

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry
Advisory Board
March 15, 2019 Minutes

Members in attendance were Chairperson Rachel Medina, Sawyer Dietrich, Alan Klein, Tom Rennick, Kenneth Quigley, and Director of Parks and Recreation Dean Palmquist.

Cortez Journal Newspaper Reporter Sean Dolan, and Roman Jefferson were guests in attendance.

Chairperson Rachel Medina brought the meeting to order at 7:10 AM and welcomed everyone to the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Advisory Board Meeting.

Minutes from the February 15, 2019, advisory board meeting were approved.

Old Business

- A. South Neighborhood Park Project Status** – Dean shared that the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant for \$350,000 was awarded to the City on March 6th. Dean mentioned that the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Energy & Mineral Impact Assistance grant will be re-submitted by August 1st, depending on the status of the City's financial audits. The City will apply for a Colorado Health Foundation grant by June 15th. Dean shared that the project team is in the midst of assessing what items will be completed this year.
- B. 2019 Arbor Day Celebration (April 25, 2019)** – Dean reminded the advisory board members that they will be judging the Arbor Day Celebration posters at the next meeting on April 19th in the Recreation Center's Childwatch Room. Also, Dean shared that any help is welcomed on the day of the Arbor Day Celebration and will be hosted at the Parque de Vida Amphitheater area, adjacent to the Recreation Center, and run from 12:30 – 2:00 PM. Dean mentioned that the City will be purchasing water bottles this year instead of t-shirts for the 4th grade students and their teachers.
- C. Discuss Youth Plex / Field House Proposal for Recommendations** – Dean asked the advisory board members to give their thoughts and recommendations about the youth plex / field house proposal. The three recommendations that were given by the advisory board members were as follows: 1. Randy Quillin needs to form a stakeholder group of interested parties that have an intention of providing programming opportunities in the proposed facility. 2. The stakeholder group needs to provide a more refined plan of what would be in the proposed facility. 3. The stakeholder group needs to identify what type of funding sources will be required to provide the capital and operational costs for the proposed facility. Once the above items are determined, then the City can identify its role in this proposed facility.
- D. Other Old Business** – None.

New Business

- A. Interview Roman Jefferson for Adult Advisory Board Vacancy** – Rachel introduced Roman Jefferson and asked him to share his interest on serving on the advisory board. Roman shared that he is particularly interested in the urban forestry of Cortez and wants to assist where he can in those efforts. Following his presentation, the advisory board unanimously recommended his application to go before the City Council at their next meeting for approval.
- B. Other New Business** – Dean shared that Roman Jefferson had a summary prepared from the Cortez Tree Inventory that was conducted in 2009. Dean handed out copies to the advisory board members, and Roman shared some of the highlights of his findings with the advisory board members. Roman made some good points about the importance of diligent tree care and how much of an impact it can have on our community. More discussion will follow at future advisory board meetings. Dean mentioned about Kevin Mulliken not attending any meetings for quite some time and that Dean has attempted to get in-touch with Kevin through e-mail with no success. The advisory board members voted to open his position back up as a vacancy and for Dean to go through the City process to fill it once again.

The next regular meeting will be held on Friday, April 19, 2019, at 7:00 AM at the Cortez Recreation Center childwatch room.

Adjournment—8:27 AM