



**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
February 8, 2018**

Chair Gary Poole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner John Howe led the Planning Commission, staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, present were Commissioners Richard Foerster, Sasha Levy and Eliana Burke. Alternate Ruth Ann Nelson was present and seated for the absent Commissioner Duane Hopkins. Alternates Erik Frandsen and Kimberly Rodell were absent.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner John Howe moved to approve the December 14, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Ruth Ann Nelson seconded; a vote was taken and passed 6:0.

Commissioner John Howe moved to approve the January 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Richard Foerster seconded; a vote was taken and passed 5:0:1 with Commissioner Ruth Ann Nelson abstaining due to not being seated for the January 11, 2018 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

PUBLIC HEARING: OPENED: 7:02 P.M. - A Resolution to Adopt the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan: 2018 – 2022, as a Part of the Parker 2035 Master Plan

Applicant: Town of Parker
Location: Townwide
Planner: Jim Cleveland, Dennis Trapp and Mary Munekata

Dennis Trapp, Parks and Recreation Project Manager and Jim Cleveland, Acting Deputy Town Administrator and Director, Parks and Recreation presented the highlights for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan; 2018 – 2022, as part of the Parker 2035 Plan that were finalized since last presented at the Planning Commission study session on January 25, 2018.

He said the plan will be presented to Town Council for adoption on February 20, 2018 which includes the Parker Parks, Recreation & Open Space document details:

- accreditation
- the master plan process
- project initiation
- benchmarking
- needs assessment
- system themes
- stakeholder and citizen comments

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Staff presentation only.

Commissioners discussed with staff:

- if there are plans to connect the Vantage Point apartment complex to the Cottonwood Trail system; *(Mr. Cleveland said yes; trail connections and gaps are being studied by staff to ensure connectivity. Mr. Trapp added that the E-470 Regional Trail to the north is being planned for connectivity to the Vantage Point apartments, as well as to Cottonwood Drive.)*
- if the Town has partnerships in the plans to help develop a recreation center in the area of Hess Road; *(Mr. Cleveland said there is modest private sector interest in developing partnerships but there is nothing contractual at this time; the plan is to aggressively ramp up the search.)*
- the goals for the planned second recreation center; *(Mr. Cleveland said the goals haven't been defined yet; public input is needed to identify programs to duplicate, enhance or add for the new location.)*

PUBLIC COMMENT OPENED

None

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

PUBLIC HEARING: CLOSED: 7:30 PM: - A Resolution to Adopt the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan: 2018 – 2022, as a Part of the Parker 2035 Master Plan

PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner John Howe agreed with Commissioner Eliana Burke that this was a fabulous presentation; shows really strong planning for many years. He said he appreciated staff's efforts.

Commissioner Richard Foerster said the study session was more in-depth and brought forth staff's work on the plan for the next few years.

Commissioner Eliana Burke said after the well-done study session, she dug deeper into the Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands; she stated it is commendable that the Town was accepted by Eppley, as they reject more applicants than they accept.

Commissioner Ruth Ann Nelson said she reviewed all the pages of strategic actions in the plan and the impressive, specific “to do list” with priorities and set dates, even after the expiration of the plan. She said she is very impressed; the plan is very good.

Commissioner Sasha Levy concurred; being an accountant she looks at numbers and the cost recovery rate of 87 percent over the national average is great. She said way to go and thanked staff.

Chair Gary Poole said he has been around parks and recreation centers all his life; this is a thorough, complete, living, working document that he is close too with all of staff’s efforts in making it happen.

Commissioner Richard Foerster moved that the Planning Commission recommend Town Council adopt the Parker Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan: 2018-2022, as part of the Parker 2035 Master Plan. Commissioner Eliana Burke seconded; a vote was taken and passed 6:0.

PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS

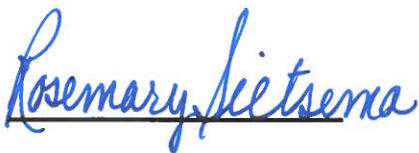
None

STAFF ITEMS

Reminder: February 22, 2018 Planning Commission meeting cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Rosemary Sietsema
Recording Secretary



Gary Poole
Chair