



TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: Consent Agenda

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A. Minutes Approval of minutes from December 23, 2013

B. Informational Items

1. Park Development Update
Jeff Haley, Parks Planning Manager

Urban Resources

- Tom Watson Prairie Dog Barrier Installation – barrier project to protect the park from prairie dog encroachment into recreation areas – should be completed within next few weeks.
- Valmont Prairie Dog Barrier Re-placement – a section fell down during the flood and is being replaced – should be completed within next few weeks.
- Faded environmental interpretation signs are being replaced at both Eaton and Elmer’s parks with the same content but new signs including one sign post needing replace due to flood – should be completed within next few weeks.
- Foothills Area Prairie Dog Relocation – 364 prairie dogs were relocated from both OSMP and P&R land at Foothills in 2013. They were relocated to OSMP’s Waneka property. The contract is in the process of being amended to continue work to remove all of the remaining prairie dogs in 2014. In the meantime, volunteers will continue to relocate prairie dogs from the priority areas at Foothills. These areas include the state-regulated detention pond, any prairie dogs that come east of the Foothills trail toward park assets and those prairie dogs closest to private land. This volunteer effort will end by March 1 as from March 1- June 1 pups may be in the burrows. The contract amendment will allow for the Prairie Dog Coalition to begin full trapping efforts after June 1, 2014.
- IPM Approved Pesticide List Revisions/Program update – Not sure where we stand here. It seems the timeline Rella gave us in October (attached) is the last update I have from her but we are a bit behind schedule. Rella hasn’t asked us to submit information for a 2013 annual report

yet so I'm not sure if we are doing one. We didn't do a city-wide one in 2012 either. I can say that staff are performing herbicide assessments and working on the broadcast application process as part of the city-wide effort. I sent Rella an email asking for an update but am not sure we will get it in time for this update. Internally we are performing data entry and updating maps to log the areas treated in 2013. We don't have our internal P&R natural lands annual IPM report completed yet, but will once we get all of the information entered so I'd say by mid-March. It will contain information such as the specific sites visited, the number of hours of IPM work performed and the acreage controlled.

- Three-Year Management Plan Revisions – Natural lands management is continual adaptive management and to that end we have created a three-year management plan revision process. We incorporate what we've accomplished and what we've found out via monitoring to make plans and set priorities for the next cycle. We are one of the few workgroups to have such a document and it may soon be a requirement for others per the city-wide IPM revisions. The last three-year management plan covered 2011-2013 and therefore revisions are due for the 2014-2016 cycle. Ideally revisions would be complete by the end of April when the seasonal crew starts. It includes information such as a prioritization of the parks based upon natural/ecological components, site descriptions, IPM priorities, wildlife sightings and education and outreach opportunities. The latest version can be found at

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Valmont City Park

- The current permitted phases of the Valmont City Park have been completed.
- The final painting of the Pavilion (old poultry barn) along with the electrical work was completed the week prior to the USA National Cyclocross Race this month.
- Work completed over the past 5 years includes the construction of the Bike Park, Dog Park, and interim disc golf course.
- In 2014 the master plan revision process for the undeveloped portions of the park on the south side of Valmont Road has begun and PRAB will receive a separate information item on the scope and schedule.

Elks Park

- The Elks Park project was under construction in September when the flood event happened. The park sustained substantial damage as a result of 4 mile creek running through the park site for a couple of weeks.
- The contractor has begun clean up and repair of the site.
- Anticipate clean up and repair process to be completed by mid Feb.
- Clean up work includes but not limited to debris removal, removal of approximately 2000 cy of deposited sandy material, demolition and replacement of approx 1/3 of the concrete sidewalks.

Mesa Memorial Park

The planning and construction documents for Mesa Memorial Park have been completed. The project is currently scheduled to go out for bid at the end of January and

bids are expected back at the end of February. Construction is anticipated to begin in the early spring and last through the summer.

Capital Improvement Bond

Crestview Park

Crestview Park is currently planned to be improved in the later summer of 2014 as part of the Capital Improvement Bond that was passed in November of 2011. Generally, improvements at the park will include providing a new playground, addressing issues of accessibility, and other infrastructure deficiencies. The Parks and Recreation Department will be holding a public workshop on Saturday, February 1st at the Boulder Friends Meeting House to gather feedback from the neighborhood on how the park is currently used and how the park could potentially develop in the future.

Harlow Platts Park Shelter

Through the 2011 Capital Improvement Bond, the Parks and Recreation Department will be providing a new, rentable shelter at Harlow Platts Community Park. The department has engaged a consultant and is in the process of preparing conceptual level drawings for a shelter. The department will be holding an open house public meeting on Monday February 3rd at the South Boulder Recreation Center to review the concept drawings and take feedback on the planned improvements.

North Boulder Park

North Boulder Park is currently being improved through funds from the November 2011 Capital Improvement Bond. Improvements include accessibility upgrades, new shade and picnic seating, a new basketball court, table tennis, new fitness equipment, and turf and irrigation improvements. Construction is anticipated to last through February of 2014.



