

Arvada City Council Meeting, April 6, 2015

Notes taken by Susan Shirley

Drienka Reappointment Vote Postponed

In attendance this evening were Mayor Marc Williams and Councilmembers Bob Dyer, Bob Fifer, and Jerry Marks. Mayor Williams said that Councilmember Don Allard is ill and that Councilmembers John Marriott and Mark McGoff are out of the city.

At 6 p.m., attendance by citizens was 28, and at 7 p.m. it was 15.

Minutes from the March 16 meeting were approved with no changes.

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Proclamations and Recognitions:

A. The week of April 19 through April 25, 2015, will be National Crime Victims Rights Week, in which victims of crime are acknowledged. Councilmember Bob Dyer issued the proclamation, noting that in 2014, Victims Outreach served 2,542 crime victims in our community. This year's theme is Engaging Communities, Empowering Victims. For more information, <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/>

B. Councilmember Bob Fifer issued a Proclamation declaring April National Fair Housing Month. This commemorates the anniversary of the Fair Housing Act of April 11, 1968, which prevents housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status, or disability. Housing Director Ed Talbot said he has invited the Denver Fair Housing Center to set up an informational display at City Hall.

C. Remember the 911 operators! April 12-18, 2015, is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, in which the hard work and dedication of these professionals is recognized. Last year, our 911 dispatchers and call takers here in Arvada handled 94,774 non-emergency calls, and 35,178 emergency 911 calls.

D. Councilmember Bob Fifer issued a Proclamation declaring April National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The blue pinwheels sprouting up all around town are raising funds and awareness for the Ralston House child advocacy center. There would be more, except that ten thousand of them are resting on a dock somewhere in California because of a longshoremen's strike. The strike is now over, and when the pinwheels arrive, Ralston House personnel will deliver them to whoever orders them now. They are \$5 apiece, and Ralston House hopes to raise \$55,000 this year. For more information, visit ralstonhouse.net.

E. Recognitions of State Wrestling Champions and Runner-ups: Three of Arvada's high schools sent students to the State Wrestling Tournament in championship matches, in nine different weight classes. Arvada West remains the 5A champion for the second straight year. Pomona and Ralston Valley also made a good showing. Councilmember Dyer presented these recognitions, remarking first that he was

pleased to see that this item was assigned to him. He is a graduate of Arvada West, and was in one of the first classes to graduate from there. As school photographer, he went to all the sporting events--events which, Dyer said, Arvada West didn't exactly excel at. Except wrestling--and that was the start of a several-decades old tradition for the school. Dyer said covering those events gave him an appreciation for how difficult a sport wrestling is, and lonely, too. He said it goes to the heart of what an athletic event should be.

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Public Comment:

Carl Campanella, long-time Arvada resident, spoke about what he perceives to be a lack of leadership in City government here. Campanella has personally trained 1,500 to 2,000 people over the years and all over the world in food service related businesses. He asked that people working at all levels of the City be trained properly, including those on boards and commissions. He also stated that nowhere has he heard of concerned citizens being treated as Cindi Kreutzer and Nancy Young were by the assistant City Attorney at the March 17 meeting of the Arvada Planning Commission (if you missed it because you were on the Space Station or something, that's here: <http://earthside.typepad.com/files/planning-commission-3-17-15.pdf>.) Campanella also urges Council to make a high priority of the retention of small businesses here in Arvada.

Nancy Young, representing the citizens' group SaveArvadaNow, said that group opposes the reappointment of Roger Drienka to the Design Review Advisory Committee. Their opposition is on the grounds that Drienka allegedly used his position of power on the committee to promote his own personal interests. An investigation is currently underway, as are some efforts to bring Design Review Committee members up to speed on proper meeting rules, but there has not yet been any report of the City's findings on those allegations. Young said it would be inappropriate to reappoint Drienka before the investigation has been completed.

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Consent Agenda:

Automatic License Plate Readers have been in use around the world since the 1980s. They can be mounted on police cars or on stationery objects, work using optical character recognition, and are useful for parking enforcement, finding stolen vehicles, and criminal investigations. Except that Arvada doesn't have one, and this consent item is for the purchase of three: one for parking enforcement and two for law enforcement. The cost is not to exceed \$96,776.83, and the vendor is PCS Mobile. (R15-046)

Park, Trail, and Open Space Master Plan Update: The last update to this master plan was in 2001, when Arvada's population was fewer than 90,000 people. The updated plan will guide further park development and trail construction. City Council has as one of its strategic goals to close all identified gaps in the City's trail system by 2019. The cost of the update is to be funded by City Conservation Trust Funds (\$180,000) and the Healthy Places Program (\$20,000.) Design Workshop, Inc., of Aspen will be retained to complete the Master Plan. (R15-047)

West Woods Golf Clubhouse Consulting Services: Another strategic goal to be accomplished by 2019 is the replacement of the West Woods facilities. Z-Design will be providing an analysis and recommendations, with final City Council presentation to be scheduled for July of this year. The consulting fee is not to exceed \$60,000. (R15-048)

Youth With A Mission Camp: The former Golden Gate Youth Camp, established in 1965, has been purchased by Youth With A Mission and will be changing from a temporary camp facility to a non-profit, year-round operation, YWAM Eagle Rock, expected to increase in size from the current 60 people per day, to 300 per day. District I Water Court has approved some changes which will provide the needed water to the operation, and since Arvada's water supply is affected, along with other cities, all parties need to sign the agreement allowing the changes to go forward. (R15-049)

The Mile High Community Loan Fund addresses regional needs with regard to affordable housing. Cities such as Arvada have "loaned" their Coors Field tax rebates to the fund since December of 2001. Tonight's agreement extends the loan, so that the agreement from two years ago between the City and Mile High Community Loan Fund, does not expire right now and become payable immediately. (R15-050)

All items were passed, 4 to 0.

