



Special Meeting of the Nederland Planning Commission

MINUTES

Thursday, January 3, 2013 ~ 7:00 pm
Nederland Community Center
750 Highway 72 North

1) Call to Order

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2) Roll Call

Present: Chairman Bill Martin and Commissioners Steve Williams, Kris Larsen, Roger Cornell, Mikki Osterloo, and Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Mueller.

Also present: Town Administrator Alisha Reis and Deputy Town Clerk Michele Martin.

3) Approval of minutes from November 28, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Cornell, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and passed with Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Mueller abstaining.

4) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5) Action Items

a. Appointment of Officers, per Bylaws Article VIII

A correction to the AIM – Commissioner Larsen's term is good through 2015.

Chairman Martin nominated Commissioner Larsen to be appointed as Chairman, with Commissioner Cornell seconding the nomination. All were in favor.

Commissioner Larsen nominated Commissioner Cornell to be appointed as Vice Chairman, with Chairman Martin seconding the nomination. All were in favor.

Appointments will take effect at the next meeting.

It was noted that Commissioners Osterloo and Williams' terms are due to expire in June 2013. They were encouraged to reapply.

Mayor Pro Tem Mueller joined the meeting.

b. Final Review of the Updated Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan

Town Administrator Reis provided an update on this project. Trustee Randy Lee has reviewed all submitted changes and recommendations from the advisory boards to ensure this document is all inclusive from its first draft. Reis had put together the Commission's recommendations from its last meeting and submitted them to the project consultant for inclusion. The Commission is to review the draft a final time before it is submitted for introduction at the Board of Trustees for their review. The Trustees are scheduled to discuss the plan at their January 15 meeting, and it is scheduled to be considered for adoption in February. The consultants, GreenPlay, have incorporated all of the Commission's recommendations with the exception of specifically recommending the expansion of the weir as a secondary crossing to the creek. They felt a second crossing over the creek should include broader options than just the weir specifically, though the weir will remain as an option.

Reis went on to comment that GreenPlay does intend to substantially increase the discussion of wild fire mitigation in the plan, which will also be increased in the ongoing update to the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Cornell commented on the incomplete West Magnolia trails and suggested that a paragraph be included about rehabilitating the trail system. Commissioner Larsen stated that the Boulder Mountainbike Alliance does plan to rehabilitate the trails.

Reis will put a fact sheet together once this plan is adopted for the general public. It may be misinterpreted that just because this plan is adopted doesn't mean there are funds available for the projects. Funding for recreation usually comes from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). GOCO requires a governing body to demonstrate they are behind identified projects by a supporting resolution in applying for GOCO grants. There are several steps

involved for each project. Commissioner Williams suggested adding this to the last paragraph of the executive summary.

Mayor Pro Tem Mueller had several comments. Reis suggested sending comments directly to Trustee Lee at this point in time. Mueller will copy everyone on it.

Gateway Park was discussed and the budget outlined was suggested to be changed, because it was much too detailed for the current concept plan stage. It was suggested to recommend changing the language to include costs in more general terms.

Mueller had a concern with the first objective in Goal 2, which was Gateway Park. He said he thought there was too much emphasis of this concept plan rather than the existing amenities, that simple upgrades or maintenance could improve. He said he understands there are little projects within the Gateway Park and wonders how they fill the Town's needs; he said there was still a disconnect between the proposed plan and the needs identified by residents via the public input processes. It was decided that each goal should have an explanation of how it satisfies the needs; Mueller said it might be redundant, but would help solidify the objective.

Another comment Mueller had was in regards to Goal 2.4 standardizing park fixtures. He questioned whether standardizing all kiosks or sign posts achieve the goal. He said there are different trails that would require different materials. He said he felt it was too specific and there should be other criteria in the selection process.

Also, Mueller was concerned about the language in the one-page document titled "Alternate Framework Proposed"; which was presented to the Commission at its November 28, 2012 review of the plan's first draft. Mueller said he felt the sentence "non-inclusion in the Master Plan should not be taken to mean a project is not important to fulfilling the Plan's goals." That sentence could imply that any project can be sought after if funds were available, even if it is not in the plan, he said. Reis said she believed this statement was taken out of the plan draft after the first plan review and will research the document to make sure.

Reis summarized the additions to be recommended:

- Encourage the rebuilding of mountain bike/rec trails in the West Magnolia mitigation area

- Include a bigger emphasis on the Nederland Planning Process (NPP) and additional steps necessary before implementation of any public project identified in the Plan
- Gateway Park shouldn't have detailed cost estimates at this level of concept planning and should be a more general list
- Planning should be based on strong public buy-in data or evidence tied directly to the survey data or the public input
- Show in the goals how each proposed objective meets the identified goal
- Add a statement in the executive summary in regards to the adoption of this Plan doesn't ensure there are funds to achieve the goals – this is part of the process needed to apply for grants

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 9 for final input. Mueller was encouraged to attend, if possible.

Reis will put together a memo regarding the Commission's recommendations and send it around for review prior to submitting the final version to the Board of Trustees.

6) Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

7) Other Business

Reis said the first three chapters of the draft Comprehensive Plan will be ready for review on January 23. The Steering Committee members will be in attendance.

Mueller provided an update on his sustainability meetings for the update to the Comprehensive Plan. He has comments and will forward to Reis.

8) Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2013.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Cornell, and unanimously approved at 8:15 p.m.

Approved by the Planning Commission,



Bill Martin, Chairman, Planning Commission

ATTEST:



Michele Martin, Deputy Town Clerk