

**Minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting
August 15, 2019**

The meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Vice – Chair John Simpson at 3:35 PM in the City Hall Prairie Room.

Members attending were: Don Templeton, Heather DeBoer, and Jeff Hanig. Also present was Commissioner Vona Johnson, Tom Farnsworth, Aaron Fabel and Thomas Moore. Excused were Dr. Craig Howard, Mindy Cheap and Rachel Arbach. No guests were present.

Templeton moved, second by Hanig a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18 meeting. Motion carried.

Hanig moved and DeBoer second a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business

The board reviewed the 2019 project list and staff answered questions as needed.

2019 Projects Started/Underway – OSA softball field improvements with OSA and BID board funds, Down’s Marina/Lewis and Clark Trail section improvements with Well mark grant, Griffin Park Storm Shelter/Community room, HVAC unit replacement at the Aquatic Center, Griffin Park baseball field renovation project with CCBA and BID board funds is underway with demolition complete, plaque for Tim Von Kennel park bench is being made. The Chamber re-landscape project is started with the foliage removed and ground sprayed and the community orchard shed and shelter project has started by a contractor paid for by a grant received from Deseree Corrales and girl scouts.

2019 Projects Not Started Yet, To Be Completed this year –Memorial Park bench for Marilyn Tassler, this will be placed in the Down’s Marina peninsula area where the WellMark trail project took place.

Projects that may be moved to 2020 – parking lot rehabilitation West of Dan Kelley field (street dept.), FEMA sponsored high water mark sign, Steamboat Trail rehabilitation (Amphitheatre section, engineering did not get this out to bid), Landscaping, seeding, irrigation around the new storm shelter/community room as contractor is behind and the new concrete may not be accepted, Landscaping, seeding west of Amphitheatre, this has to wait until the new trail is poured to adjust elevations and drainage.

Outdoor Pool Committee – Commissioner Johnson and staff reported a public open house and gathering is being planned for September 5 at the outdoor pool. Ron Woodburn, the Capital Campaign chairman, will introduce his campaign cabinet and Burbach engineers will be on hand to answer any new questions and mark areas in the park where new pool features would be built. The fund raising will take two years, final design to be completed in 2021, and construction to start in 2021 with new pool opening in 2022.

2020 Budget Process – Commissioner Johnson stated the budget work sessions have started and it will be a few meetings yet before the final budget is done. Commissioner Johnson encouraged the board to be thinking about a new plan for the skate park as it will need to be removed for the new pool. The board had some dialogue on this issue.

New Business

YMCA/Rec Dept. report – Fabel reported all is in order to partially drain the AC pool and replace the sand in the filter room. YMCA youth football program is soon to begin. Mindy and Beth will be working together to determine which sports fields will be used in the sports complex for fall programming.

An update was given on a sink hole in Griffin Park. Seasonal staff are working well and they normally leave the park department around mid-August. The dog park committee will reconvene in September. The high school will hold a cross country meet in Steamboat Park on August 30th.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM. The next meeting of the board will be September 19 at 3:30pm.

John Simpson invited the board and guest to a backyard picnic at his residence on September 24, his annual garage party.

Respectfully,

Tom Farnsworth, Director