Columbia Cemetery

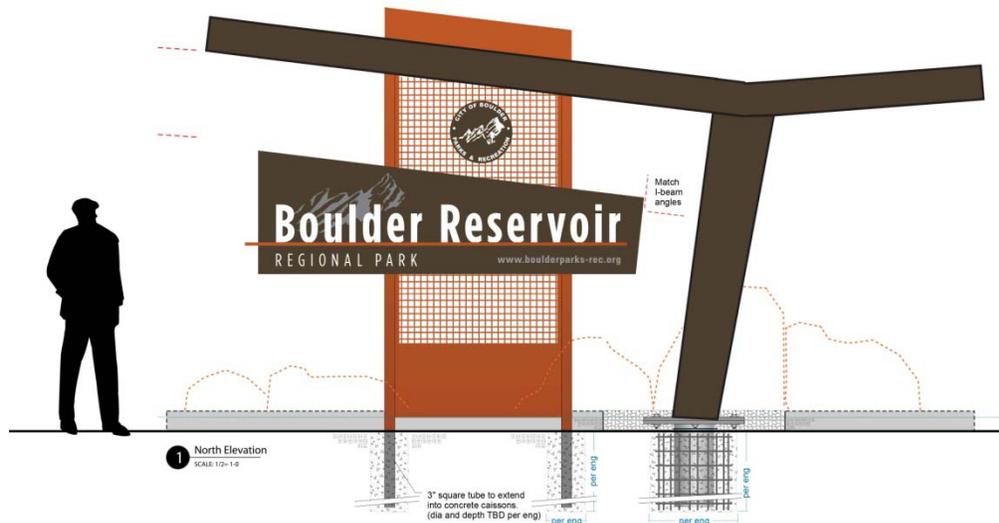
- The new irrigation system has been installed. An irrigation pump system will be installed this summer to use raw water from the Anderson Ditch for the north two acres.
- The sheet piling along the north side of Anderson Ditch has been completed
- Headstone repairs underway and will continue through 2014 and 2015.

Boulder Reservoir Sanitary Sewer Upgrade

- The upgrading of the sanitary sewer line that services the Reservoir facilities as well as the Fire Training Center and the future Wild Land Fire Facilities has begun.
- A new 6" sewer line is being installed under Highway 119.
- Work anticipated to be completed by late Feb 2014

Reservoir Entry Sign:

Design is complete and BSC has been selected through an informal bid process, to build and install the sign. Shop drawings for the adapted re-use of the existing sign frame are nearing completion; we are looking forward to submitting for a construction permit by the end of the month. The construction and installation process will be complete by April 2014.



Water Line:

Construction on the new 8" water main for the South Shore of the Boulder Reservoir began in early January 2014. Parks and Recreation is partnering with Utilities Division for the installation and inspection of this project. Approximately 4100' of the 8" mainline has been completed to date (53%). Service connections, tie-ins, and testing will follow the preliminary installation.

Construction is anticipated to be completed by April 2014, which will allow the Reservoir to rely solely on City of Boulder water instead of Lefthand Water, for potable water needs.



Feeder Canal Bridge:

Boulder Parks and Recreation will partner with Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (NCWCD) for this project. The project scope will include a new 10' x 40' pedestrian bridge with a concrete deck (5-ton load capacity), trail & fencing realignments, and new structural elements for the canal. The new bridge will be located approximately 40' north of the existing bridge. Construction is anticipated to be completed by March 2014.

Site Management Plan:

Throughout 2014, the Parks & Recreation Department has continued to collect site data as we establish the necessary site awareness to develop the Site Management Plan. South Shore user data, traffic counts, and environmental data were all collected in 2014. Biohabitats was selected through an informal bid process to assist with an Environmental Inventory and Analysis Process. Their completed work includes inventories of site plants and animals (general wildlife, small mammal, carnivore, amphibian, avian). As the project moves forward, the team will integrate their findings with existing recreation/visitor patterns in order to provide the Department with an understanding of how best to support both environmental and recreation needs of the Reservoir moving forward.

All data collected over the past two years will be presented for public review at a Workshop on January 22nd, 2014. This meeting will be held in two segments. The first segment will be an open house to give participants an opportunity to explore the background information and data collected. This segment of the meeting will also provide an opportunity to learn about the current and proposed enhancement projects occurring at the Reservoir in the near term. The second segment of approximately 60 minutes will be an interactive community workshop designed for small group discussions regarding specific topics. The workshop will help develop the long-term desired conditions and annual monitoring that will ensure the sustainability of all uses of the Reservoir for generations to come. Participants are urged to visit all topic areas of interest.

Grants and Community Outreach

Horizon K-8

The IGA has been signed by BVSD and it is currently being routed to the CMO office along with the GOCO Grant Agreement. Once they are both signed, they will go to GOCO for their final signature. Meanwhile, John McCluskey is setting up a meeting with the parents, P&R and BVSD to discuss the project and projected in-kind donations. Construction is expected summer of 2014.

Uni Hill Elementary School

The grant was due on Friday Jan 17. Uni Hill submitted a grant application for 100k for a school play yard. Board decisions will be in April.

Civic Area

Grant applications are due March 5th. We will be requesting \$75,000 for the civic area park site plan. A resolution will go to City Council on Feb 4. Request for support letters have been sent. Is there a PRAB member that is particularly involved who would like to write a support letter?

Kids Fishing Pond

This grant is also due the beginning of March. We will be asking for less than 50k. The grant will support decks, paths and fish habitat since the major excavation will be part of a larger city contract.

Upcoming community outreach includes:

Boulder Reservoir – Jan 22

Crestview Park – Feb 1

Harlow Platts Community Park – Feb 3

Volunteer Appreciation – Feb 20