

**CHEROKEE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CMD PARKS COMMITTEE**

February 7, 2018

**MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the CMD PARKS COMMITTEE was held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6250 Palmer Park Blvd., Colorado Springs, Colorado at 4:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Ms. Jan Cederberg

Ms. Linda O'Riley

Ms. Susan Meyer

Citizens Present at the Meeting:

Mr. Kurt Schlegel, General Manager

Mr. Jonathon Smith

Mr. Roger Stolz

Mr. Bill Heckard

ITEM 1:

The Meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m.

ITEM 2:

Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 3:

The Committee reviewed the Meeting Agenda and a motion was made.

MOTION: MS. MEYER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 7, 2018 PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING.

SECOND: MS. O'RILEY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.

ITEM 4:

The Committee reviewed the Minutes from the January 3, 2018 Park Meeting and a motion was made.

MOTION: MS. O'RILEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 3, 2018 MEETING AS WRITTEN.

SECOND: MS. MEYER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.

ITEM 5:

During the Committee Members report Ms. Cederberg brought up the "Next Door" website which had multiple community comments about the condition of the Dog Park at Eastridge Park. It was noticed by the community members who visit the Dog Park that the warning sign level was elevated to Yellow Status. This status warns the patrons of the dog park that the conditions are getting to the point where users of the Dog Park should be attentive to picking up the dog waste or there might be danger in the park reaching a point where it would have to be shut down and cleaned before it could be opened up again for community use. The community comments were largely positive about the dog park and Cherokee's efforts to maintain a clean facility. Participation from the community is mandatory for owners to pick up after their pets in order to keep the park in safe condition for all users.

It was also discussed by staff that the hiring process for a new staff member for Building Maintenance, that would include rounds at the parks, has been started and a regular maintenance routine will be put in place when that employee begins working for the District in the next couple weeks.

Discussion about getting signs posted at Eastridge Park stating "Dogs must remain on a Leash" would be an added benefit to the park. There have been large dogs running toward small children and interrupting ball games due to lack of supervision. If dogs were to remain on a leash in the park except for the fenced Dog Park area, it would cut down on these types of events.

The Brightview Landscaping Company has already started their work for the District. A large clean-up of the District office site was completed and they are already checking several locations in District Parks.

Ms. O'Riley complimented the new lights located at the Basketball Court at Eastridge Park. Keeping those lights on during the night will help cut down on vandalism in the Pavilion area.

ITEM 6:

Mr. Schlegel gave his report of Park activities that have occurred since the last Park meeting.

The Basketball Courts have been completed. There was a last remaining trench that had to be filled in and that was taken care of this past month.

Mr. Schlegel asked our former staff member who was helping with the Parks to order two park benches to be placed by the new basketball court. The District has no record that those were ordered and Mr. Schlegel will reorder those benches.

Mr. Schlegel has tried to contact companies about the cost of additional parking at Eastridge Park. So far he has not had any response back but he will continue working toward getting those figures. He will report back his findings for the next meeting.

Currently, there are no projects scheduled until news of the results of the Grant application have been received. If the Grant has been denied, there will be money in the Park budget to begin other priority projects outlined by the Park Committee. The results of the Grant Application should be known at the beginning of March.

Mr. Schlegel provided a proposal from NNR Enterprises for the extension of the sidewalk at Eastridge Park along Palmer Park Blvd and Shawnee Drive. The area involved is roughly 6,400 square feet and also includes the removal of the curb and gutter, apron and excavation of the area. A quote of \$53,780.00 was given to Mr. Schlegel. The Committee discussed the amount and will take that under consideration when the Grant proposal has been returned to know the status of the funds available for further park renovations.

A catalog of Pavilion designs was presented to the Committee to get some ideas of what would be included in a second Pavilion structure at Eastridge Park. A simple design was discussed with the only extra addition being lighting for the area. A concrete pad will have to be poured, which would add an

Mr. Schlegel was in contact with the owners of Harding Nursery to discuss the purchase of perimeter trees for the Dog Park to make a boundary fence to cut down on dust from the park going across the street to the homes. It was discussed the trees would be purchased at a discount rate to include planting. The trees would be low water usage trees that are native to Colorado and would require watering by the District until they are established. Mr. Schlegel will get information as to whether the trees should be planted inside or outside the fence according to the current layout of the area to comply with the right of way.

Mr. Schlegel met with resident and baseball coach, Mr. Bill Heckard, to discuss the condition of the baseball fields. The sand that was put down in the fields has not lasted and Mr. Schlegel is checking into what it would cost to put clay down in the infield area that would have a longer lasting effect. When Mr. Schlegel gets that quote it would also include scraping out the sand. The benefit of putting clay down in the infield would be that it doesn't get muddy if the fields get wet and if it is filled in on a yearly basis it would end up being a permanent base for the fields.

Baseball field reservations will be available April 1<sup>st</sup>. There was some discussion about opening that up earlier in the season but Mr. Schlegel will determine the readiness of the new sod and seed for playtime as the time approaches.

Ms. Cederberg commented there was at one time discussion about placing a Ballfield Reservation Board at the fields in order to verify reservations. Mr. Schlegel thought this was a good idea and he will check into that by the next meeting.

ITEM 7:

Comments during Public Comments concerned the new bleachers at Eastridge Park. The bleachers were constructed by the Eagle Scouts and are having some issues with warping of the boards. Apparently, pressure treated boards were not used in the construction and now considerable warping has occurred. The bleachers will have to be repaired in the future.

Mr. Heckard commented that he knows of several food vendors that his group has used for baseball games in the past that might work for the Movie in the Park. He will give Mr. Schlegel the information so he can see if we can set something up with them for the Movie event.

ITEM 8:

The next meeting will be held on March 7, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

ITEM 9:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.