

Minutes

Larkspur Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

2 February 2009

Larkspur Town Hall

<u>Board Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Korrie Euler, Chairperson		X
Bonnie Schwam-Munoz, Vice-Chairperson	X	
Kathy Kramer	X	
Bill Kramer (alternate)		X
Larry Horwitz (alternate)		X
Lana Wagner, Council Liaison	X	

Other Attendees:

Gary Abel	Larkspur Cross-Breed (Self-Proclaimed)
Marlys Houge	Potential new board member
Reed Houge	Potential new board member
Marvin Cardenas	
Shannon Buss	
Dana Hamling	Larkspur Historical Society – President
Matt Krimmer	Town Manager

In the absence of the Chairwoman Korrie Euler, Bonnie Munoz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Matt Krimmer announced that this board is looking for new members and introduced the existing board to potential board members, Reed and Marlys Houge, and visitors. The Houge's board applications will be presented to the Town Council at the scheduled meeting on Thursday 5 February 2009.

Dana Hamling (303-681-3738), President of the Larkspur Historical Society, told the board that Joey Edge had donated a display cabinet to the Town Hall. The Historical Society will place historical pictures of Larkspur in the cabinet. She provided the annual society newsletter to the board (more copies were provided to Matt for the Town Hall). The society wanted to know about the upcoming town events so that they could participate in the events. They would have at least three people in colonial costumes, historical displays, and tell people of Larkspur (southern Douglas County) history. Since Dana has experience in acquiring "free" advertising for the societal events, she volunteered to help this committee with event advertising.

Kathy Kramer discussed a potential spring event that would draw people residing in the 80118 zip code and tell them about park enhancements. GOCO (Greater Outdoor Colorado) would be invited to present their contribution to the park.

Lana Wagner discussed the town council desire to have four annual events: two sponsored by the Parks & Rec. committee and two sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The goal this year is to have a minimum of two events, i.e., 4th of July and Christmas tree lighting.

Lana suggested that the board start the planning of the Fourth of July (occurring on 3 July) starting now or as soon as possible. The Town Council wants the committee to organize the Fourth of July with concept of fun for everyone. They suggested Bonnie to chair. Both Bonnie and Lana suggested that we all bring ideas for the event and lessons learned from the last 4th of July event to the next meeting. The board needs to assess what the “all-encompassing needs” will be for the event.

Bonnie suggested that grounds of the park need to be prepared so that game events can be separated throughout the park.

Bonnie asked that committee members suggest gaming events, i.e., watermelon eating contest, dunk tank, pie baking contest, soft ball game, water events, etc. Parameters: easy and cheap.

Larry Horwitz volunteered to scribe the meeting minutes from the tape that is made during each meeting.

Park Enhancements – Marvin Cardenas and Matt Krimmer went to the Sandstone Ranch development to look at their picnic shelter/pavilion and their playground area. They were impressed with what is there. Matt asked Marvin to arrange a time with the caretakers at Sandstone Ranch so that all of the committee members can see the facilities and equipment. The shelter has wooden posts and a metal roof. It is rustic, simple in structure, inexpensive to build and low maintenance. Matt suggested that the tour take place within the 60 days in order to be timely for Larkspur park development.

Viewing dates will be scheduled at the next committee meeting. Marvin will ask about available dates.

Matt received the first cost estimates from town’s engineering firm for engineering design of the: public restrooms (water & sewer), water feature, parking areas. He was concerned that the dollar value of the bids is expensive. This is just the design not the actual work. He will look for other bids. He has a reasonable bid for the grounds watering system.

Matt has presented to the Town Council that the Parks and Recreation board be enhanced in membership and split into two subcommittees: events (i.e., 4th of July and Christmas tree lighting) and projects (i.e., park enhancements and trails).

More concerning 4th of July event –

- Prepare Boy Scouts to have more hot dogs and drinks,
- Have water available.
- Find tents for shade.
- Go to Fire Department and secure commitment from Firemen to help with games i.e., setup and execution.
- Talk to Renaissance Festival concerning face painters and other people who can volunteer to help us.
- Need to divide organization of events into the different activities (i.e., food, games, pies, water, etc) and have chairs of each (i.e., each game). Then have people responsible for each individual event.
- Setup: i.e., water ground, spread straw,
- Time of event: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lana Wagner commended the members of the board for their participation in the organization of these events. The community needs to be virtually all of 80118 rather than just the formal Town of Larkspur.

A motion was made by Larry Horwitz and seconded by Kathy Kramer and passed unanimously to recommend to the Town Council that the board not be divided into two subcommittees until the membership is substantially larger. The current committee will address all issues.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Korrie Euler

Chairperson