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Name of Board/Commission: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Date of Meeting: February 23, 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, Jeff Haley, Doug Godfrey, Kady Doelling
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 6 (Items for Discussion/Information) swap 6-A and 6-B. The agenda was approved.
Agenda Item 2: Future Board Items and Tours Future items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">3/23/15 PRAB meeting – 2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) recommendation and acceptance of the six year CIP program• 3/23/15 PRAB meeting – Final PRAB meeting for outgoing PRAB members (new members begin with the April 27 meeting)• 3/23/15 PRAB meeting – Bee Safe Neonicotinoid pesticides discussion with Integrated Pest Management (IPM) coordinator• 3/23/15 PRAB meeting – May have aquatics facilities study as a public hearing
Agenda Item 3: Public Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Boris Visnjic</u>, non-resident, representing Boulder Water Polo Club, spoke about the importance of having an aquatics center with a deep water pool that will support children and their love of playing water polo.• <u>Cece Bloomfield</u>, resident, representing Boulder Water Polo Club, spoke of the need to fast track a partnership to modify existing pools to accommodate high school water polo players. She said the two best options for partnerships are the Elks pool and the LaMont Does Park pool in Lafayette, CO.• <u>Maki Iatridis</u>, resident, representing Ocean First Divers, Ocean Classrooms and Ocean First Institute, spoke in support of Option 4 in the Aquatics Feasibility Plan.• <u>Veronica Casebolt</u>, resident, would like to see more youth swimming in Boulder and urges the City of Boulder to build a competitive aquatics center in Boulder. She said she also supports Option 4 in the Aquatics Feasibility Plan.• <u>Bob Smart</u>, non-resident, Fairview High School girls swim team head coach, spoke of the need for a 50 meter aquatics facility in Boulder. He said competitions are moving to other venues out of Boulder due to the lack of facilities large enough to accommodate these groups.• <u>Michelle Perkins</u>, non- resident, asked staff to go with Option 4.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Diane Curlette</u>, resident, asked that the City of Boulder place more focus on seniors and those who benefit from warm water pool therapy. She added that none of the options mention warm water pool therapy or seniors.

Agenda Item 4: Consent Agenda

A. Approval of minutes from January 26, 2015

Minutes from January 26, 2015 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

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve the 2015 Final Concept Plan for Valmont City Park as an Update to the 2008 Concept Plan

Haley and Godfrey provided this update. Haley said the past year's planning for the undeveloped south portion of the park is coming to conclusion, adding that the process has been both collaborative and consensus building.

Godfrey explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to review the process and methodology undertaken during the past year culminating with PRAB's approval. Acceptance of the final concept plan permits the department to move forward with a more detailed design, exploration of funding options and movement to a final plan.

The public hearing was opened.

John Bird, non-resident, representing Colorado PDGA, shared two concerns. The allotted space for the disc golf course is not large enough to permit scheduling of high level tournaments and the designated playground area is a favorite area for disc golfers.

Jim Haswell, resident, said two acres of course space will be lost due to the proposed location of the multi use path, adding that overlapping uses is difficult. He said more acreage is needed.

Andrew Davies, non-resident, representing Boulder Valley Lacrosse, thanked staff and PRAB for all their efforts in this planning process. He said more practice fields are a necessity and can the process go faster?

Sarah Rebick, resident, representing Flatirons Running, said running is growing in Boulder with both adults and children participating. She added that the concept plan has created much excitement in the running community and wanted to thank staff.

Ruth Janjic, non-resident, representing RicRojas Running, thanked staff for including a running track in the concept plan. She added that multiple uses within the track does not work well.

Peter Richards, resident, asked for a cross country running course for recreation purposes.

PRAB Discussion:

Gore – We need to embrace volunteer and fund raising opportunities offered by numerous groups and decide how to move forward.

Guzek – Why has so much space has been allocated to the disc golf course?

Godfrey responded that it's about providing enough acreage – approximately one acre per hole. This will also aid in making the course more available for multi use in the future.

Conroy – I was a bit skeptical about the size of the disc golf course in the beginning, but with the number of people wanting it, it seems like a pretty good use.

Conroy (Myriah) – It's a huge portion of the park and are we all comfortable with that?

Guzek – Don't present this plan as a simple tweaking of the 2008 plan. Much has changed in seven years.

Guzek – What about phasing?

Godfrey responded that the phasing is conceptual and not set in stone.

Wyatt – Couldn't the track be built around a rectangular field?

Klenow – Staff has done a great job on the concept plan with a nice balance.

Conway (Myriah) – The public process was good and I'm excited for our community.

Gorce made the following motion:

Motion to approve the 2015 final concept plan for Valmont City Park as an update to the 2008 concept.

Conway (Myriah) seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0 with Estrella absent.

Agenda Item 6: Items for Discussion/Information

A. 2016-21 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

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

- Capital funding is identified with five funds: Permanent Parks & Recreation Fund, Lottery Fund, .25 cent Sales Tax Fund, Capital Development Fund and Boulder Junction Improvement Fund
- Have \$2.2 million in the .25 cent Sales Tax Fund due to expiration of bond debt
- 2/23/15 PRAB meeting (2nd touch) – CIP draft projects identified and prioritized
- 3/23/15 PRAB meeting (3rd touch) – CIP public hearing and recommendation
- Late May 2015 – Proposed operating budget and CIP budget due to executive budget team
- July 2015 – Proposed CIP due to City of Boulder Planning Department
- Late July 2015 – CIP citywide tour
- Early August 2015 – Planning board CIP public hearing
- Mid August 2015 – City council CIP study session
- September 2015 – City council budget consideration

B. Aquatics Feasibility Plan Discussion

Rhodes presented a timeline update on the aquatics feasibility plan report.

- 11/14 – Consultants conducted facility assessments of city pools
- 11/14 and 12/14 workshops , an online survey and open houses were held to gather input on aquatics facilities/programs
- Consultants identified division strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/threats
- Options for consideration:
 - Option 1 - New 50 meter pool and bathhouse
 - Option 2 – New 50 meter pool, new outdoor aquatic center, new bathhouse
 - Option 3 – Replace 50 meter pool with 3,000-6,000 sq. ft. enclosed sprayground, replace bathhouse w/restrooms, build 50 meter indoor aquatic training center at Valmont City Park with outdoor component
 - Option 4 - Replace 50 meter pool with 3,000-6,000 sq. ft. enclosed sprayground, replace bathhouse w/restrooms, build 50 meter indoor aquatic training center at Valmont City Park with outdoor component to include deck space and team locker rooms
 - Option 5 – Replace 50 meter pool/bathhouse with family aquatic center and new bathhouse, build 50 meter indoor aquatic center at Valmont City park with outdoor aquatic

Agenda Item 7: Matters from the Department

There were no Matters from the Department

Agenda Item 8: Matters from Board Members

Guzek asked when departing board members leave, when new members begin and when new members will be appointed. The response was that the March meeting is the last for departing members Conroy (Myriah) and Estrella and the April meeting will be the first meeting for the two new members.

Dillon commented that there are four applicants.

Conroy (Mike) asked where and when the Civic Area Joint Board meeting would be held.

Haley responded March 11 at Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art (BMoCA) on 13th Street.

Next Board Meeting: March 23, 2015

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the board at this time; the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Approved by:

Attested:

Mike Conroy
Board Chair

Sally Dieterich
Board Secretary