

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **7 pm, PARAB – May 2, 2011**

**Present:** Chairman Dave Aldridge, Roger Armstrong, Jennifer Bell, Suzette Cote, Carrie Delius, Danu Fatt, Public Works Director Bruno Pothier, City Administrator Jack Benson, David Chorpenning, and Zoe (last name TBD).

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

Mr. Pothier updated the Board on several Public Works projects: No new trees were being planted in Memorial Park at this time; the tent for the runners' event was 150 by 150 square feet; and the grass that we planted last year is looking good.

#### **Presentations**

Dave Chorpenning spoke about Manitou Springs Forward: The Rainbow Vision Plan was adopted by the City of MS in 1994. It needs to be re-visited every 10 years. He invited the members of PARAB to the next community meeting and potluck of Manitou Springs Forward, which is on Sunday, June 26th, from noon to 4 p.m., with the potluck to occur between noon and 12:30, at City Hall. One of the email addresses for this group is "ManitouSpringsForward.com".

#### **Old Business**

- 1) Ms. Bell said that progress was being made to look for a sponsor to help pay for the Mutt Mitts that we put in the parks. It was suggested that Bestway Disposal be contacted, along with Wag-n-Wash. The cost to the City is 5 to 6 thousand each year.
- 2) Ms. Bell said that she had found a designer for the trail brochure but was still waiting for legal disclaimer from the City Attorney. Discussion followed that an initial printing of 10 thousand may not be enough. It was suggested to approach the Chamber of Commerce about sharing the extra expense of the printing.
- 3) Mr. Pothier updated the Board regarding Mabel Willie Park. A citizen's petition had been submitted to the City Council to replace the gate and lower the basketball rim to regulation height of 10 feet. A motion was made by Chairman Aldridge and seconded by Ms. Bell to lower the basketball rim to 10 feet and to replace the net. It passed unanimously. Mr. Pothier said that he would get cost estimates for a new hoop, which would help make the poles last longer.

#### **New Business**

- 1) Ms. Delius gave an update on the search for a consultant for Soda Springs Park. It was agreed that all members would go back and look at the Soda Springs Master Plan. Discussion followed on what the Board would want to focus on in improving the park. Lighting and the pavilion were discussed. Mr. Benson pointed out that there were two issues: Creating a park and protecting it afterwards. A motion was made by Ms. Bell and seconded by Ms. Delius to study the Master Plan, focusing on the Pavilion, and then to canvas the community for public comment.

***Chairman Aldridge needed to leave @ 8:00 p.m. so Vice Chair Bell chaired the rest of the meeting.***

- 2) A discussion followed concerning the budget PARAB has and an update on the May 1<sup>st</sup> site visit to the westside Walton project.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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