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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING MINUTES

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Name of Board/Commission: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Date of Meeting: January 26, 2015
Contact Information Preparing Summary: Sally Dieterich 303-413-7242
Board Members Present: Mike Conroy, Myriah Conroy, Kelly Wyatt, Marty Gorce, Tom Klenow, Mike Guzek Board Members Absent: Michelle Estrella
Staff Present: Jeff Dillon, Yvette Bowden, Alison Rhodes, Tina Briggs,
Guests Present: Mike Svez, PROS Consulting Julianna Watson, Youth Opportunities Advisory Board (YOAB) member Allison Bayley, City of Boulder Human Services Department
Type of Meeting: Advisory/Regular
Agenda Item 1: Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Chair Conroy requested agenda item 7 (Matters from the Department) be moved to follow agenda item 5 (Items for Action). The motion was approved and the motion to approve the agenda was approved.
Agenda Item 2: Future Board Items and Tours Future items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2/23/15 PRAB meeting – Valmont City Park Concept Plan public hearing• 2/23/15 PRAB meeting – Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Planning Strategy update – possible study session at a later date• 2/23/15 PRAB meeting – Aquatic Feasibility Plan final recommendations• 2/23/15 PRAB meeting – Thunderbird Lake year-end report
Agenda Item 3: Public Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Miriam Meghjee, resident, spoke about the importance of having a warm pool available to residents.
Agenda Item 4: Consent Agenda A. Approval of minutes from December 15, 2014 Minutes from December 15, 2014 were approved as written. B. Park Development Update Written updates were provided to the board as part of the packet materials. These are items that require no board action or discussion.
Agenda Item 5: Items for Action There were no Items for Action.

Agenda Item 6: Items for Discussion/Information

A. 2016-21 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Capital Investment Strategy (CIS)

Dillon provided the update on the status of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

- Master plan is complete and projects have been identified for the next five years
- Staff will complete a thorough review of proposed CIP projects through 2021 to make certain they align with master plan goals
- Will review total capital needs beyond six years to possibly create a ten year plan
- Will review available funds to upgrade facilities to current standards and determine what investments are needed
- Develop strategy to develop \$40 million aquatics improvements, \$60 million for Valmont City Park development, Civic Area project, etc.
- .25 % sales tax approval provided 30 more years of funding
- 2015 year end – \$2.2 million debt retirement
- 3/23/15 PRAB meeting will include a CIP public hearing and recommendation

Agenda Item 7: Matters from the Department

A. Youth Opportunities Advisory Board (YOAB) Presentation

Briggs spoke on a joint project between YOAB and the department and how it provides a youth perspective to the department. YOAB guests attending and speaking were Julianna Watson and Allison Bayley. They shared the youth engagement background on their parks project results:

- YOAB selects different projects each year
- YOAB created photo language and sticker surveys
- Results showed the opinions that parks are outdated for teens, that kids had priority and that parks were not welcoming for teens
- Strong desire for parks with a community of kids and teens together with more inclusive opportunities such as sports, concerts and things that teens enjoy

B. Aquatic Feasibility Plan – Draft Recommendations

Rhodes and Mike Svetz from PROS Consulting provided background information on this item and a verbal update.

- First introduced in November 2014
- Update provided in December 2014
- Feasibility direction plan is clear and ties into the master plan
- Performed evaluation of condition of facilities
- Evaluated supply and demand due to desire for additional facilities by public
- Will re-visit EBCC leisure pool schedule to arrange more warm water walking times
- Will evaluate use of NBRC leisure pool area for warm water walking prior to 9:00 am
- 1/28/15 East Boulder Senior Center open house – open discussion of the draft plan
- 2/23/15 PRAB meeting – Staff will provide the feasibility plan report

C. City Council Retreat Update

Dillon provided a brief update on the council retreat process.

- 1/20/15 – Council study session - discussed all boards/commissions council goal submittals to determine if further discussion would be warranted at the retreat
- Discussion centered on adding philanthropy partnerships to 2015 work plan – decision to move forward at staff level, not as a council action or work plan item this year
- Retreat - no park issues discussed, but cottage industry local foods added - focus will be development and planning

D. Valmont City Park Planning Update

Dillon provided this verbal update.

- Plan is close to completion
- Most recent public meeting some public proposed some changes to the disc golf and ball field areas
- User groups requested to move three ball fields and three soccer fields to eliminate an overlap which would improve facilitate scheduling
- Aquatics facility – space would be added to have room for a recreation center/fitness center facility
- Cost estimates are being developed

Agenda Item 8: Matters from Board Members

A. Board Member Recruitment

Conroy (Mike) requested that board members aid in the recruitment process for two five year term PRAB vacancies.

B. Greenways Advisory Committee Representative Appointment

The board did not choose to appoint a PRAB representative to the Greenways Advisory Committee at this time. They agreed to discuss this option with outgoing PRAB Greenways representative Michelle Estrella to obtain more background information.

Next Board Meeting: February 23, 2015

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the board at this time; the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Approved by:

Attested:

Mike Conroy
Board Chair

Sally Dieterich
Board Secretary

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