

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

**Wednesday, June 19, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

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

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Sally Banghart, Trish Ennis, Kathy Koniz, Nikki Larsen, Dylan Nahmiach, and Guy Nahmiach

Commissioners Absent: Charles Spielman, Christine Taraskiewicz, and Liz Veeder

Guests: None

Staff Present: Joyce Manwaring, Parks and Recreation Director
Zach Lovato, Parks, Forestry, and Open Space Manager

Item 1 – Determination of Quorum

Chairman Guy Nahmiach called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Item 2 – Introductions – Members and Guests

Commissioner Nahmiach welcomed the commissioners, the new Parks, Forestry, and Open Space Manager, and also a new commissioner to the meeting. Mr. Zach Lovato introduced himself and shared his work background with the commissioners. Ms. Nikki Larsen also provided her professional background to everyone.

Item 3 – Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Ennis made a motion to accept the minutes as written for January 16, 2019, Commissioner Banghart seconded the motion, all accepted and approved.

Item 4 – Unfinished Business

The Green at 38th Avenue Park Development Update

Manwaring stated that they received a response back from the school district facility. She shared that Patrick Goff, City Manager, will be in charge of the project for the interim. She explained that this area is being designed into more of a festival type of space with a town center focus. Three concept designs were received and a focus group was conducted at the school. A

discussion followed and Manwaring responded to questions pertaining to the new development plans.

Item 5 – New Business

Anderson Park Opening Celebration

Manwaring reported that the grand opening celebration for Anderson Park would be held on Saturday, June 22nd, at 10:30 a.m. at the picnic pavilion. A model of the art project will be on display and tours of the park and building will also be held.

2020 Project Budget

Manwaring reported that they have been working on the 2020 capital improvement project budget. The next step is to review all the costs incurred from the renovations of Anderson Park to determine the funding available to begin the next phase of renovating Prospect Park. The improvements will include updates to the back pavilion located by the road, the addition of lighted pickle ball courts, and dock access improvements to Prospect Lake.

Other projects include trail replacements between Prospect Park and West Lake, an area east of Wadsworth Blvd, and a playground at Bonnie’s Park located at 38th and Upham. Continuing to do court resurfacing/maintenance and facility maintenance updates at the Recreation Center.

Item 6 – Staff Updates

Anderson Park – Public Art Acquisition

Manwaring reported that a date extension has been granted for the art sculpture for Anderson Park. Because of the delay, the art piece will not be installed until October. She explained that there are also still a few punch list items that need to be addressed due to the park renovations.

Prospect Park Renovation

Manwaring reported that Phase I has been completed and they are waiting on funding for completion of the Phase II project.

Community Resource Officers

Manwaring shared that two seasonal park rangers have been hired to monitor the park for the summer.

Director Retirement Transition

Manwaring announced that she is retiring effective June 28th. She expressed her appreciation to the commissioners for their service and support. She shared that interviews have been conducted for a replacement for her position.

Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

- Seasonal Park Rangers (Community Resource Officers)
- Tree Program
 - Educational Classes
 - Informational Brochures
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Item 8 – Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Ennis: Expressed her appreciation to Joyce, very happy for you.

Commissioner Larsen: As a new commissioner, she inquired about receiving information/invites to Wheat Ridge events. Manwaring will check with the City Clerk to make sure the commissioner mailing list is updated and will forward any pertinent information to Ms. Larsen.

Commissioner Koniz: No comments.

Commissioner Banghart: The bike repair station is in need of repair.

Commissioner Dylan Nahmiach: No comments.

Commissioner Guy Nahmiach: Commented on the behavior issues rising again at Discovery Park.

Item 9 – Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Guy Nahmiach adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.