

**City of Boulder
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Valmont Bike Park Platt Farmhouse
Valmont and Airport Roads
November 18, 2013
Summary Meeting Minutes**

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Board Present:

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

Board Absent: Michelle Estrella

Staff Present:

Kirk Kincannon, Jeff Dillon, Alice Guthrie, Sally Dieterich, Alison Rhodes, Kady Doelling, Teri Olander, Whitney Oftedahl

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 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:

- Future PRAB meetings – Continuing flood impact updates
- Future PRAB meeting – Study session on Boulder Parks and Recreation Department fees

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation was opened.

Phyllis Gunn, resident, asked that Pilates classes at the South Boulder Recreation Center be moved to a larger space to accommodate class members in a more agreeable manner.

Olander responded that the classes will return to the previous location when floor damage from the 2013 flood is repaired.

Public participation was closed.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes from October 28, 2013.

The minutes from October 28, 2013 were approved as written.

B. Informational Items

1. Park Development Update: There were no updates or changes as of the October meeting.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

There were no Items for Action.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. Emerald Ash Borer Update

Dillon provided background information on this item. He said the emerald ash borer is a non-native pest that multiplies rapidly and has no natural predators. Boulder sightings have been noted and surveys are being conducted to determine the intensity and locations of the destruction. He explained that the insect bores into the tree, lays larvae, larvae hatch and fall out, then eat the bark layer which kills the tree. If left untreated the entire ash tree population will be destroyed. He added next steps bullet points:

- Identify and manage
- Tree removal if infected/huge cost impact
- Disposal – federally quarantined
- Systemic pesticide being studied for possible use on critical trees
- To save trees, treatment must continue forever
- Infestation duration approximately ten years
- Staff is looking at an educational program and at changing some local ordinances to provide flexibility for enforcement

Staff will provide an update to PRAB at the December meeting.

B. GOCO Grant Resolution for University Hill Elementary Partnership.

Dillon said this Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant is a playground grant driven by the school, which has retained the landscape architect to aid in planning, are putting the grant together and are providing the \$100,000. As it requires application by a municipality, the City of Boulder has agreed to a partnership because this location is an area in need of additional playgrounds and the grant will help provide this for the community after school hours and on weekends. The process involves writing the grant, receiving council approval and submission to Great Outdoors Colorado. The department views this to be a beneficial partnership.

VII. MATTERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT

A. Future Study Session on Department Admission Fees.

Rhodes provided an outline for the future study session:

- Review financial status and discuss policy set in Recreation Program and Facilities Plan and department master plan
- Review current portfolio of service, related expenses and master plan direction
- Review admission fees

- Review best practices
- 2015 fee recommendations

VIII. MATTERS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

A. New Council Members Outreach.

Thayer suggested outreach to new council members, perhaps as a tour of parks and recreation facilities and parks and urged PRAB members to attend.

Kincannon said the department will coordinate the arrangements and follow up with PRAB.

Conroy (Mike) requested information on the prairie dog relocation at Foothills Community Park, asking why they are still there.

Dillon responded that the 2013 September flood impacted receipt of the prairie dogs at their new location. An update report will be provided at the December PRAB meeting.

IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING: December 16, 2013

X. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED BY PARKS AND
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Rick Thayer
Board Chair

Attest

Sally Dieterich
Recording Secretary