

CITY OF BOULDER
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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: December 15, 2014
Contact Information Preparing Summary: Sarah DeSouza 303-413-7223
Board Members Present: Mike Conroy, Michelle Estrella, Marty Gorce, Mike Guzek, Kelly Wyatt Board Members Absent: Myriah Conroy, Tom Klenow
Staff Present: Yvette Bowden, Jeff Haley, Teri Olander, Joy Master, Andrew Maclean, Dean Rummel, Megann Lohman, Skyler Beck, Stacy Cole, Gabriel Aksamit
Guests Present: None
Type of Meeting: Advisory/Regular
Agenda Item 1: Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. and the agenda was approved.
Agenda Item 2: Future Board Items and Tours Future items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1/2015 – Civic Area meeting for boards/commissions• 1/2015 – Capital Improvement Discussion• 1/2015 – Council Retreat• 6/2015 – Civic Area plan to Council for acceptance• 4/ 2015 – Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) update with strategic plan• Valmont City Park update – Back to PRAB in for approval in first or second quarter 2015• Aquatics Feasibility Study – will come back to PRAB in for approval in first or second quarter 2015
Agenda Item 3: Public Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Susan Carrier, non-resident, expressed appreciation for the instructors in the adult dance program and support for the adult dance program.• Dianne Clymer, resident, expressed support for the adult dance program and requested there be clear communication channels between participants, Kinesis and the City of Boulder as the city moves forward with the evaluation of the pilot program.• Marjorie Schaffner, non-resident, spoke in support of the adult dance program and to address rumors about the elimination of the adult dance program. Requested better communication between dancers, Kinesis and the city of Boulder regarding the ongoing partnership.• Maki Iatridis, resident, spoke in support of a public private partnerships between the city and Ocean First Divers, Ocean First Institute and Ocean Classroom to build a new aquatic facility in Boulder.• Judy Kreith, resident, Kinesis dance instructor, invited community dancers to try out new dance classes during the two days of free dance classes offered by Kinesis. She also voiced concern that this trial period occurs within the one week window where classes may be cancelled due to poor registration and asked that this may be problematic since some people have indicated they would like to try out the class before registering.

Agenda Item 4: Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2014 and November 24, 2014

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from October 27, 2014 and November 24, 2014.

B. Parks and Recreation Development Update

Written updates were provided to the Board as part of the packet materials. No items were called up by the Board.

C. Parks and Recreation Operations Update

Written updates were provided to the Board as part of the packet materials. No items were called up by the Board.

Agenda Item 5: Items for Action

A. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve a Non-Exclusive Revocable License Agreement Between Diamond Baseball of Boulder and the City of Boulder to Provide for the Use, Improvement, Development, and Maintenance of Scott Carpenter Ballfield as a City of Boulder Public Baseball Amenity

Teri Olander and Yvette Bowden provided background information on this non-exclusive revocable license agreement.

- Gorce asked why the agreement was non-exclusive in nature.
- Bowden answered that the agreement is for summer only and is non-exclusive as this is a public park and the public portion must be maintained. A schedule is being created that demonstrates the use and will be approved by the department. Currently there are two groups that are using the facility consistently, but non-exclusively.
- Wyatt asked whether other entities have requested to use this facility in addition to the existing two users groups.
- Olander responded that the department does receive inquiries from out of state and some local organizations.
- Estrella inquired whether there had been any negative feedback about the previous agreement.
- Olander indicated that there has not been any negative feedback and in fact the existing organization has been praised for the positive work they have done at and for the facility.
- Gorce asked if one other constituent user (the Collegians) contributes to the maintenance of the field when they use the facility.
- Bowden responded that the group contributes to “above and beyond” maintenance.
- Gorce suggested that all users beyond Diamond Baseball should be required to contribute to maintenance costs.
- Bowden indicated that other groups will be charged for additional utilities and maintenance costs.
- Guzek asked whether any changes can be made to the existing contract.
- Bowden stated that the contract language allows for minor changes to be made and as mutually agreed with Diamond Baseball (section X of the agreement).
- Wyatt asked how the coordination of users was going to be facilitated.
- Bowden indicated that the agreement is for summer play and the final schedule will be finalized prior to the summer season.
- Wyatt asked how facility improvements are approved.
- Bowden stated that the new agreement has clear procedures for gaining department approval for capital improvements that ensure consistency with construction and maintenance standards.
- Wyatt inquired about who would be responsible for the cost of any capital improvements.
- Bowden indicated that it would depend on the type and purpose of the capital improvements.
- Guzek asked how the Diamond Baseball group felt about the contract.
- Bowden stated that the city and Diamond Baseball had mutually beneficial discussions during the creation of the agreement.

