

Arvada Park Advisory Committee Minutes
April 9, 2008
Majestic View Nature Center

In Attendance: Cheryl Ames, Bob Barber, Pat Cervera, David Giddings, Susan Kracklauer, Doug Magee, Brandon Marette, Lisa Medina, Jessica Myklebust, Bill Orchard, Jean Scharfenberg, Carol Whipple, and Larry Wapensky.

Absent: None

Others Present: Mike Lee, Arvada Park and Urban Design Manager.

Order: Bill called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Public Present: Arvada Area Horsemen's Association: Mary E. Blosser President, (303) 465 4782; Scott M. Bollinger, Vice President (303) 421 4192; George and Jill Pratt, George is the Treasurer, (303) 422 1762; and Emily Gregg.

The Association wanted "to request permission to name the main riding arena located at the Indiana Equestrian Center in honor of the late Bert Gregg, the founding father of this facility." As supporting material for this request, a packet of information was provided to each APAC member. The material included a biography of Bert; a statement from his wife Emily; a page long statement on the "Acquisition and Improvements Dictated by Bert Gregg;" a table of 66 names in support of this posthumous request; and an Arena Dedication Program, Memorial Day May 27, 1991, in which Bert is listed as Narrator for 4-H Horsemanship.

Mary discussed the improvements made at the facility and the work Eagle Scouts did to enhance it. The Eagle Scouts improved the seats, gates, and made stall upgrades. Scott noted the Eagle Scouts "picked up" [removed huge] rocks, and made the bleachers safe. Mary spoke of the great horse jump built by an Eagle Scout near the facility's perimeter. Two flag poles were built by Eagle Scouts.

Mary was appreciative that the City of Arvada supports horse people. She noted that the City upgraded the driveway into the facility. She said that lots of people use the facility. Llama events were held there.

It was noted that Bert was a former member of APAC. There was agreement to use the APAC Park Naming Procedure for this naming request.

Jean observed that some of the information Mary provided could be useful to the APAC people writing park histories.

There was discussion by Doug and Mike regarding signage for commemorating Bert. Susan noted that she is involved with horses. She said that the sign could be placed on block posts by the arena that could include schedules for activities. Mike said the City would pay for the sign.

Carol offered to work with the Association in completing a naming check list and to provide assistance as needed. Mary spoke positively of these ideas and comments.

Approval of Minutes: Doug noted that in the past corrections to the minutes were made to emend substantive errors and not typos or small but not critical mistakes, such as a word omission. Members agreed that this practice should continue.

The February 12, 2008, APAC meeting minutes were approved with the following correction. Susan noted a key typo on page 5 in the Sustainability Section: Gold Courses should be Golf Courses. Cheryl observed that golf course was correctly spelled in the rest of the Sustainability Section.

Larry said that the By Laws provide for a member to be absent. APAC minutes have stated that members had excused absences when they missed a meeting. He noted that to list a member as being absent was the preference of the By Laws Team. APAC members agreed with the proposal to list a member as being absent. Clearly, a member should contact a co-chair or another member to advise APAC that she/he may be absent from a meeting. This notification will be appreciated.

Dave inquired about how far back in time the Secretary goes to correct past minutes. Corrections are made in the current minutes and the original minutes being corrected are not changed. Larry noted that we could start correcting corrections if we changed this process.

Attendees for Forthcoming APEX District Meetings and Breakfasts with Gordon:

Apex Meeting:	Cheryl	April 17, 2008
“	Bob	May 1, 2008
“	Pat	May 15, 2008
“	Susan	June 5, 2008
“	Lisa	June 19, 2008
“	Jessica	July 3, 2008
“	Brandon	July 10, 2008

Breakfast:	Susan	May 12, 2008
“	Lisa	June 9, 2008
“	Jessica	July 7, 2008

Meeting with Gordon: Bob and Bill enjoyed breakfast with Gordon on April 7, 2008. [Bill's notes from that meeting are attached.]

