

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

**WHEAT RIDGE RECREATION CENTER
4005 Kipling Street, Conference Room**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Sally Banghart, Trish Ennis, Kathy Koniz, David Kueter
Dylan Nahmiach, Guy Nahmiach, and Liz Veeder

Commissioners Absent: Charles Spielman and Christine Taraskiewicz

Guests: Doug Linder
Odarla Figlus
Guy Stanfield
Henry Lewthwaite
Igor Figlus

Staff Present: Joyce Manwaring, Parks and Recreation Director

Item 1 – Determination of Quorum

Chairman Guy Nahmiach called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Item 2 – Introductions – Members and Guests

Commissioner Nahmiach welcomed the commissioners and guests to the meeting.

Item 3 – Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Kueter made a motion to accept the minutes as written for October 17, 2018, Commissioner Ennis seconded the motion, all accepted and approved.

Item 4 – Unfinished Business

The Green at 38th Avenue Park Development Update

Manwaring stated that the park development project is underway and is located across from Stevens Elementary School. Several concept plans have been developed for the project. She shared that input was gathered from a focus group conducted at the school. For your information, a school bond issue passed and because of that, several concepts may be added to the plan. Slowly, progress is being made for this development venture.

Sale of Park Property at 38th and Johnson Street Update

Manwaring reported that she gave a presentation to City Council regarding the history and background of the park property. She informed the commissioners that there was a public hearing held on December 10, 2018, regarding the sale of this park property. City Council introduced an Ordinance approving the sale of the property located at the intersection of West 38th Avenue and Johnson Street. Due to the absence of some City Council members, City Council will reschedule and consider the Ordinance for approval on February 11th for a vote. There will not be another public hearing on this issue.

The guests expressed their concerns with questions and comments; discussions followed by Manwaring and guests.

Item 5 – New Business

Staffing Changes

Manwaring reported that the Recreation Manager, Julie Brisson, retired on December 7, 2018, from the City with 30 years of service. She was responsible for the Anderson Pool, Aquatics, Active Adult Center, Athletics, etc. Regarding her position, we have an Acting Recreation Manager, Susan Anderson, who has been with the City for 25 years. With that transition, our front desk Facility Coordinator, Bryan Blaser, is now the Acting Facility and Fitness Supervisor.

Item 6 – Staff Updates

Anderson Park Renovation

Manwaring reported that the project is on schedule. She shared that the walls are up in the building, lighting has been installed for the baseball field, the irrigation system is 50% complete, and a removable baseball field fence has been installed. In addition, the work is scheduled to begin next week regarding the hail damage to the Anderson Building roof and for the exterior renovations. A June date will be selected for the grand opening date to celebrate the opening of the newly remodeled Anderson building.

Johnson Park Clear Creek Trail

Manwaring reported that the project is finished.

Miscellaneous

Manwaring reported that the State of Colorado has passed a law allowing Transgenders to use the locker rooms and wanted everyone to be aware of that information.

Manwaring stated that the Cultural Commission has several projects that they are currently coordinating:

- The 50th Celebration Community Art Project
- Poet-In-Residence Program

Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

- Design for Discovery Park

Item 8 – Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Veeder: Commented if we could possibly pay for the goats, and that there are alot of deer, so drive slowly.

Commissioner Ennis: Commented that the Honey Bees are not hibernating, and pleased that the Trail safety issue has been fixed.

Commissioner Kueter: Shared that he is applying for a vacancy position on City Council.

Commissioner Koniz: Commented where did the goats go?

Commissioner Banghart: No comments.

Commissioner Dylan Nahmiach: There have been alot of deer sightings in the backyard.

Commissioner Guy Nahmiach: No comments.

Item 9 – Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Guy Nahmiach adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.