

**Arvada Park Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**June 11, 2008**  
**Majestic View Nature Center**

**In Attendance.** Cheryl Ames, Pat Cervera, Michael Hult, Susan Kracklauer, Brandon Marette, Jessica Myklebust, Bill Orchard, Gary Reeves, Jean Scharfenberg, and Larry Wapensky.

**Absent.** Bob Barber, CJ Dantine, Mike Foley, Karl Kramer, Lisa Medina, and Carol Whipple.

**Others Present.** Mike Lee, Arvada Parks and Urban Design Manager.

**Call to Order.** Bill called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**Public Present.** None present.

**Quorum.** No.

**Approval of Minutes.** No action was taken on the May 14, 2008, minutes.

**Attendees for Forthcoming Apex District Meetings and Breakfasts with Gordon.**

Apex Meeting. The APAC discussed the need to continue meeting with the Apex District. The Apex District cancelled several meetings, and only sent representatives to two APAC meetings. Mike Lee was going to discuss the issue with Mike Miles and report back to the APAC in July.

Pat attended a recent Apex meeting. Her comments on this meeting are presented later in the minutes.

Breakfast	Jessica	July 7, 2008
“	Brandon	August 11, 2008
“	Jean	September 8, 2008
“	Larry	October 6

[With the APAC’s approval, beginning in October, Larry will prepare a new list of attendees for the breakfasts with Gordon to include the new members.]

**Meeting with Gordon.** Pat and Bill enjoyed breakfast with Gordon on May 12, 2008. Lisa missed the breakfast. They discussed the park breakfast topics.

Pat discussed the recent Citizens’ Capital Improvement Committee [CCIC] meeting she attended. A CCIC member, John Kiljan, sent emails to the APAC co-chairs inquiring about the role of the APAC in prioritizing parks, particularly new parks, and the lack of input by the APAC to the CCIC. Mike Lee noted the difficult role the CCIC has in its decision making. Mike Lee said that APAC is not set up to prioritize complex park plans, and that this was a function of the City staff. He provided reasons for this view. It was noted that money or the lack of funding determines what projects get done or don’t. Mike Lee said that the City was mandated to build new parks in new developments, and that funding from developers helped in

the building of new parks. This funding did not cover all the costs for new parks. Pat complimented Mike Lee for his dedication and the City maintenance staff for its work. Pat said that road medium work received a low score from the CCIC. Michael Hult asked who prioritized the road medium work. Road medium work at 80<sup>th</sup> and Sheridan Avenue is a priority. There was a discussion of the role of the APAC as it relates to funding, and serving as advocate for parks.

Pat said that Gordon will attend the July 9 meeting to discuss the operating budget.

**Report from Staff.** Mike Lee.

- Double E Park. Mike Lee supplemented the information he gave at the last APAC meeting. He discussed extensive drawings related to the park. He talked about a seating area, grading, irrigation, curbing, retaining wall, and a tree grove. The development fees covered about ½ the cost of the park. He will remove the walkways and make them ADA accessible and 8' wide. He plans to irrigate about ½ of the park now and add more irrigation as funding is available. He uses specific coordinates in the drawings so that a surveyor can layout the park. There was a comment about the level of detail needed to be given to contractors. Mike Lee said that included detail on tree plantings.
- Sunrise Ridge. He noted that at Sunrise Ridge 2<sup>nd</sup> phase work may begin. A pavilion may be added and irrigation may be expanded. He plans to consult with the neighbors on the possible park changes.

In response to a query from Brandon, Mike Lee said that he uses the Autocad 2008 with 3D modules in his planning work.

- CDOT Grant. At the last meeting Doug mentioned this grant. No one was aware of it then. Mike Lee said that it is for sidewalk improvement on the west side of Ward Road from 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue to about 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.
- Wadsworth Grade Separation. It is going well. It is not apparent to drivers, but Mike Lee said that the underpass is getting close to completion. The landscape will be a continuation of that from Grandview Avenue. The underpass concrete will be stained. When completed, the landscaping will add “character” to the grade separation.
- Churches Ranch. The project came in under budget. The Castle Rock contractor, Colon-Collawn, LLC, received a good recommendation from one of its competitors.
- VanBibber Channel. Jean said it looked great. Mike Lee said that this is a linear park and that it is part of the urban renewal area. He noted that it was good to do something that enhanced the park. Jean said that a friend of hers complimented Arvada on being a beautiful and peaceful city. Mike Lee said that people want to live in Arvada because of the parks, open space, and it has a good “image element.” The fountain in Olde Town is an example of an amenity that enhances this image.

Mike Lee said that unfortunately the English Oak trees by the new library are infected and will need to be replaced by Gamble Oak trees.