Public Comment:

- Kent Dinkle, President of Diamond Baseball, thanked staff for their help in developing the agreement that is mutually acceptable to everyone. He is looking forward to working with city moving forward.

Public hearing was closed. Discussion was opened.

- Gorce indicated he liked the direction of the agreement.
- Guzek stated that he appreciated the attendance and comments of Diamond Baseball.
- Wyatt indicated that she also appreciated Diamond Baseball attending the meeting.

Estrella made the following motion:

Motion to approve the non-exclusive revocable license agreement between Diamond Baseball of Boulder and the City of Boulder for Scott Carpenter Ballfield and authorize the City Manager to make minor amendments prior to or during the term of this agreement in order to ensure that Scott Carpenter Ballfield is properly maintained and operated in a manner that is consistent with applicable laws and the policies and regulations of the City of Boulder.

- Motion was seconded by Guzek
- Motion passed unanimously

B. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve a Lease Agreement with Growing Gardens to Provide a Community Garden Program at Various Parks and Recreation Locations

Teri Olander and Yvette Bowden provided background information on this license agreement. There will be quarterly updates from Growing Gardens and partner on community engagement activities

Public Comment was closed (no speakers). Discussion was opened.

- Wyatt indicated that she was not aware that Growing Gardens was a partner with the city.

Estrella made the following motion:

Motion to approve the lease agreement with Growing Gardens to provide a community garden program at Parks and Recreation Department properties and authorize the City Manager to make minor amendments prior to or during the term of this agreement in order to ensure that community garden programming is provided in a manner that is consistent with applicable laws and the policies and regulations of the City of Boulder.

- Motion was seconded by Gorce
- Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item 7: Matters from the Department

A. Boulder Reservoir Management Plan - Haley provided a presentation and brief update on the Valmont City Park planning process.

- Current work is focusing on key management actions
- Key focus areas moving forward include: Off street pathway off 51st Street to accommodate runners and bikers; Aeromodeling site and suitability of the activity at current site
- Goal is the long term sustainability and appropriate use of the site
- Recommendations will be presented to the PRAB in February 2015 with the goal of implementing approved management actions in the 2015 season

B. Valmont City Park Planning Update – Haley provided an update on the Valmont City Park Planning process.

- Third community meeting on Valmont City Park Plan will occur on December 16, 2014
- Valmont City Park neighbors were re-engaged in the planning process through recent public meetings
- Information gathered from meetings will be integrated into overall process
- Roundtable workshop held one week ago where key stakeholder were invited to come back and discuss concept design
- Stakeholders have realized the importance of innovative and flexible design for the site to accommodate multiple uses
- Final VCP meeting will be held on February 16th, 2015. The meeting will provide: background information, a detailed plan, a question and answer session, and an open house

C. Civic Area Update

- Bowden discussed the progress being made on the Civic Area Project
- All day staff session was held on December 5th where potential governance, short term activation, long term visioning, and phase one were discussed
- In the first phase of the project nature play (Dillon), design components including protection of the tree canopy, creek impacts, access issues, short and long term park utilization (Haley), governance and partnerships (Bowden) will be emphasized

- More thorough updates will be brought to the PRAB throughout 2015
- Long range schedule includes: plan to go to City Council in June, open houses in March, proposed joint PRAB, WRAB and other Board meeting in spring

Agenda Item 8: Matters from Board Members

A. PRAB Goals for City Council

- Handout provided at meeting that demonstrates linkage between PRAB and City Council goals
- This information came from September PRAB goals discussion
- Prior to next PRAB meeting goal is to update this document with any feedback received from Council
- Information will go to City Manager and then on to City Council
- Council goals have not been finalized yet
- PRAB input due to City Council by December 19th
- Motion made by Estrella to progress the council retreat questions for 2015 pending any significant input given in the remainder of the week
- Gorce seconded the motion
- Motion approved unanimously

