

**City of Boulder
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Alfalfa's Community Room
1651 Broadway
January 27, 2013
Summary Meeting Minutes**

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Board Present:

Rick Thayer, Mike Conroy, Myriah Conroy, Michelle Estrella, Kelly Wyatt, Mike Guzek, Marty Gorce

Board Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jeff Dillon, Alice Guthrie, Abbie Poniatowski, Sarah DeSouza, Sally Dieterich, Alison Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Teri Olander, Kady Doelling, Jennifer Bray, Matt Hickey, Dean Rummel, Skyler Beck, Mike Eubank

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

II. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS AND TOURS

Dillon provided the following timeline update on future board items:

- 2/4/14 City Council meeting – Department master plan public hearing for acceptance
- 2/4/14 City Council meeting – Civic Area GOCO resolution – planning grant for next stage
- 2/28/14 PRAB meeting – 2015 CIP 2nd touch
- 2/28/14 PRAB meeting – Financial business best practices continuation
- Tours/study sessions – Future - CIP flood impact tour and possible city council parks tour

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation was opened.

No one spoke.

Public participation was closed.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes from December 16, 2013.

The minutes from December 16, 2013 were approved as written.

B. Informational Items

1. Park Development Update: The Park Development Update was approved as written.

Dillon spoke briefly on the emerald ash borer situation. He said council will be given an update in February and the February 24 PRAB agenda will include it as a discussion item.

Conroy (Myriah) requested an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) group meeting for representatives in order to be informed of potential pesticide usage prior to the summer season enabling them to respond to citizen questions.

Dillon asked if PRAB would be interested in having a joint meeting with the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) to discuss the emerald ash borer issue.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

There were no Items for Action.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. Study Session Discussion of Business Definitions

Poniatowski led the financial strategy study session. The agenda included the review of financial trends and policy framework with a discussion of business definitions following. The study session focused on understanding the foundation for the 2014 financial strategy with a goal of understanding the relationship between community priorities and financial sustainability.

B. 2015 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 1st Touch

Poniatowski and Haley provided the timeline for the department CIP:

- 1/27/14 – PRAB discussion item 1st touch
- 2/24/14 – PRAB discussion item 2nd touch
- 3/24/14 – PRAB public hearing, discussion and recommendation
- Late April 2014 – Planning Board 1st draft CIP
- Late May 2014 – City Manager – Proposed operating and CIP budget due
- Late July 2014 – Citywide CIP tour
- August 2014 (beginning) – Planning Board CIP public hearing
- August 2014 (mid) – City council CIP study session
- September 2014 – City Council budget consideration

VII. MATTERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT

A. Cyclocross Update

Eubank shared information on the success of the five day 2014 Cyclocross Nationals held at Valmont Bike Park in January. He said the race was well received by all and provided the following highlights:

- Four news reports on Inside Boulder News and Channel 8
- 1,500 athletes participated/over 2000 starts/30% more than previous year

- Economic impact should exceed \$1.1 million
- Most women starts/most junior starts
- Hosted very successful junior party at EBCC
- 350 volunteers/1,700 volunteer hours
- Police report – no issues
- Fire inspection – no issues
- \$20,000 merchandise sold

B. South Valmont City Park Plan Update

Haley provided a timeline update:

- Consultant team engaged
- Kick off meeting with design team
- Conduct background research
- Review draft community survey
- Regular updates to be provided to PRAB

C. Civic Area Update

Dillon provided the timeline on this item:

- Initial Civic Area plan has gone through council
- Civic Area project manager Paul Leef has been hired
- Two year fixed term position offered to runner up candidate to focus on Civic Area and model parks
- Civic Area will be a critical focus area from the public health standpoint, nature, art, etc.
- There may be a citizens committee formed
- Staff will be submitting a \$75,000 Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) planning grant

D. Transition Update

- Leadership team has been formed that will report directly to Dillon
- Deputy Director position to be reposted next week
- To aid in department success a learning and development program will be developed by using recommendations from the master plan organization assessment

E. North Boulder Park Art Update

Dillon provided the update on this item. He reminded PRAB of the previous underground utility issue and that alternative sites were reviewed. That triggered a review by the Arts Council through the art policy. He added that he has been working with Matt Chasansky, Arts and Cultural Manager at the Boulder Library, to organize a small committee consisting of a PRAB member, an Arts Council member and Matt to make a recommendation. PRAB member Mike Guzek volunteered for the committee. Dillon said this item would return to PRAB in February or March with a recommendation for a new location and a one year limit for project fundraising.

F. Update on Expansion of Locations and Hours for Licensed Mobile Food Vehicles and Proposed Ordinance Change

DeSouza referred to the draft memo in the packet that was presented to the Downtown Management Commission (DMC) in January, PRAB this evening and will go before the Planning Board in February. The memo next steps requests that council consider amending Boulder Revised Code ordinance 9-6-5 to permit more than two mobile food vehicles to congregate in the downtown area on private property. Currently licensed mobile food vehicles are in support of the change.

VIII. MATTERS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Conroy (Mike) asked about recreation center pool closures due to chemical imbalances and the North Boulder Recreation Center (NBRC) closure due to off gassing from the gymnasium floor resurfacing.

Dillon responded that the department is dealing with aging facilities and resulting issues at center pools. At the NBRC, flood damage to the gymnastics floor required resurfacing and resulting fumes necessitated closure on January 23. The center reopened January 24 after testing determined the air quality to be acceptable. After the center was re-opened, it was determined that the gymnasium is a positive air flow and the pool is a negative air flow, resulting in gymnasium air coming into the pool, guard office and pump room. Dillon said the current plan is to re-open the center tomorrow and Wednesday, close Thursday for final resurfacing and re-open on Monday.

Estrella felt that communication about the closure was poor. She said phones were updates, but the website was not.

Rhodes responded that the department looking to make improvements to website communication and to add more staff to the Twitter feed.

IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 24, 2014

X. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED BY PARKS AND
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Rick Thayer
Board Chair

Attest

Sally Dieterich
Recording Secretary

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