



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
January 12, 2023
Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Members present: Jeff Webb, Danuta Brown, Don Dezellem, Kathy Evans, Jerry Smith and Teri Baldwin
- b. Members absent: Sue Janicki
- c. City Council Liaison: Kellie Case
- d. City P&R Staff: Cindy Keating
- e. Guests: Chris Gonzales ([Teller Trail Team](#))

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Danuta motioned to approve the November 13, 2022 minutes; Don seconded; motion carried 6-0.

III. Reports

- a. Cindy reviewed the November/December monthly report, Highlights included the following:
 - i. PRTOS Master Plan Technical Advisory Committee meeting was held on December 8, 10 attendees.
 - ii. Logan Simpson will have a work session with city council on January 19. Members are urged to attend.
 - iii. Temporary repairs have been made to the hockey rink providing ice time for hockey teams.
 - iv. A new manager for the cultural center has been hired and has started work.
 - v. Cindy advised that Sue has resigned, relocated to Illinois to be closer to family, creating an opening on the board.
- b. Cindy reviewed the upcoming Outdoor Pikes Peak Initiative community listening sessions and urged all to attend (Wednesday, January 25 in Woodland Park).
- c. Cindy reviewed a recent meeting with Pike National Forest (USFS) as related to potential trail development. Their focus over the next 5-7 years is on fire mitigation and with a very limited budget. Trail development is not a priority.
- d. Cindy reminded everyone of the upcoming Woodland Park Citizens Academy 2023 and urged board members to consider attending.

IV. New Business

- a. Chris Gonzales, founder of the Teller Trail Team, presented his vision and on-going efforts to improve trails in Teller County and surrounding areas. Chris has met with and has several future meetings with various trail development stakeholders. The Board is very supportive and wants to help in anyway we can. Discussions will continue.

V. Old Business

- a. No Old Business was discussed.

VI. Public Comments Not on the Agenda

- a. Kathy Evans proposed consideration for converting existing tennis courts into much needed Pickleball Courts. The current courts are more coveted by Pickleball players than by tennis players. Currently her and others drive to CO Springs in order to play outdoors. Cindy advised the conversion would be costly.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 5:30 PM. Submitted by: Jerry Smith - PARB Secretary