

# MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



## Parks and Recreation Boards

### TYPE OF MEETING – Regular

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January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Ken Christensen called to order at 5:36 PM

#### 2. ROLL CALL

- List of Board Members Present
  - Ken Christensen
  - Bob Kingsbury
  - Mike Novell
  - Nick Armstrong
  - Meghan Willis
  - Joshua Durand
  
- List of Board Members Absent – Excused or Unexcused; if no contact with Chair has been made
  - Jon Corley
  - Paul Baker
  - Marica Richards (excused)
  
- List of Staff Members Present
  - LeAnn Williams Recreation Director (remote)
  - Mike Calhoon Parks Director
  - Matt Day Sr. Landscaping Architect
  - Jen Scott Business Support II
  
- List of Guests
  - Richard Thorp Utilities Lead Specialist, Sciences
  - Jill Oropeza Utilities Director, Sciences
  - Sylvia Tatman-Buruss CMO Sr. Project Manger
  - Morgan Lommele Kearns & West (remote)
  - Caitilin Sheridan Kearns & West (remote)

#### 3. AGENDA REVIEW

- Changes announced at the meeting by the Chair

#### 4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

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- No Citizen Participation

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Ken Christensen motioned to Approve November-December Minutes- Nick Armstrong motion to Approve and Meghan Willis seconded.**

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sustainable Funding Initiative Update Mike Calhoon

Ongoing effort over the last 14 months with four initiatives that lack funding from three departments. The four initiatives are Our Climate Future, Affordable Housing, Transportation Master Plan, and Parks and Recreation Infrastructure Replacement Program.

The Sustainable Funding Initiative team will be presenting their funding portfolios (area of taxation e.g., property taxes, fee, sales tax, special tax) on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be looking for guidance from Council on which ones should be pursued.

Board can discuss to advocate for funding for this program. To discuss why to have this funding with more robust stories e.g. 10% of people that utilize the Parks come from 100 miles away.

Next Steps are Finance Committee

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

#### BOARD ELECTIONS

Ken Christensen Chair

Nick Armstrong Co-Chair

Mike Novell Secretary

**Ken Christensen made motion and Nick Armstrong seconded the motion.**

*Urban Lakes Policies Presentation* Richard Thorp Utilities Project Manager and Jill Oropeza

First- Policy Development Approach

Framework for City's Urban Lakes water quality operational and management decisions

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City-owned lakes within growth management areas

Excludes private waters, drinking water reservoirs, and Cache la Poudre River.

Guidance

Technical resources to support policy implementation

Available to private lakes managers

Not a prescriptive water quality management plan

Second-Final Draft Policy

Sharing drafts with Final Guidance and Policy with advisory board and seeking formal support of the policy

Adoption of policy from City Council

Finalize Guidance and Policy

Questions

How did you pick shareholders?

Community engagement included a focus on lake users with site visits in targeted areas for hard-to-reach populations, surveys were distributed in person and online along with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and several Boards and the Water Commission.

Can we swim in these Lakes?

No-Concerns around the cost of testing and lifeguards.

In testing what is the qualifications of a violation?

This depends on the body of water are what it is used for.

Ken Christensen motioned to Recommend the City Council adopt this policy as soon as reasonably possible.

**Present board members all in favor-Motion passed**

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*Hughes Stadium Presentation* Sylvia Tatman-Burruss, Sr. Policy & Project Manager  
Kearns & West Morgan Lommele (remote) Caitlin Sheridan (remote)

2016 Hughes stadium closed

2021 Citizens voted to rezone the site for “parks, recreations, open lands, natural areas, wildlife rescue and restoration”. City rezoned the parcel as “Public Open Lands”.

2022-Currently City is developing scenarios for the use of the site

2023 City anticipates acquiring site from CSU

No current funding for scenarios which would be helpful for Council to address how to use the land.

Meeting with multiple boards, neighbors, and Indigenous people for input.

Focus groups have noted the desire for: maintain the connections to nature, feeling of being in open spaces, maintain community character, become a regional destination for biking, wildlife rehabilitation, and opportunity to use the land by Indigenous Peoples.

Continue outreach and discussion of community desires.

Board feels the importance of fully engaging and advocating for the Indigenous People in their interest for this space. Bring Indigenous People in as consultants.

### Questions

Tying into the Parks Master Plan- gaps

What is allowed from the Master Plans to fill in the gaps for the space.

What are the steps to include Indigenous community in the process.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion team with the City to engage with Indigenous people. Create a process February is to go over multiple properties.

What is the timeline for the project?

Unsure- funding, what are the needs of the community.

Transparency is key.

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### 7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

*FC Bikes* Update Marcia Richards (presented by Ken Christensen)

*FC Moves*

Parks Forever Card

Active Modes Plan/Policy Approved

Recommend Connecting access to Trails

Bike City Rating

2018 Fort Collins was 1<sup>st</sup>

2019 Fort Collins was 2<sup>nd</sup>

2022 Fort Collins is 43<sup>rd</sup>.

The drop in position due to increase in participation in the Bike City Rating program (International).

### 8. OTHER BUSINESS

#### **RECREATION Update**– LeAnn Williams

Registration system RFP to go out

Record amount of registration

8 New Employees

2 vacancies

ADA Bathroom at the Farm

Northside Program Funded for Renovations this Fall 2023

#### **PARK PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT Update**– Matt Day

Dovetail

East Maintenance Facility

In punchlist process

Mail Creek Still working with Engineering and Railroad to connect Trails

I25 and Poudre River Trail

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WatersEdge (ongoing)

CAPRA Certification Process is ongoing

David Kemp is starting with us February 6<sup>th</sup> as the Senior Trails Planner and he will be coordinating closely with FC moves

### **PARKS Update – Mike Calhoon**

Ice Rink Opened at City Park

Every Wednesday Unhoused Encampment cleanup

Restructure Park Planning

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Time Ended 8:23 PM