



City of Lone Tree Citizen's Recreation Advisory Committee Agenda February 9th, 2015

Meeting Location: City of Lone Tree Administration Building, Spruce Room, 9220 Kimmer Dr. Ste. 100
Meeting Procedure: The Regular Session will be convened at 5:00 p.m. Contact Torie Brazitis at 303-708-1818 if special arrangements are needed to attend (at least 24 hours in advance).

5:00 pm Regular Session Agenda

1. Call to Order
 2. Opening of Regular Meeting
 3. Public Comment
 4. Amendments to the Agenda and Adoption of the Agenda
 5. Approval of the October 13th, 2014 and December 8th, 2014 Meeting Minutes
 6. Staff Updates
 - a. Pedestrian Bridge update
 - b. Community vision process update
 7. SSPRD Updates from JoAnn Gould, Director of Recreation and Community Services
 - a. Entertainment District 2015 park discussion
 8. Committee Updates / Committee Member Dialogue
 - a. Lone Tree holiday events
 - b. 2015 Committee ideas and projects of interest
 9. Elections for Committee Chair and Vice-Chair
 10. Adjournment
 11. Next Meeting – Monday, April 13th, 2015
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CITY OF LONE TREE

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LONE TREE CITIZENS' RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD

October 13th, 2014

A regular meeting of the Lone Tree Citizens' Recreation Advisory Committee was held on Monday, October 13th, 2014 at 5:00 p.m., at the Lone Tree Administrative Building located at 9220 Kimmer Drive, Lone Tree, Colorado 80124.

Attendees

Vicki Swiader	Vice Chair
Angela Hardin	Committee Member
Levi Schroder	Committee Member
Steve Supple	Committee Member
Alistair Green	Committee Member
Glen Horbeck	Committee Member
Dave Lorenz	Executive Director, SSPR
Charlie Alexander	Fehr & Peers
Amy Schmaltz	Fehr & Peers

Not in Attendance

Jay Carpenter	Chair
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City Staff

John Cotten	Public Works Director
Torie Brazitis	Management Analyst
Lesley Johnson	Special Events Coordinator

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Swiader called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Committee Member Supple moved to approve the August 11th, 2014 minutes. Committee Member Horbeck seconded. Upon voting, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff Updates

Torie Brazitis updated the committee on several items. First, she updated the committee on the CBC appreciation event on October 8th. She passed along Council's appreciation to the entire committee for their work and dedication to this group, and distributed certificates of appreciation and chocolates to those who were unable to attend. Torie also let the group know that the LiveWell HEAL Cities and Towns campaign at a recent CML District meeting presented Councilwoman Squyer, as the Lone Tree representative at that meeting, with a plaque to recognize the City's membership in the campaign. She also said Douglas County Open Space Director Cheryl Matthews will attend the Recreation Committee's December meeting to give them a briefing on the County's open space program. Finally, Torie let the Committee know that Lesley would be stepping back from her duties with this committee to concentrate on other tasks, and that Torie will assume the committee liaison position.

Charlie Alexander gave the Committee an update on the Kaiser Permanente's Walk & Wheel grant's public engagement process and feedback, and a preview of some draft community recommendations. The Committee provided feedback on feasibility of some of the recommendations, and their perceptions on which improvements to the City's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure might have the biggest impact on connectivity around the City.

SSPR Update

Executive Director Lorenz updated the Committee on upcoming events and news from South Suburban Parks and Recreation District, including an update on the Fairways project, trees on the golf course, and activities at the clubhouse. He recognized JoAnn Gould for recently winning the Special District Association's "Manager of the Year" award. Committee members gave comments and asked questions about proposed cabanas at Cook Creek pool, District events, and the allowance of off-leash dogs on enclosed District ballfields when the fields are not in use. Executive Director Lorenz also discussed operations at the District.

Committee Member Dialogue and Update

Council Member Supple announced this would be his last meeting as a member of the Recreation Committee. Torie updated the Committee on Council's recent selection process for a new Committee member.

Adjournment

Vice-Chair Swiader adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.

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NOTES FROM A STUDY SESSION OF THE LONE TREE CITIZENS' RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD

December 8th, 2014

A regular meeting of the Lone Tree Citizens' Recreation Advisory Committee was not convened because of lack of quorum on Monday, December 8th, 2014 at 5:00 p.m., at the Lone Tree Administrative Building located at 9220 Kimmer Drive, Lone Tree, Colorado 80124.

