



**Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Advisory Board – MINUTES**  
**Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council Chambers 7:30 A.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER** 7:31 A.M.

**ROLL CALL** Anundson, Coburn, Dardis, Griffith, Neilson, Running, Herrmann. Also, in attendance P & R Director Ehnes, SRAC Facility Superintendent Rauterkus, PRF Superintendent McDonald, Administrative Assistant Heiting, City Planner Watson, Code Enforcement Officer VanHolland, and Public Safety Director Rotert.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion by Coburn, Second by Anundson, motion carries with Anundson, Coburn, Dardis, Griffith, Neilson, Running, and Herrmann voting aye.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion by Dardis, Second by Anundson. Motion carries with Anundson, Coburn, Dardis, Griffith, Neilson, Running, and Herrmann voting aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was opened at 7:35 A.M. with no comments received.

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#### **ITEMS FROM VISITORS (Policy Note: Visitors are limited to 5 minutes of presentation followed by questions)**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### ***Board Items***

- Lookout Tower
  - Bill Ray with Clearview Tower presented information and a proposal to obtain a ground lease on Lookout Mountain for a new tower. This proposal would allow wireless service to be upgraded to 5G.
  - Neilson questioned who Mr. Ray was and what company he represented. Mr. Ray explained they are a tower company that builds towers all over the country for AT&T and Verizon. Currently, they do not service any towers in SD.
  - Dardis questioned what the backup plan was if this proposal was denied? Mr. Ray explained at this time, he does not have a backup plan in place.
  - Herrmann questioned how this tower would be beneficial to the community since there are currently no issues with the current tower. Herrmann eventually removed himself from the discussion due to his role as a council member.
  - Neilson explained the history of Lookout Mountain and the history of the former landowners protecting the land since 1980. The land was protected to provide Spearfish with natural scenery.
  - Motion by Griffith to reject the proposal, Second by Coburn. Motion carries with Anundson, Coburn, Dardis, Griffith, and Neilson all voting aye and Running voting no.
- Q & A on staff update.
  - No questions were received on the March staff update.

##### ***Director Items***

##### ***Rec & Aquatic Center***

##### ***Parks and Forestry***

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### ***Board Items***

- City Planner Watson discussed the concept of the Miller Ranch Development open space requirement per the Park and Recreation Master Plan.
  - A discussion was held on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan requirements. Watson explained the process of the master plan, The Miller Ranch will be directed to this plan for the open space design of the new subdivision.

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- Miller Ranch is projecting to incorporate fitness equipment, a walking path throughout, and a small amount of playground equipment.
- Coburn questioned the potential fuel issue and suggested the Fire Department be involved as potential problems arise. Watson advised that the City is requiring the developer to create an Urban Interface Plan and stated that the Fire Department has been involved in the process.
- Park and Recreation Department Annual Report.
  - Park and Rec Director Ehnes, SRAC Superintendent Rauterkus, and PRF Superintendent McDonald presented PowerPoints of the past year's accomplishments.

#### ***Director Items***

#### ***Parks and Forestry***

- Code Enforcement Officer VanHolland presented ordinance 1343-an ordinance amending Section 19-73. Trees on private property and adding Sections 19-77, 19-78, and 19-79 to Chapter 9 of the City Code of Ordinances. This ordinance would ensure consistency with other ordinances when removing nuisance trees from private property.
- A discussion was held on an EAB Action Plan regarding trees on private property. This plan would involve city staff determining the health and potential hazard of the tree and if the tree should be removed.
  - Motion to approve Neilson, Second by Coburn. Motion carries with Anundson, Coburn, Dardis, Griffith, Neilson, and Running, all voting aye.

#### ***Rec & Aquatic Center***

#### **FYI ITEMS**

- Budget season is coming up, Park and Rec Director Ehnes will be scheduling meetings with the budget committee in the coming month.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to adjourn by Coburn, Second by Herrmann. Motion carries with Anundson, Dardis, Neilson, Running, and Herrmann all voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 A.M.

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