Bob provided a lengthy presentation about a non-Arvada resident who complained about accessibility at the ADA dock at the Arvada Reservoir. Bob provided information on aspects of the complaints and ideas offered by Gordon. The dock in question was handicap accessible but was not exclusively for handicap people.

Bob noted that boaters are cooperative about checking their boats for the zebra mussel.

Bill said he would send to members the Citizens Capitol Planning Project Committee [CCPPC] letter that was reviewed by APAC and that Gordon wrote. There appears to be an east-west struggle in the CCPPC group. Jean noted that the CCPPC group would have “conversations” with the new City Council.

Robby Ferruffino Park: Mike is to make a presentation to City Council on the IGA proposed rescission on April 21, 2008. APAC members are asked to attend this meeting.

Pat prepared a letter [attached] to the attendees at the June 27, 2008, Neighborhood meeting notifying them of the public hearing before City Council on April 21, 2008. [See Bill’s email of April 18, 2008, to review the City’s Information Sheet on the rescission of the IGA.]

Report from Staff: Mike Lee.

- Van Bibber Park. Lots of work was done. About ½ of the side walk was completed. The trail is along the side walk. There were questions about the proposed Kipling Street underpass. Mike said that he would bring plans on the underpass. As conceived now, the underpass will be built towards the top of the Kipling Street hill, near the north edge of the cemetery. There were comments about a pocket park in this area that APAC had reviewed when Andrea was a member. Councilmember Azari’s proposal initiated this review by APAC. Mike noted that the Stenger Lutz master plan needs updating. He said he is working with the developer on the Kipling Street Fast Tracks site.
- Xeriscape Garden. MVNC. Work is progressing.
- Churches Ranch. Draft plans are done. He is close to noticing a bid for work. He attended a meeting on the Churches Ranch. .
- Davis Lane Park. Seeding still in progress.
- Tennyson Knolls Park. Work is mostly done. There will be one structure. The drawings are 90% done. Mike met with the neighbors on equipment selection. As a result he ordered \$90K worth of equipment, much of it for younger children.

He noted that choosing playground equipment is challenging. The City wants to procure equipment that is interesting to young people and poses a challenge, but is not too hard to use or could cause a person to be injured. He noted that he met with attorneys regarding a child being hurt on squiggles.

- Independence Park. Sewer work is completed. Grass is coming up. The trees look great. Joe Fiorini with the Wheat Ridge Center for the Developmentally Disabled sent him a stack of cards, several inches thick, from residents expressing appreciation for the improvements to the park. Mike has received comments of appreciation from many people. There was discussion about the grand opening. It was decided that it would be done in June, when the weather is better.
- Long Lake Soccer Field. Lisa. She said that the soccer association can’t make the proposed May 31, 2008 dedication. The Association would like to do it on May 18 when the “pass back kids” will attend a soccer tournament, but the Mayor and Councilmember Anderson can’t attend on that date. It was agreed that another date in June when all the principals could attend would be chosen. Lisa also said that the Association could provide more money for soccer.
- Skate Park Grant. The County approved \$300K for the skate park by a 2 to 1 vote. There was discussion regarding the vote. Mike said that in the spring the City would apply to GOCO

for additional skate park funding. In response to a question from Jean, Mike indicated that the City would probably construct the skate board facility as a unit, but not in phases, such as building roads then much later adding other structures.

- Olde Town Outdoor Seating. Mike said that he had discussions on the width of the sidewalks after open seating is in place. The Arvada Economic Development Association [AEDA] wanted 4'. There was discussion about having 5' as in Redwood, CA. Historic Olde Town Arvada [HOTA] Association accepted 4'. Non-permanent metal fences will be put up. AURA noted that the fences will affect the visual character of Olde Town. Mike said that Bliss Café and the Arvada Grill desire to have outdoor seating. They have revocable permits and will need to have City Council approve their permits with the changes for outdoor seating.
- Wadsworth Bypass Elevation. Resolved. Issue closed.
- Arvada Center Sculpture. The Grand opening is in June. The castings are done. Mike met with the sculptor and the contractor on lighting and the base orientation. There is electrical conduit under the concrete. The mastodon head is not going to be built for the June Grand Opening. It will be built later.

