

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2023, at 3:30 PM**  
**Council Chambers**

**Member Attendance:**

Chad Thorson (Chair)  
Vacant (Vice Chair)  
Vacant  
John Blackett  
Rebekah Nugent  
Shane Hickman - Absent  
Brad Converse

**City/Staff/Council Liaisons:**

Josh Hopkins – Parks Superintendent  
Brad Clark – Community Development Director - Absent  
Joel King – Council Liaison - Absent

**Guests:**

**Brian DeLaGrange ~ Zoom**  
**Reed Beaumont**  
**Kasey Holden**

**1. Roll Call:**

- Chair Thorson called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm and roll was taken.

**2. Introductions:**

- None.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** May 11, 2023

**MOTION/VOTE**

**Member Converse moved, and Member Blackett seconded the motion to approve the minutes from May 11, 2023. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Thorson. Members Blackett, Nugent, and Converse. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Hickman. The motion passed.**

**4. Public Comment:**

- **Reed Beaumont** and **Kasey Holden** ~ Reed and Kasey are the Trail Bosses for the B Street Jumps. They wanted to come in today and discuss a tune-up of the park. They enjoy biking there, but there have been a few incidents. A lot of people are bringing RC Cars to the bike tracks, and they feel that these cars are tearing up the tracks. The cars are hitting riders and kicking up dust making it hard to see. They are also taking over and tearing things up that are not getting fixed. They went on to explain what the RC Cars are and how they work. They range in sizes and speed. Reed and Kasey do not feel that they are appropriate in the bike park. They are causing ruts and damage. Reed suggested that there be a 30-day suspension for offenses or just no RC Car usage. Chair Thorson doesn't think the cars should be at the park because the trail system was designed specifically for bikes. Kasey stated that the police have been involved once so there is police documentation. The dust and loosed riding surfaces from the RC cars create crashes and injuries. The contractors from Earthworx witnessed the RC cars damaging the trails while they were doing the “tune-up” and sent an email to Josh and RVMBA describing the damage and that RC cars should not be allowed to use the trails.

**5. Discussion: None.**

**6. Action Items:**

**a. Committee Appointments:**

- The committee members discussed the applications that were submitted for the vacant positions. A motion was made to submit the Committee's four (4) recommendations for consideration of membership on the Parks Advisory

Committee to Council. There are two renewals and two vacant positions for a total of four (4) vacancies. The applicants are Shane Hickman, Chad Thorson, Emily Gogol, and Catherine Bostwick.

#### **MOTION/VOTE**

**Member Converse moved, and Member Nugent seconded the motion to submit the Committees four (4) recommendations to Council for consideration of membership on the Parks Advisory Committee. The four (4) applicants are Shane Hickman, Chad Thorson, Emily Gogol, and Catherine Bostwick. The Committee felt all four applicants showed strong backgrounds in park and community involvement in their applications, and all four would be valuable to the City. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Thorson. Members Blackett, Nugent, and Converse. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Hickman. The motion passed.**

#### **b. Master Plan Update:**

- Parks Superintendent Josh Hopkins went over the Master Plan updates stating that the maps still need to be updated and they will need to be contracted out. The River Road Reserve and Dollar Mountain are on the updated map. The Committee made a motion to recommend to Council the adoption of the new Master Plan pending the inclusion of an updated acknowledgement section to include the following:

#### **Acknowledgements**

##### **Mayor**

Sara Bristol

##### **City Council**

Brian DeLaGrange

Rob Pell

Valerie Lovelace

Rick Riker

Dwayne Yunker

Dwight Faszer

Joel King

Vanessa Ogier

##### **Advisory Committee**

Chad Thorson

John Blackett

Bradley Converse

Shane Hickman

Rebekah Nugent

##### **Staff**

Bradley Clark, AICP, Director Community Development

Josh Hopkins, Parks Superintendent

##### **Former Council, Committees, and Staff**

Curt Collins

Susan Jenkins

Jan Battersby

Rick Chapman  
Michael Sellers  
Wendy Giordano

#### **MOTION/VOTE**

**Member Converse moved, and Member Nugent seconded the motion to recommend to Council the adoption of the new Master Plan pending the inclusion of an updated acknowledgement section. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Thorson. Members Blackett, Nugent, and Converse. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Hickman. The motion passed.**

#### **7. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:**

##### **PROJECT UPDATES**

##### **a. B Street Jumps**

- Parks Superintendent Josh Hopkins shared with the Committee that the B Street Jumps has been updated.

##### **b. Riverside Stage:**

- The Parks Dept. is moving forward with the stage. The power contract has been submitted to Brad Clark for 3-phase 400 Amp Service.

##### **c. Caveman Pool:**

- Council approved option A. It will come back from Council in September then it will move on to phase II. Phase II will be the systematic permits. It should be completed by fall 2024 or spring 2025.

##### **d. Dollar Mountain:**

- The Parks Dept. began the engineering process for the Hieglen Loop parking lot for phase II. They are hoping to have the parking lot run concurrently with the Dollar Mountain Development Project.

#### **8. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:**

- Project Updates
- Master Plan Update
- Parkour Park discussion
- RC Car Restriction at B Street Jumps ~ Discussion
- Riverside Park Community Garden Options ~ Discussion

#### **9. Adjournment:** Chair Thorson adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

**Next scheduled meeting: September 14, 2023**

Minutes prepared by Jayme Hyatt, Community Development Department.