

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 6, 2014
BOARD ROOM
6:30 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Mayor David Gregg
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Dowker
Trustee Chris Buckridge
Trustee Jennifer Baker
Trustee Suzie White
Trustee Mike Henning

Board Members Absent: Trustee Paul Alaback

Staff Members Present: Town Administrator Mike Hart
Town Clerk Mary Cowdin
Attorney Greg Bell
Planner Tim Katers
Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Olinger
Administrative Clerk Jory Haslett

Mayor Gregg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Participation

None.

Ratification of the 2014 Comprehensive Plan

Planner Katers presented the 2014 Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted by the Planning Commission on April 10, 2014.

Planner Katers first presented a brief background and then gave an overview of each section of the Plan.

Trustee Buckridge asked for clarification regarding the Growth Management Area (GMA) boundary and the election triggers when it comes to properties located near I-25. Administrator Hart explained that there were several exceptions noted on the ballot question.

Planner Katers stated that there does need to be an edit in a paragraph referencing the 2014 referendum.

Trustee Buckridge asked if the level of detail in regard to the GMA and the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was necessary. Mayor Pro Tem Dowker stated that the language was requested for clarification purposes by the committee.

Planner Katers stated that they will try to clean up the language of that section to make it more understandable to the lay person reading the plan.

Trustee Buckridge asked for a couple of changes in the park section of the plan for accuracy.

Mayor Pro Tem Dowker moved to ratify the 2014 Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Henning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bee Boxes in Pioneer Park

Parks Director Olinger presented a request from the volunteer group running the Community Garden at Pioneer Park to add bee boxes to the garden to help with pollination.

Staff has asked both CIRSA and Town counsel for input regarding the issue, as well as contacting other communities in the area about their policies regarding bee boxes.

Director Olinger reported that staff recommends that bee boxes not be placed in the garden at this time, not because they dispute the benefits of bees, but rather because of the high level of vandalism in the park and the heavy community use of the park.

Wynne Maggi of 201 E. Michigan Ave addressed the Board and first thanked Director Olinger for all his assistance. She believes that it would be wonderful if Berthoud could add bees to the community gardens.

Beth Conrey, president of the Colorado State Beekeepers Association, 1617 Whitewater Court, addressed the Board and gave a brief presentation regarding the benefits of bees. She found during her research that there are many community gardens in Colorado that include bees.

Trustee Henning stated that if the community garden was not inside a Town park, it would be an easier decision. He asked if there was an alternative location for the bees that would benefit the garden. Ms. Conrey stated that there are a lot of bees in the area, but the garden would be an educational opportunity. She pointed out that both Longmont and Loveland have hives in municipal parks.

Patty Martillaro of 2002 Singing Water Court addressed the Board and stated that she is allergic to insect stings, but she has been around bees her whole life and never has been stung. She stated that honey bees are very docile.

Cecilia Bessette of 428 Welch Avenue addressed the Board and spoke in favor of bees in Pioneer Park. She stated that in her experience with her own beehive, children are very interested in bees and it would be a great educational opportunity.

Tim Hardy of 740 8th Street addressed the Board and spoke in favor of bees hives in the community garden.

Trustee Buckridge stated that there is a fantastic educational opportunity in having bees, but there is also a lot of anxiety regarding bees. He fears that people may not use the park if they knew that there were bee hives.

Trustee Henning stated there should be education first in order to have public acceptance of bees in public parks. He suggested that using a nearby hive site for educational purposes would be a good place to start.

Trustee Baker agreed with Trustees Buckridge and Henning; however her largest concern is liability. She asked if there was a way to partner with the school district for an educational opportunity.

Mayor Pro Tem Dowker stated that her concern is that the park is new and heavily used by the community, in addition to the issues with vandalism. She suggested a “bee tour” to educate the public regarding bees and investigating other opportunities for education.

Trustee White stated that she believes that there is a safety issue in having bees in the community garden, especially when it comes to children.

Mayor Gregg stated that his concern is about the liability of the Town in keeping bees in the community garden. He believes that are several other locations on Town-owned property for bee hives to be used for educational purposes, such as south Hillsdale.

Ms. Conrey suggested putting up native bee boxes with signage for educational purposes or putting an empty bee box in the garden to begin the conversation.

Mayor Gregg stated that the consensus of the Board that there is too much concern regarding liability issues at this point for bees in Pioneer Park, but that there was support for exploring opportunities in other locations.

Resolution re: April 1, 2014 Election (Haworth)

Trustee Henning moved to approve Resolution 8-14 declaring the vote on the petition referred to the people of the Town at the regular biennial elections held on April 1, 2014 and voiding Town Ordinance 1170. Trustee Buckridge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution re: April 1, 2014 Election (Future Annexations)

Trustee Buckridge moved to approve Resolution 9-14 declaring the vote on the petition referred to the people of the Town at the regular biennial elections held on April 1, 2014. Trustee Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Trustee Buckridge would like to be the liaison to the Historical Preservation Commission. Mayor Gregg appointed Trustee Buckridge to the Historical Preservation Commission.

Trustee Henning and Trustee Baker are both interested in serving on the I-25 Corridor Advisory Commission. Mayor Gregg appointed Trustee Baker to the I-25 Corridor Advisory Committee and Trustee Henning will serve as alternate to the I-25 Corridor Advisory Committee and the North Front Range MPO.

Administrator Hart reported that he understands that West Nile could be an issue this season. He asked if there was direction from the Board for a policy directive to be presented at a future meeting. The consensus of the Board was they would like to see a presentation ahead of mosquito season.

Attorney Bell reported on the tire pile issue and stated that the next step is for the police and fire department to site the landowner. He also asked for permission to apply for a grant if the Town is required to clean up the tires.

Administrator Hart and Attorney Bell reported on the status of the Richardson property tenant and the condition of the structures on the property.

Mayor Pro Tem Dowker stated that she will not be attending the STAC meeting this Friday. She stated that CDOT and NFRMPO will be hosting an open house in Greeley tomorrow regarding Northern Colorado transit.


Trustee Henning moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters that may be subject to negotiations, strategy or instruction of negotiators and to receive legal advice. He further moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting from Executive Session. Trustee Buckridge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gregg adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned from Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.



Mayor David Gregg



Jory Kate Haslett
Administrative Clerk