

# MEETING MINUTES

**RECORDED BY:** Melonie Trang

**MEETING PURPOSE:** PRC Special Board Meeting

**MEETING DATE** October 24, 2018  
**AND LOCATION:** PRPL Office



**ATTENDEES:** PRC Board Members:  
Rick DeVore, Tom Rupsis, Tim Warburton, Chuck Platt, Lew Morris, Rich Lorenz, Mark Wahl

PRPL Staff Members:  
Mike Whitaker, Director  
Kory Thomson, Recreation Superintendent  
Mike Pigg, Park Superintendent  
Mark Jarvis, Park Planner  
Lee Stadtmiller, Cemetery Manager

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## I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Rick DeVore called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM

### A. INTRODUCTIONS

City Councilwoman, Penny Ronning  
Finance Director, Andy Zoeller

### B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No

## II. DIRECTORS REPORT – Michael Whitaker

- Michael said there is a strip of dedicated parkland on the west side of Southgate subdivision that Billings Construction Supply (BCS) would like to purchase. The strip is located between BCS's 2 lots. Revenue from the sale would go into a special park fund.

## III. PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT

None

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. New Park Funding:

An email was sent from Board chair Rick DeVore to Park members with park funding options.

It included the following five options:

1. Move forward with a ballot vote for a Park District 2 (PD2)
2. Discuss a "Regional" PD2 concept. Establish a regional Park Districts that

citizens would have to vote and approve an additional assessment within their area for any new development.

3. Go back to PD1 and ask City council to support an increase without a popular vote.
4. The opt in/opt out concept of funding.
5. Creation of a new tax based upon use of plastic bags similar to Boulder CO and other communities that have established this concept.

Board discussed and commented the following on the above options:

- Ballot vote for PD2 would not be any different than PD1. It would be for new parks development and can be set with an amount. If this passed, it could be combined with PD1. PD1 would be for maintenance and PD2 would be for any new development.

- Board member Tim Warburton expressed he was not in favor of a ballot for PD2. He said it could give the impression we did PD1 wrong.

- Move the departments general fund money into PD1.
- Do not jeopardize PD1 by tying string to its funds.
- Concern is that council determines the amount set for PD1.
- Concern regarding putting PD2 on a ballot; it would cost money and it could interfere with any other issues on levies such as a school levy.

- Council woman Penny Ronning commented the number one priority is public safety. She said there may be something on the May ballot. She said she appreciates and supports parks but her number one is public safety. Ms. Ronning said to consider charter change. She said council is looking into changing the charter.

- Board chair Rick DeVore commented on asking Council for an additional 1 million. It was also said to set PD1 at a specific amount just for development.

- Partnerships and grants are important to receiving funding. It was mentioned that seed money was needed before we get grants.

- The option to opt in/opt out is probably not a good idea.
- Staff needs to come up with a 5-year plan with general estimates for park development. Present this plan to council and ask for an increase to PD1.

***Board member Rich Lorenze made a motion to pick # 3 from the five options presented to the board by Board chair Rick DeVore which talks about asking City Council to increase PD1 by a dollar amount for so many years (to be determined) and that money would be used for park development. Also, staff will develop a five-year plan on park development. Board member Lew Morris seconded the motion. On a voice vote all were in favor and the motion passed.***

## **VII. AJOURNMENT – 12:45 pm**

***(Please note these minutes are summary minutes)***