

City of Alamosa
Recreation Advisory Board

Special Meeting

7/18/2017

11:30am

I. Roll call

Present: John Adams, Heather Brooks, Jon Brownell, Paul Duarte, Josef Lucero. Staff: Heinz Bergan, Jes Jolly, Andy Rice. Absent: Kristina Daniel and Mark Pittman.

II. Agenda Approval

Jon moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Heather; vote was unanimous.

III. Public comment (none)

IV. Programs/Items

a. 5 Year Capital Plan Discussion

Heather reported the Water Smarts Committee, which is an informal group of volunteers seeks to conserve the city water usage. They looked at every single park and marked potential changes that can be done to conserve water. They recognize that they are not the rec board and are only brainstorming new uses to propose to the board. Jon mentioned that while he and Andy were looking at the weeds at the golf course, there is a large space of unused grass that can be added to the list. Heather asked the board to feel free to ask Andy and herself any questions or if they had any additions that they would like to add to the list. She stated that their whole goal is water conservation, then gateways and beautification.

Andy presented the board with the current capital plan and then they would look at the new proposed one. He wanted to gather the board's input before sending it to Pat. In the current year plan, 2017 is set with the construction of the Multi-use Pavilion; replacement of the fitness equipment, bucking chutes at the fairgrounds, and currently looking into replacing the indoor track. The current track only has a ¼" layer of carpet on concrete. The city has committed around \$100,000 budget per year to maintain recreation projects from 2018-2022.

In 2018, the budget allows for \$70,000 for the Solar Farm buyout. Heather said that if they want more than that, we will have to walk. Andy pointed out that in 2019 there is an amount for \$80,000, which is the \$150,000 minus \$70,000 that would be used to for the multi-use financing.

The Rec Center HVAC replacement has been moved up to 2018. When the building was built it was going to be geothermally heated and the boiler was just a backup. However, the boiler has been the main source of heat for the building. Josef asked if they gave up on the geothermic plans. He informed the board that they ultimately picked the location for that purpose and ideally adding a swimming pool. Andy stated that the water was not hot

enough when they built the building and probably will not be in the future. In 2019, the budget allows for the tennis court resurfacing. Paul asked if it had just been resurfaced last year and Andy determined that it was 3 years ago and must be resurfaced every 5-7 years. Parks will get a new four-wheeler for trail maintenance and will work with public works for additional parts. Paul thought that the plan underestimated the cost and Jon suggested an ATV instead. He said they can purchase a ATV at 42", which would be narrow enough for sidewalks. They can also utilize it to get the fields done sooner.

In 2020, we plan on replacing weight circuit equipment in the cardio room and it would be best to have a designed system. There is also the addition of basketball courts at Lee Fields, attic ventilation at the Golf Course, and bridge lighting at Cole Park.

In 2020, contingent on a GOCO grant, the playground at Lee Field can be updated. Andy added that Kiwanis would be interested in raising money for it as well. They would then use about \$25,000 to replace the high wattage gym lights with LED lighting. \$75,000 would then be attributed to purchasing a mobile performance stage. Josef asked about a permanent stage in Cole Park, that it might be an alternative to purchasing a new one. Heather revealed that it would reduce some of the usage, but we would still need a mobile stage for city events. Josef thought it wouldn't be a bad idea to look at it anyway. Andy noted he'd look at grants, but it could be upward of 1/2 million dollars. Heather suggested doing a public outreach and asking the public if they would want a permanent stage.

In 2022, there is a budget to make outdoor pickleball courts. They could base the cost on the basketball construction numbers. Spin bikes are due for an upgrade as well. Of the 18-20 that we have only 14-15 are fully functional.

There are several projects that are unfunded as of yet, but may need to be added in the future. The Zamboni is fine now but we would want a new one later. Heather mentioned that we would need to send that item to fleet. We would need new cardio equipment and the rec center and some windows need to be replaced as water has etched them so bad, it has become an eyesore. The fairgrounds need new buck pens and upgrades to the interior and exterior lighting. Andy thought that they could do some fundraising at the rodeo to help with the costs. Heather said that she would talk to the Honeycutts. Josef reported that he talked with locals from Monte Vista that are not excited about their city and the Stampede. He asked if there is a growing interest in our rodeo or if is it flat. Heather maintained that it is rising. Andy mentioned that Field 3 loses a lot of balls in the ditch near the field and that it would be great to have a net out there, but it's not a priority right now. There is also the pedestrian bridge, trails/cross country, irrigation on the front and back nine, and a new gazebo at Diamond Park. The Water Smarts Committee suggested a second gazebo at Jardin Park, a xeriscape area. nature

play area, and a skate and bike area at Carroll Park. Heather noted that now is the time feedback. Is one too high, too low? Paul voiced there are a few things we missed like taking lighting to the basketball courts at Carroll Park. Andy added that none of the basketball courts at the parts are lighted. Paul mentioned that it could be easy to add to the lights at the tennis courts. He also would like to resurface the basketball courts. Josef asked if the lights were added will kids play on the courts until midnight. Andy suggested they can install a timer like the lights at tennis courts. Heather asked if there were any more courts and Paul added that they could also do Boyd Park. Jon asked if they fixed the poles near the Golf Course. Andy said not yet, that it is not a priority for them right now. Paul voiced that instead of building a new field at Lee Fields, he'd like to see more improvements, like covered seating, a paved path, and improving the parking lot. Andy announced that the second dog park and archery range are going before council this week. He asked if a permanent bathroom near the disc golf course and trails would be good. Heather expressed if something is GOCO eligible we can move it up. They would then try to apply in 2018 for some of the things that can be done sooner. Andy disclosed they would add a new mower to the parks plan and the Cemetery will purchase a mini truck with dump bed to fill in between plots

V. Staff Report/Announcement

Andy brought up a patron behavior issue after an incident on the softball field. The question is if there is there an assault or not? We recently installed cameras out the fields and have the incident on tape; though we can't see the spitting on the recording. The public good is the most important thing. Heather stated that they filmed it and it's circulating. It took 4 people to pull him away.

Josef expressed that this is unacceptable behavior. Andy reported they will be changing the policy but will have to get with the City lawyer to look it over. The policy will require their signature before playing. Heather pointed out that he didn't take accountability from 2016 incident and that there is not a change or acknowledgement of that behavior. She stated that we have a responsibility to our employees and there is a pattern.

Andy revealed that we're leaning toward a lifetime ban, but would like to give him a chance to change. He asked about observing games for his kids, maybe just banning him from participation. John asked what if he verbally harnesses the staff. Paul would like to still allow him to watch his kids, on the condition that he is only a spectator. Jes revealed that since the incident he has not expressed any remorse and never apologized for anything that transpired last year. Andy added that he has coached for us and has been a big help. Josef said that he has to be held to a higher standard. Andy asked if we would allow an appeal in 5 years and Paul would like to leave the option to appeal. Heather felt that a clean history during that time would have to be taken into consideration. Andy asserted that an appeal would have to go to this board. Paul added that they would have to

keep a good record, as some of the board members may not be here in that time. . They can also make his appeal contingent on his coaching career. Heather asked when they would notify him and Jes disclosed they would contact him this week.

VI. Board Comment (none)

VII. Adjournment

Next regularly scheduled meeting: August 8, 2017