



CITY OF LONE TREE

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

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April 14th, 2014

A regular meeting of the Lone Tree Citizens' Recreation Advisory Committee was held on Monday, April 14th, 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
Vicki Swiader	Vice Chair
Angela Hardin	Committee Member
Levi Schroder	Committee Member
Steve Supple	Committee Member
Alistair Green	Committee Member
Gregg Sprigg	Douglas County Open Space

Not in Attendance

Glen Horback	Committee Member
JoAnn Gould	Manager of Recreation Services and Facilities, SSPR

City Staff

Lesley Johnson	Special Events Coordinator
Seth Hoffman	City Manager
Torie Brazitis	Management Analyst

Call to Order

Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Speakers/Public Comment

Gregg Sprigg spoke from the Douglas County Parks and Recreation. He mentioned that he would start sending out the tax reports to the group, they send them out weekly. He also spoke about the share back program and that Lone Tree is not currently included in this program, but could be in the future. Seth is going to set up a meeting with Douglas County to learn more about the program. Gregg also mentioned that Lone Tree should start looking into adding a dog park and that many people use the local baseball fields as dog parks. It's the number one most used park in Douglas County. There is currently nowhere for people to go with their dogs. Gregg just gave this as a suggestion.

Approval of Minutes

Committee Member Schroder had an addition to the minutes and mentioned that Parker has added some play equipment similar to what we have been researching. A company called Norwell was the one who built it in Parker. After the addition to the minutes, Chair Carpenter motioned to approve the February 10th, 2014 minutes. Committee Member Supple seconded. Upon voting, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff Updates

Seth Hoffman introduced Torie Brazitis to the committee. She is going to be a new staff addition to the committee and will be a great connection to the City Manager's office as well as City Council. Seth also mentioned that there are some great projects coming up that will need the committees help with.

Lesley gave an update on Casino Night. She mentioned that Casino Night had a poor turn out with only 42 people. Committee Member Supple brought to the committee's attention that Lone Tree Elementary had a Casino Night for their annual fundraiser a few weeks after the City's Casino Night. It was mentioned that it was a very different event and might have not been a huge impact on the City's event, but it is good to know they had one. Many people were out of town that weekend, mostly skiing; one patron mentioned that it was hard that we had it on a Friday night. Many people have to work on Friday and it's hard for them to get to an event. It was Lesley's recommendation that the event has run its course and she believes it's time to move forward with a different event. The committee decided it would be good to bring the community together in a different way. Possibly having a more recreational event in the future, such as a pickle ball tournament sponsored by the committee. It might also be good to hold an event at the Lone Tree Recreation Center and rent out the entire space. Committee Member Green brought up that it might be good to change the event year after year to get people to get out and see many spaces in the community. For the next meeting Lesley asked the committee to bring back 3 new ideas for a new event and we can move forward with new ideas for 2015.

Torie updated the group on Live Well Colorado. She explained the difference between Live Well Colorado and the Heal program. Heal cities has no funding attached to it, but they give technical assistance to cities to help promote healing eating and active living in each community. Torie mentioned that Lone Tree is already doing a good job as a healthy community but it's something that the city can continue to work on for the future. Julie is the representative from the Heal campaign and can come and speak to the committee in the near future. Torie will set that up for the next meeting. This will be a great project that the committee can work on and present to Council. It will need a Council resolution to move forward.

SSPR Update

There was no SSPR update. JoAnn was not at the meeting. There are SSPR updates on the agenda, please read through those.

Seth mentioned that for the May 6th election there are no contested council seats but there will be a charter question on the ballot about voting for the Mayor seat.

Committee Member Dialogue and Update

1. Chair Carpenter spoke on new projects that the committee can start focusing on in the near future.
 - Entertainment District is a big one. The City is looking into rebranding the Entertainment District, they have hired a consulting team. We are pretty far out from knowing what is next but the City and the consulting teams have started to talk to the community about what they would like to see in the Entertainment District. The City has been working on this project awhile but has recently sat down with the owners of the movie theater land. They are investors from California; they haven't seen the area in 14 years. It was decided to redo the movie theater area. There will be recreation components to the Entertainment District as it moves forward, there will be an opportunity to partner with SSPR and create park areas throughout the new district, this is where the committee will play a huge part in helping figuring out what this may look like.
 - Live Well Colorado – HEAL campaign – Torie will have someone come and speak at the next meeting.

- Trail Signage Plan – this is something that the committee can start working on now. The City is working on getting some signage in place and creating new signs so the trails can be communicated better to the public. There was a trail map that was created, so that will start to help in this area.
- Ridgegate Plaza area – the space near the Lone Tree Arts Center is land that is going to be used for new fountains and a new plaza area. This land will be used heavily so it will be good to have the committees input in the near future when this project starts up.
- The pedestrian bridge – there is talk of a new foot bridge going over Lincoln Ave. This is a bridge that the city is talking about, it will be a good option to tie all the trails together, with Charles Schwab coming in they will take advantage of this bridge as well. This project is starting to get some real momentum and movement. Many partners will have to help in making this a success. Seth mentioned that there could be a shovel in the ground in late 2015. But that is just a guess.
- A new library will be built near the Lone Tree Arts Center. The City would like the committees input on what the old library building can be used for. Whether it's a community center or Senior Center or something else. It's a nice building so it will be reused for something new. The committee can start brainstorming on what that building can be repurposed for. This will also be an impact on the pedestrian bridge.
- Torie added that Kaiser Permanente gave the city a grant for bicycle and pedestrian sidewalks. They are putting out an RFP for consultants on the project and how to engage the community so Torie will keep the committee updated on how that project moves forward. Once the consultant is in place, it would be good for them to come and speak to the group.

Chair Carpenter asked the group their thoughts on the projects that he spoke about. Committee Member Supple thinks these are great targets of opportunity for the group and he is excited about moving forward with them. Committee Member Green thought the Entertainment District is very important to the City and was interested in funding for the district. Seth mentioned that there will be funding in a cash in lieu fee coming from SSPR as well as Douglas County Parks and Recreation.

Committee Member Supple mentioned that the committee should start attending the SSPR board meetings. The committee should start to split up and take turns going to the meetings. It would be good to speak with JoAnn and see which meetings are the most important to attend. Chair Carpenter will talk with JoAnn and see what she suggests.

Seth also added that it could come up in the next report that there might be an expansion to the Lone Tree Recreation Center. The building needs infrastructure updates, but that could include long term funding and a possible tax question in the future.

The committee created a subcommittee to start working on the trail signage, the committee consists of Steve Supple, Alistair Green, Jay Carpenter and Greg Sprigg. Committee member Carpenter will get this committee together and update the group. Staff is available to help facilitate the meeting.

The committee could possibly have another meeting before June and start going back to having meetings every month. The next scheduled meeting is June 9th, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 6:03 pm.

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