

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

April 4, 2018

**MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the CMD PARKS COMMITTEE was held on Wednesday, April 4, 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

Ms. Assunta Manning

ITEM 1:

The Meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

ITEM 2:

The Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 3:

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

MOTION: MS. O'RILEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA AS WRITTEN.

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

ITEM 4:

The Committee reviewed the Minutes from the Meeting that was held on March 7, 2018.

MOTION: MS. O'RILEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 7, 2018.

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

ITEM 5:

Ms. Cederberg called for the Committee Members reports at this time.

Ms. Meyer had several items to share with the Committee. The vandalism issues have been continuing at Eastridge Park. The horseshoe pits were just completed the prior week, including the poles in the pits being cemented in. Days later one of the poles that was installed was broken out of the cement and found elsewhere in the park.

The damaged handicapped swing has been removed and replaced with a regular swing.

A new tot swing was ordered and installed at the park.

The picnic table graffiti was removed and the bench was anchored to the concrete.

It was reported that there has been a 4 wheeler who is tearing up the turf at Eastridge Park.

Brightview will begin their duties in April with expected costs for irrigation start-up.

Keep Dogs on a Leash signs were ordered by Mr. Schlegel and placed by the dog park entrances.

Colorado Tech Park is having landscape timbers placed by the sidewalk areas to keep the pea gravel off the sidewalk area.

Fredricksburg Park is having some landscape timbers replaced that have been loose.

During discussion, it was noted that the vandalism that is occurring has been mainly at Eastridge Park. It was suggested that a call be made to the Sheriff's Department requesting additional Deputy' support whenever it is possible in their schedule. Ms. Cederberg wondered if additional lighting at the Pavilion would help the situation. Mr. Schlegel commented that additional electrical panels would most likely be required for additional lights.

At this time the subject of use of the Pavilion restrooms being suspended was brought before the Committee. Mr. Schlegel, Ms. Cederberg and Ms. Meyer attended a regional Park Meeting and there has

been difficulty in parks within the City and County where there has been undesirable circumstances in park restrooms. This prompted Mr. Schlegel to have an additional san-o-let installed at the Eastridge Park and have the restrooms locked for public use. There was an issue with a park reservation that was held on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The bathrooms for this reservation would have not been available for public use due to the freezing temperatures inhibiting the charge up of the system. Future residents reserving the park will be informed that the restrooms will not be available but a san-o-let will be provided. A new Park Reservation handout has been made for future park reservations so customers are aware of the changes.

#### ITEM 6:

Mr. Schlegel presented his report to the Committee.

The GOCO grant money for the skateboard park was denied. Discussion followed as to whether the Park Committee should pursue the grant money and put projects on hold for another year to hold aside the matching funds for the project or go ahead with projects for the parks. Ms. Cederberg asked Mr. Schlegel to put together some figures as to how much money the Committee can propose to spend and still have the matching funding required if the Board of Directors wishes to try an additional time to get the GOCO grant money. Mr. Schlegel will put those figures together.

The Movie Night was discussed. Mr. Schlegel will get a contract in place for the Movie Night that will be held on August 4, 2018 at Eastridge Park. A proposed starting time for the event would be around 5 p.m. with the movie beginning around dusk. Food trucks, the Fire Department and Sheriff's Department will be asked to attend to make it a Community Event. Mr. Schlegel will order signs and banners as the time draws closer. Ideas for choice of movie were discussed as well.

Mr. Schlegel and Ms. Meyer met with an asphalt paving vendor to get a quote for an additional parking lot at the Eastridge Park. Mr. Schlegel received that quote and an additional quote for the proposed parking lot. One quote was for \$24,600 for 8,100 square feet that will allow for 26 parking spaces and the other one came in at \$29,000 for 7,600 square feet for 24 parking spaces. Mr. Schlegel stressed the need for the other parking lots at Eastridge Park to be resealed and re-stripped in the near future.

Ms. Cederberg suggested the swingset at Westridge Park be a priority due to community requests. Mr. Schlegel will put together some figures for playground equipment.

The Board of Directors approved \$5000.00 for trees for a hedge along the edge of the Dog Park and some replacement trees for the Golf Course. Weather permitting, those will be purchased and planted soon.

Mr. Schlegel contacted Pioneer Sand for the base for the Ballfields. That project will be started when weather permits.

Several ideas were discussed about the need to curb the vandalism in Eastridge Park. Security cameras would be a very expensive alternative. The issue is a community issue that is affecting what amenities can be placed in the parks.

ITEM 7:

Mr. Jonathon Smith asked the Committee if they would like to have a couple of fire hydrants placed in the Dog Park. His crew has a couple available that are no longer available for service. The Committee thought this would be a very good idea.

Ms. Cederberg brought up an idea for some kind of cylinder that dogs could run through be placed in the Dog Park. Mr. Smith said the District has something that might work for use at the Dog Park. Further discussion will take place on this subject.

Ms. Manning asked questions regarding the bathrooms at the Pavilion being locked during reservations. She wondered about the additional cost for use of restrooms being added to the park reservation fee. Discussion followed about the issues involved. Mr. Schlegel is moving to make the Park Reservations be as efficient as possible for District operations. The people reserving the Park will have the burden of cleaning up the facility and leaving it in good condition in order to have their damage deposit refunded. The facilities maintenance staff member will make sure the area has been cleaned the day before the reservation. The on-call Operator will check the facility right before the reservation begins during his rounds and the Facilities Maintenance person will go and collect the trash and meet the person reserving the Pavilion to check the condition of the park afterwards. This will streamline the process and hopefully make the reservations as maintenance free for the District as possible. The other issue is that public restroom use is being curtailed because of homeless issues and safety concerns. Ms. Cederberg would like Mr. Schlegel to see what the cost for Operators to spend additional time to deal with the restrooms. He will research that issue.

ITEM 8:

The next meeting date will be May 2, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

ITEM 9:

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.