Unfinished Business:

- Taking Lasting Care Project. Pat noted that in discussions with Gordon that he implied that the Park Donation Program is part of the TLC project. There seemed to be a misunderstanding regarding coupling the two programs. It was decided Gordon was thinking expansively. APAC would serve as an advocate for the TLC project which is perceived to be a broad category dealing with overall park maintenance. The Park Donation Program is separate but compatible with the TLC concept. [See the revised CCPPC letter that Bill emailed on April 9, 2008, in which the TLC concept is discussed more fully.]
- Quaker Acres Park. Susan. She noted that many of the homes being built there are spec homes. Jean said that it was a big park. Mike noted that the City needs to remove the barb wire. Lisa said younger soccer association children use the park.
- Apex Master Plan. Doug suggested that Mike keep current on the plan.

New Business:

- Arvada Area Horsemen's Association. Bill noted earlier that APAC will consider the main riding arena naming proposal at the next meeting.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Sustainability/Greenprint. Susan, Brandon, Carol, Jessica, and Bill. Susan. The team met March 28, 2008. [Susan's handout on the meeting is attached.] There was a comment about having a "good" definition of sustainability. There is need to verify that the City does not already have a sustainability champion. Jessica noted that to include Golf and Hospitality Services in its efforts was too big a task for the Team. Mike noted that Joe Eades in the Parks Department attended a meeting on sustainability.
- By Laws. Dave. The Team met about two weeks ago. Dave provided tasty homemade cookies. The Team will recommend to APAC that a quorum be defined as more than 50% of the members. The By Laws allow for Chair and Vice Chair. Doug is working on language to

incorporate the Co-Chairs concept. There was a brief discussion on how to define when a member misses meetings in excess, and there was no resolution on this matter. The Team will submit comments on assigned topics to Doug and he will consolidate them. Further wordsmithing is planned by the Team before the results of the By Laws review is presented to APAC.

- Matching Grants. Brenda is receiving applications. We will meet early at 6:00 pm next meeting to review the grants. Lisa can't attend the next meeting. She will provide her comments in advance of the meeting. Dinner will be served. Garlic and onions are not everyone's favorite food.
- Park Assessments. Next meeting May 2, 2008. See email from Pat. Carol, Susan, Larry, and Pat. Columbine and Gold Strike Parks will be assessed. Carol agreed to consolidate the comments. There was agreement that if you can't participate in the May 2 meeting, but want to do an assessment, then send your comments separately to Carol.
- Park Dedications. Lisa. The tentative schedule is listed below.

Independence Park	June
Tennyson Knolls Park	August
Wood Run Park	July
Xeriscape	TBD

- Apex District Meeting. Carol. The meeting was cancelled.
- Arvada Report. Lisa. She agreed to write an article for the next Arvada Report on the history and improvements at Tennyson Knolls, Independence, and Wood Run Parks.
- Keeper of the Lists. Larry. Dave did this in the past but his tenure is coming to end. Larry will provide as a reminder, early in the minutes, names of people who are scheduled to attend forthcoming Apex District's meetings and breakfasts with Gordon.
- Apex District Board of Directors. Lisa inquired about the people who are running. She wanted information on the candidates. Bill agreed to obtain and to provide information on the candidates.

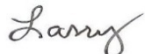
Other news.

- Bill reminded members of Arvada Trails Day, June 7, 2008, and passed around a sign up sheet for providing assistance.
- MVNC. Bob. Karen Baltz, MVNC, will attend the next meeting.
- Tea. Jessica and her grandmother attended a tea in Olde Town Arvada for nonagenarians.
- Doug is a grandfather. His granddaughter was born March 31, 2008.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Larry Wapensky