## **Unfinished Business.**

- Arvada Area Horsemen's Association. Carol. She was riding across America.
- Quaker Acres Park. Susan. The barb wire was removed. There is no money to make park improvements at this time.
- Spirit Ranch. Larry agreed to contact Cinnamon Ricker and report back to APAC in August. APAC members raised questions regarding the public use of Spirit Ranch, where the facility would be located, liability and legal concerns. Mike Lee expressed concerns about Spirit Ranch diverting the APAC. He said that the Horse Protection League was contacted about the Spirit Ranch proposal and expressed concerns about liability. After the meeting, Gary asked Larry to advise Cinnamon Ricker also that the nearest therapeutic horse facility was in Boulder, and not in Longmont as she said. Although the APAC expressed appreciation for the work Cinnamon Ricker does, there were concerns regarding her proposal.
- Meadowglen HOA. The HOA can't contribute funds for the trees. Brandon is to set up a meeting with the HOA to discuss the trees. As a ballpark guess, the desired evergreen trees would cost about \$5000. The City has no money to plant the trees at the present time. The City's forester will need to be involved if trees are planted. There was a suggestion that the HOA could use the Park's Donation program to fund future tree purchases.
- Matching Grants. Arvada Middle School submitted a proposal on time but the document was misplaced. At the next meeting, the APAC will consider the application. Mike Lee was going to check with Gordon to see if additional funds may be available.

Jean contacted all the award recipients after the last meeting. Their checks are in the mail.

## **Subcommittee Reports.**

- Sustainability/Greenprint. Susan, Brandon, Carol, Jessica, and Bill. Susan. The Team met on May 16 with Division heads on sustainability at the Westwood golf course. Lunch was provided by the City. A goal of the team is to have each member report on a city's sustainability efforts.
- Increasing Awareness. Pat. She said that she would have time to lead this group in July.
- By Laws. Larry agreed to serve as lead. Jean volunteered to serve on the Team. Doug and Dave are emeritus members. Also, Lisa is a member of the team. Larry said that Doug did great work in compiling editing changes for the ByLaws.
- Gold Line Station. Cheryl. There are GoCo grants available. The Gold Line Committee supports them. Mike Lee said the City will apply for a grant.
- Park Assessments. Carol, Susan, Larry, and Pat. The Team needs a Lead person. Jessica, Pat, Carol, and Larry completed their assessment of Columbine and Gold Strike Parks. Susan had to remove herself from the Team because of conflicting priorities. Gary agreed to join the Team.
- Apex District Meeting. Pat. Susan's meeting was cancelled. Pat attended a recent Apex meeting at Lake Arbor golf course. Pat said that new Apex members were to be assigned committees, including serving as a representative to APAC. No decisions were made, until the new members learned about the different committees. These would be rotational assignments. She commented about a joint venture grant to build a shelter in Pioneer Park by the Apex district. Mike Lee was aware of the shelter but had not seen the proposal. Under new state law,

landscape architects must be certified. He was going to contact Mike Miles to discuss the plans and standards being applied to the shelter.

- Arvada Report. Jessica will write an article on Carol's riding across America. Carol will review the article. Jessica will try to get the article in for the August/September edition.
- Skate Board. Jean. On July 12, the skate board group will hold a skate board contest at Memorial Park. The skate off will need a City permit. There will be competition and music.

### **Announcements.**

- Volunteer Brunch. Jessica. Fill out time sheets so that APAC gets credit for its work. Bill will send out a time sheet.
  - Trails Day. Bill. It was a success with 43 bike riders. Visors for workers were distributed.
  - Synthetic Soccer Field Dedication. Lisa. It was June 7, 2008, at Long Lake Regional Park at 5:00 pm. There was good turn out. Lisa did a great job organizing the event. Councilmember Mark McGoff gave a talk. A soccer association representative attended the dedication.
  - Sharing Dedication Work. The Park dedication team consists of Lisa, Bob, and Jean, a new member. There was discussion that park dedication work needs to be shared.
  - Independence Park. Next dedication. Mike Lee was going to check with Joe Fiorini about the best time to have the dedication to have residents from the Wheat Ridge Center for the Developmentally Disabled attend.
  - Wood Run Park and Little Dry Creek. The APAC decided not to do dedication at these places.
  - Gold Strike Days. Bill. June 21-22. Bill will buy you a Pepsi.
  - Recognition. Dave and Doug were recognized by City Council on June 9 for their outstanding contributions to the APAC.
  - Old Arvada Library. Jean. 43K lbs of food were collected from the Postal Service food drive. The Food Bank uses a part of the library for its work.
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- **Field Trip.** It is July 12 with a back up date of August 9. Parks to be visited: Tennyson Knolls, Disc and Dog Parks, Long Lake Soccer Fields, Meadowglen HOA, Double E, and Harry S Truman. Schools with matching grants to be visited are Hackberry Hill, Arvada Middle, Warder Elementary, Stott Elementary, and Campbell Elementary.

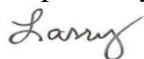
- **Next Meetings.** Visitors for the next three meetings are:

Gordon	July
Dog Park Representative	August
Disc Park	September

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Larry Wapensky