B. Partnerships

- Conroy (Mike) asked about the cancellation of adult dance classes
- Bowden shared a memo sent on December 13th to the participants of the November meeting to provide an update that there was never an intention to cancel any adult dance programming
- The minimum number of pre-registered participants for any recreation session is six as of one week before the class start.
- One week notice allows registrants to choose a different class
- Six registrants is the number that ensures financial sustainability

Next Board Meeting: January 26, 2015

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the board at this time; the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Mike Conroy
Board Chair

Attested:

Sarah DeSouza
on Behalf of the Board Secretary

Council Retreat Questions for Boards and Commissions for 2015

What are your top priorities within the framework of the council work plan adopted at the last city council retreat?

- Neighborhood/Park Events and Other Events – many P&R including community outreach and park planning and community gardening
- Civic Area – programming
- Local Foods – edible landscapes community gardens (not trees that provide food for bears) and local school/park gardens
- Smoking Ban: Implement, enforce and expand ban

What would you like to see done that would further advance the Council Goals?

- Communications
 - Social media- vibrant campaigns
 - Authentic communication; ensure a 2-way or multi-way dialogue
 - User -friendly website (where info can easily be shared, input easily gathered)
 - Web-based calendar – sharing scheduled events, openings, etc.
- Youth engagement
 - Desire to reach out to kids with activities/access to sports and outdoor activities; go to them
 - Much enhanced partnership with BVSD; create better intersections/support nets
- Partnership/sponsorship
 - Investigate appropriateness for PnR. OSMP/Transportation – how did they get approval for sponsorship recognition?
 - Implement meaningful feedback loop with new PnR Master Plan facilitation model to ensure process is having desired outcomes
 - Support and assist Park Foundation to increase efficacy of agency
 - Benchmarks in other peer communities
 - BVSD
- Zero Waste
 - Ensure parks, recreation centers and all events meet city's goals by having in-place zero waste facilities and systems; include metrics

How can your board specifically help reach the council goals?

- Community outreach and engagement support (i.e. more meetings at recreation centers or varied locations)
- Meaningful PRAB engagement with Council. Joint study sessions to handle city-wide issues (i.e. smoking, Civic Area programming, partnerships and sponsorships.
- YOAB/PRAB collaborative opportunity on Civic Area
- Support electric vehicle and bike-share access facilities in parks

Are there city policies that need to be addressed that would enable your board to function at a higher level?

- Update the city conflict of interest policy
- Seek standardization of contracts with facilitation partners
- Review/update block party permitting process

Are there other items that council should address in the coming year?

- CC review of Valmont South development plan to confirm department and board-recommended options meet goals
- Emerald Ash Borer response team and resource

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OVERVIEW

- ◆ Maki Iatridis - CEO
- ◆ Graham Casden - Owner
- ◆ Who we are: 3 entities
- ◆ New Aquatics Facility
- ◆ Public- Private Partnership
- ◆ Invitation

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OCEAN FIRST DIVERS

- ◆ Swim School
- ◆ Scuba
- ◆ Schools
- ◆ Travel
- ◆ Retail
- ◆ 3015 Bluff Street

OCEAN CLASSROOMS

- ◆ Marine Science education:
- ◆ PK - 12 Curriculum
- ◆ Next Generation Science Standards
- ◆ Professional Development
- ◆ Science and Research

OCEAN FIRST INSTITUTE
Non-Profit Arm
Sustainability
Education



OCEAN CLASSROOMS
Inspire New Depths

◆ **Argo Project Data Portal**

◆ **See Web Site**



Science and Research



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- ◆ **New Aquatics Facility**
- ◆ **Public-Private Partnerships:**
 - ◆ City
 - ◆ School District
 - ◆ Swim Teams
 - ◆ Triathletes
 - ◆ Head/Mares/SSI



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- ◆ **New Aquatics Home:**
- ◆ **Sustainable Facility**
- ◆ **Accommodate Aquatics Growth**
- ◆ **Integrate Education, Experience, Conservation, and Recreation**



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- ◆ **3 Pools:**
 - ◆ 50 meter pool
 - ◆ Shallow & Deep
 - ◆ 52 yards
- ◆ **Interactive Classrooms**
- ◆ **Youth Engagement Programs**
- ◆ **Community Center**
- ◆ **Dry Land Training**
- ◆ **Destination Facility**