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Resolutions:

Richards Farm Metropolitan District Nos. 1 and 2: This district will be along 72nd Avenue between Alkire and Ward Road Pond. The developer is agreeing to pay \$192,500 to help with the cost of an upgrade along 72nd, and will also be issuing approximately \$4.3 million in debt for infrastructure improvements associated with the project. At the March 16, 2015 public hearing, it was revealed that there are two metropolitan districts being formed because of what the developer says are unusually high costs associated with the 31-acre, 126 single-family project. (R15-051)

This passed, 4 to 0.

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Appointments for Boards and Commissions:

Arvada Festivals Commission: Appointing Sharon Kohnen to an unexpired term ending April 30, 2016. Appointing David Ross, Regan Robertson, Mikayla Houser and Annie Dorchak to three year terms ending April 30, 2018. Reappointing John Irvin and Tracy Palumbo to three year terms ending April 30, 2018.

Board of Adjustment: Reappointing T. O. Owens and Jenny Riley to three year terms ending April 30, 2018.

Building Code Advisory Board: Appointing John Blake Tomlinson and Kent "Sparky" Shriver to three year terms ending April 30, 2018.

Reappointing Steven Callahan to a three year term ending April 30, 2018.

City of Arvada Retirement Plan Board: Appointing Robert Leigh to a four year term ending April 30, 2019.

Golf Advisory Committee: Reappointing Brian Baillie, Charles "Bo" Powell, and Ryan Prew to three year terms ending April 30, 2018.

Human Services Advisory Committee: Appointing Vesta Miller and Ellen Perricone to three year terms ending April 30, 2018. Reappointing Tom Reynolds to a three year term ending April 30, 2018.

Arvada Liquor Licensing Authority: Appointing Dana Chavez to an unexpired term ending April 30, 2017. Appointing Kevin Bonich to a three year term ending April 30, 2018.

Parks Advisory Committee: Appointing Brandon Figliolino and Peter Smith to three year terms ending April 30, 2018. Reappointing Dennis Meyer, Britta Nelson, and Ray Ramelow to three year terms ending April 30, 2018.

Sustainability Advisory Committee: Appointing Nina Morton and Donald Chung to three year terms ending April 30, 2018. Reappointing Chuck Clark, Natalia Korobova, Teisha Rowland, and Randy Weinert to three year terms ending April 30, 2018.

Transportation Committee: Appointing Jadwiga Brown and Harry Plendl to three year terms ending April 30, 2018. Reappointing Tim McAndrew to a three year term ending April 30, 2018.

Arvada Urban Renewal Authority: Reappointing Moni Piz Wilson to a five year term ending April 30, 2020.

All the above were voted on individually by board or commission, and unanimously approved, 4 to 0.

The Design Review Advisory Committee appointments were split into two votes, and the appointment of Stephen Thompson for at-large representative for a three year term ending April 30, 2018 was approved on a 4 to 0 vote.

Concerning the reappointment of Roger Drienka, however, Councilmember Bob Dyer said that he feels there is a serious issue going on there, and he's not sure he's ready to convict, but also not sure he is comfortable with reappointing Drienka right now. He said, "I'm not saying never reappoint him, but I'm not prepared to at this point." City Attorney Chris Daly asked if Council would like to hold the matter over until all members of Council could be present to vote. Mayor Williams asked if Daly could give some advice to Council on the alleged violations of open meeting laws, and Daly agreed. Dyer then asked, if Drienka is not reappointed, does he serve until a replacement is appointed. City Clerk Chris Koch said that is correct, he does.

A vote was then taken to postpone, indefinitely, the reappointment of Roger Drienka, which passed 4 to 0.

Public Hearings:

Whisper Creek rezoning from Business-Professional to Residential, 87th and Indiana (CB15-012) Alkire Investments, Inc., the developer, is requesting rezoning, an amendment to a preliminary development plan for Mountain Shadows, and approval of a preliminary development plan and preliminary plat for Whisper Creek III.

Chris Elliott, representing Alkire Investments, and Craig Karn of Consilium Design, gave a brief presentation showing the various elevations, areas of open space and buffer zones. They will be linking open space trails in the developments with existing trails and pedestrian underpass under Indiana Street.

Following some council questions about emergency access, landscaping materials, and availability of sufficient parking, all items passed on 4 to 0 votes.

Public Comment: none.

Reports from City Council: none.

Reports from City Manager: Next Monday's City Council Workshop will feature a speaker and review of emergency procedures and emergency/disaster management.

Report from City Attorney: none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05.