Attendees

Jay Carpenter	Chair
Angela Hardin	Committee Member
Glen Horbeck	Committee Member
Gregg Sprigg	Douglas County Open Space Advisory Board
Cheryl Matthews	Director of Open Space, Douglas County
Katie Beeler	Member of the public

Not in Attendance

Vicki Swiader	Vice Chair
Levi Schroder	Committee Member
Steve Supple	Committee Member
Alistair Green	Committee Member

City Staff

Torie Brazitis	Management Analyst
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Call to Order

Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. and a noted a quorum was not present. Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting to a study session at 5:10 p.m.

Adjournment

Chair Carpenter adjourned the study session at 6:25 pm.

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Notes from December 8, 2015 Study Session

Presentation on Douglas County Open Space Program

Douglas County Open Space Director Cheryl Matthews gave a presentation on the County's Open Space program. She said it is funded by a sales tax measure, led by citizens, that originally was approved through 2008, then went on for another 15. It will sunset in 2023 and generates \$8.1 million per year. Open Space Advisory Committee is made of 9 members -- 3 from the three commissioner districts, one from the County Planning Commission, one who is a professional planner, one ad hoc, and one from each town. Cheryl introduced Gregg Sprigg and thanked him for representing Lone Tree on that Committee. Cheryl said the Open Space has very small staff – 11 total plus one seasonal.

Cheryl said the Open Space program now protects 49,272 acres -- 33,800 through conservation easements, and 13,526 acres they purchased, which they manage and maintain. There are 10 trailheads and 76 miles of soft surface trail that allow non-motorized travel. Also two off-leash dog parks. Last year, Cheryl reported that Open Space had 319,000 users at the 10 trailheads.

Cheryl reviewed past projects that Open Space has partnered with City of Lone Tree on, which included Taos and the Bluffs. She said the East-West trail will be extended when they can get it under the highway and connect to Parker on Cherry Creek Trail. She discussed their progress and hoped for piece of the Front Range Trail south of Castle Rock. Cheryl also highlighted Open Space's fire hazard mitigation work, cattle grazing program on their properties, a riparian restoration project on Plum Creek, and their work to extend habitat conservation plan for another 10 years.

Chair Carpenter asked how aggressive they are about land conservation. Cheryl said they purchased two links for Front Range trail last year, which used most of their available funds for this year, so they are always working on it. There was a discussion of the value of easements as an open space protection tool.

Pedestrian Bridge over Lincoln Avenue

Torie said the City staff would be recommending to Council an architecture firm at their next meeting for conceptual design of the pedestrian bridge over Lincoln, and that she would bring more information on the process and timeline to the Committee's next meeting in February.

Entertainment District Park Planning in 2015 with South Suburban Parks and Recreation

Torie let the Committee know that South Suburban will be starting a planning process in 2015 to plan for development of a new park at their property at Kimmer and Park Meadows Drive. She said the impetus for the project was the growth in residences in that area recently, and how there is no park within walking distance for those families at this time.

Committee Member Horbeck suggested the Committee look again into the Get Fit equipment they did research on earlier, since that could be a nice amenities for people using that park. Committee Member Hardin thought playground or splash park equipment might be a good thing to have there. Committee members said they had wondered people would end up parking to visit that park, but said that might be alleviated if the park was meant to be for those within walking or biking distance of the park. As well, Committee members agreed the upcoming Kimmer intersection improvements will better connect the two sides of the Entertainment District and allow for people to park at one destination and walk to the rest, so they looked forward to both of those projects happening over the next few years.

Committee Member Dialogue and Update

2015 Work Planning

Chair Carpenter asked for ideas as to what the Committee was interested in learning about and working on in 2015. Some ideas included follow up from the Walk and Wheel study, the pedestrian bridge over Lincoln, the Entertainment District park, continuation of work with the HEAL Cities program, and potentially trail signage. Chair Carpenter said he would send an email to the group to solicit other ideas.

New Committee Member Introduction

Katie introduced herself to the Committee and shared some information on her background, interests, and why she applied to join the Committee. The Committee expressed interest in learning more about processes for bringing bicycle racing events here in the City in the future.

Community Vision Statement

Torie gave the Committee an overview of the current process to revisit and update the community vision statement for Lone Tree. Committee members discussed ideas and said they would continue that conversation over the next few weeks and submit ideas to Torie for transmission to Council.