

LCRAB Agenda 02.18.16

Attendance:

Board: Smokey Burgess, Paul Anderson, Clay Stewart, Brian Feddema, Alex Lee, Shoshanah Beck

Others in attendance: Delores Semsack, Amber Magee, Samantha Montes

6:00pm County Commissioners Room

Rec Master Plan Update

- **Email (Shoshanah)**
 - **Dog Park – see email**
 - Board recognizes that no negative feedback has been received anecdotally
 - Pat on the back to dog park committee and all partners involved
 - **WP Play Yard-See email from Sarah Mudge**
 - They should touch base with Brad Palmer in anticipation of summer planning
 - **Complete Streets-see email from Sarah Mudge**
- **In-person**
 - **Winter Trails**
 - Paul Anderson - single track: usage is up! And there have been excellent conditions, attracting people from all over the state and beyond
 - Brian F. – sees current and future benefit of year-round recreation tourism, specifically winter biking (rated 1st across the nation). How can we foster this type of recreation? MBT – grooms with help from CMC, used heavily and partnerships have helped stave off user conflict.
 - Smokey/Paul: MBT and other multi-use trails like this are free and are open to all non-motorized users
 - Shoshanah/Brian: education about using these trails in the right conditions to minimize damage. This will be the most effective way to maintain these trails and minimize user conflict. Be proactive, especially in anticipation of more tourists.
 - Clay: their real job is to clean-up after people, not so much prep
 - Alex: more signage to highlight multi-use, also in anticipation of increased use
 - **Father Dyer Race: Alex**
 - Submitted permit for 25-mile course, 6500 vertical gain, still waiting county approval
 - Sees increased enthusiasm and interest from some bigger outdoor companies wanting to help out
 - Will start looking for volunteers, especially day of and some prep work
 - Clay: we may need to tap more into “snow mountaineer” group
 - **Clay: adding in days/times for grooming depending on snowfall and use**
 - Coordinating with group to link or condense facebook and other social media
 - New website is coming along
 - Long term: concerned about parking and signs in the future
 - Has communicated with Brad Palmer about future signs
 - Alex: wants to see a 5-10-year winter trails plan

Director’s Report (Amber Magee)

- **Facilities**
 - Pool (see director’s report): sauna and diving board are installed and in use)
 - Slide is closed: replace slide with aquatic climbing wall, looking for funding from several community partners (should know by March 10)
 - Electrical in shallow end is out for bid (due in two weeks)
 - Shut down April 8-22, 2016
 - Future maintenance needs: ceiling, liner, and locker room showers
- **Tubing Hill**
 - Open but use extreme caution!
 - Roger built a better berm with hay bales and added additional fencing
 - Found pipe across stream, will look into it
 - Rentals have been pretty high

- **Ice Rink**
 - Closed right now due to warm weather conditions and could be a safety issue
 - Could not be worth trying to bring it back for remainder of season
 - Usage is up 25-30% from previous years during a specific period of time
 - Warranty issues with building (will look into after building is closed)
- **Rockies Rock**
 - Hiring teaching staff
 - Funding is secured, but slightly short on funding (might affect field trips)
 - This program is not sustainable financially, maybe GOCO Inspire Initiative could be a part of this (transportation and staff are biggest expenses)
 - March 19th Fundraiser at the Nordic Center
- **Will not host Triathlon anymore**
- **Starting to look at Senior Programming and other childcare programming that have gaps**

Budget Review (Paul Anderson)

- About \$3500 that possibly hasn't been set aside as of yet
- \$11,000 spent
- There are items that have not been discussed by the board, but could come up this year
- Invite Roger to a meeting to prioritize, have board help identify a few of these

New Business:

- **Tow Rope Discussion**
 - Howard Tritz reached out about donating a tow rope to the Dutch Henry tubing hill
 - It will be discussed at a commissioners meeting in a couple of weeks
 - What does LCRA think:
 - Our focus is more on maintaining facilities and not creating new ones at this point. We may not have enough info to say yay or no. Seems costly. We want to make sure that we are focusing on this. Is this the right piece of equipment? Safe? A lot of associated costs/liability. Do we need more information? Or does it just not seem like a good idea right now.
 - **Vote: Alex makes a motion to recommend against the county getting a rope tow at Dutch Henry sledding hill due lack of: information, champion to drive the project and demonstrated sustainability of the project.**
 - **Brian seconded this motion**
 - **All in favor: passed unanimously**
- **Commercial Tours on East Side**
 - Smokey: ball mountain tours happening for last couple of years, people are confused about increased use, it is on County P&Z and BOCC upcoming agendas(their permitting work is ahead of the game in getting zoning issues resolved)
 - Clay: what would LCRA recommend? Sees tracked ATV's all the time on east side (run out of 3rd & poplar)
 - Alex: what are current user days/permits? Sees future conflict with this type of use. Finding balance is key.
 - Delores: the biggest problem is lots of private property
 - Smokey: hears quality of life concerns and too much impact concerns

Next meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2016 @6pm

Invite Roger Lopez: 5 priorities (parks/rec maintenance) for rec board to add to master plan

Brian: All-year round biking season back on agenda regularly, report and share what he learned about this

Brian: How can we prolong ice rink (ice) – shade fence and lighting (use sun analysis), loss on facility use (how to capture more use)

Amber: wants to look into refrigeration system

Shoshanah: maybe a paper bracelet system?

Set time limits for reports?

June meeting: Come up with a discreet list of potential issues to make recommendations for: Vision for commercial tours/use on east side

Private land

P&Z (is it zoned for that area or not)

Meeting adjourned at 7:30