meet with him about GRASP. He is interested in developing long term plans to encourage larger, community parks in future subdivisions.

Member Bockelman also suggested consulting with and visiting nearby small, fast-growing towns to see how they are incorporating new parks into their growth plans. Multiple members and Mr. Gowing expressed an interest in meeting with the parks departments of Eaton, Timnath, and Windsor.

A "Wish List" of CIP items was discussed. The PAB notebooks need updating. Mr. Gowing requested pdfs of park information be sent to him.

Mr. Gowing is in the process of scheduling the Community Build of the Tot Lot. Sidewalks and irrigation need to be installed first. The PAB was confident that they will be able to organize the volunteers and donated water and snacks. Member Bockelman offered to be in charge.

5. Town Board Update – Trustee John Evans

Trustee Evans reported that Wellington has a new logo.

6. Staff Update – Bryan Critchfield

Mr. Critchfield mentioned that some charity events are scheduled; a homerun derby on July 6th and the Funkz Softball Tournament on September 7th.

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

CHAIRMAN COX MOVED, AND MEMBER SARTOR SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned 7:43p.m.

Submitted by:



Kathy Wydallis, Secretary