



**Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Advisory Board – MINUTES**  
**Thursday, August 17th, 2023, City Council Chambers 7:30 A.M.**

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The meeting was held in the Council Chamber and is available at:

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**CALL TO ORDER** 7:31 A.M.

**ROLL CALL** In attendance were Caldwell, Coburn, Dardis, Griffith, Neilson, Reth, Running, Weigel, Winterstein, and Clark. Also in attendance were P & R Director Ehnes, SRAC Facility Superintendent Rauterkus, Parks Maintenance Superintendent McDonald, and Front Desk and Concession Coordinator Heiting.

**DECLARATION OF ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** No conflicts of interest were declared.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Coburn moved, Caldwell, seconded, and all voted to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Director Ehnes made a comment that the July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, minutes were amended to include comments made by Running.

Coburn moved, Dardis, seconded, and all voted to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023, meeting as amended. All voted to amend the July minutes as stated.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Public comment was opened at 7:36 A.M., with no public comments received.

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Board Items***

- Question and answer session on the August staff update.
  - Ehnes informed the advisory board that the city has been awarded the grant that will provide solar lighting for the recreational path.
  - Reth questioned when the decision will be made regarding the skatepark grant. Ehnes stated that the grant request has been submitted and we are currently waiting for their response.
  - Neilson questioned if trees will be affected by adding a practice pickleball pad at the City Park. McDonald stated that they have met with the pickleball association president on location. Due to the location of the practice pad, the trees will not be affected.

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- Weigel questioned the donations that are being requested for the Rocketship renovation. Ehnes stated that the city is not involved in the Rocketship renovation process, however, the city-funded playground is progressing well.
- Clark requested more information be provided to the Advisory Board regarding a change in employee benefits. If approved a free family membership will be provided to all city employees. The current membership policy provides a free membership to the city employee only. Ehnes stated that the city is encouraging wellness within the city and believes the new proposed policy would increase wellness among the city employees and their families.
- Caldwell questioned if the art walk grant funding is still available and if the city is planning on completing this project. Ehnes stated that the individual who was taking the lead on the project has not had any recent communication regarding the project. Caldwell questioned if the funding could be released for the use of other projects. Ehnes stated that due to the project being funded through a grant, the money must be used for the specific project.
- Motion to change location to Sky Ridge. Reth moved, Dardis, seconded, and all voted to change location to Sky Ridge.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### ***Board Items***

- Adjourn to Sky Ridge for Sportsplex Tour.

#### **UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS**

- Pay-to-Play System
  - Ehnes discussed that a pay-to-play discussion will be discussed in future advisory board meetings.
- Lookout Mountain Grazing
  - A 5-year grazing lease will end this year, and a discussion will be held regarding a future grazing lease.
- 2024 Fee Changes (picnic shelters, water park fees)

#### **FYI ITEMS**

- Dog Days scheduled for September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Pickleball tournament at City Park on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Disc Golf tournament at City's disc golf course on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Skate Nights return on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

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**ADJOURNMENT** Dardis moved, Caldwell, seconded, and all voted to adjourn at 9:01 A.M.

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