City of Boulder
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
West Senior Center Creekside Room
February 24, 2014
Summary Meeting Minutes

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

Guests: City of Boulder Environmental Advisory Board members Mara Abbott, Tim Hillman, Larissa Read, Morgan Lommele and Stephen Morgan

Staff Present:
Jeff Dillon, Alice Guthrie, Sally Dieterich, Abbie Poniatowski, Alison Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Kathleen Alexander, Teri Olander, Lesli Ellis, Rella Abernathy

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:

- 4/22/14 City Council meeting – Comprehensive financial strategy – looking at short term bonds, sales tax or long term bond

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation was opened.

Claire Douthit, resident shared her lack of support and concern for safety issues for the proposed shelter construction at Harlow Platts Park.

Bill Gray, resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed shelter construction and land use issues at Harlow Platts Park, feeling the shelter would be located too close to an intersection and creating safety issues.

Bob Yates, resident, President of the Boulder History Museum, provided an update on the relocation of the museum from Harbeck House to the Boulder Masonic Lodge, increasing the museum size from 4,000 sq. ft. to 16,000 sq. ft., enabling it to provide additional services to the community, such as science and a children's museum. He added the possibility of having a parks and art partnership and also a public/private partnership.

Kristina Gray, resident, shared her opposition to the proposed shelter construction at Harlow Platts Park. She visits the park daily with her two children and has concerns about increased traffic and parking issues developing if the proposed changes occur.

Public participation was closed.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes from January 27, 2014.

The minutes from January 27, 2014 were approved as written.

B. Informational Items

1. Park Development Update:

The Park Development update was approved as written.

Written updates on these items are provided to the board as part of packet materials and are items that require no board action or discussion. If board members prefer more detailed information, that item could be opened for discussion.

Haley spoke to concerns regarding the Harlow Platts Park proposed shelter construction. He provided the following:

- Identified as part of the 2011 Capital Bond
- $1,000,000 for park shelter replacement
- Harlow Platts designated as a community park, along with Foothills and East boulder Community Park
- Public neighborhood meetings were held
- Community support for shelter construction
- Shelter to be ½ size of North Boulder Park shelter and smaller than Martin Park shelter

PRAB input:

- Wyatt asked where the restrooms will be located
- Conroy (Mike) asked if the shelter will be open on three sides
- Conroy (Myriah) asked for the language in the law
- Estrella asked what the project cost will be
- Thayer suggested that staff hold an additional public meeting with a follow up discussion later

Haley responded that an additional meeting will be arranged with follow up to PRAB.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Public hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve the Holiday Neighborhood Maintenance Agreement

Haley said the Holiday Neighborhood Maintenance agreement is a construction and maintenance agreement for Holiday Park between parks maintenance staff and the Holiday Neighborhood Association. Staff requested the following motion language:
Motion to approve the 'Construction and Maintenance License Agreement' for Holiday Neighborhood Park and authorizing the city manager to make minor amendments prior to or during the term of this agreement in order to ensure that the park is properly used, maintained and repaired in a manner that is consistent with applicable laws and the policies and regulations of the City of Boulder.

Conroy (Myriah) made a motion to approve the motion as written.

Wyatt seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update in Conjunction with the Environmental Advisory Board

Alexander returned to PRAB this month with an update on the emerald ash borer, now extensive in the City of Boulder, the western most occurrence in North America. The Environmental Advisory Board also attended to receive the update. In addition to the update, Alexander provided the 2014 department workplan:

- Emerald Ash Borer research advisory group established
- Continued coordination with Emerald Ash Borer incident command structure working group
- Establish a City of Boulder interdepartmental Emerald Ash Borer working group to discuss on-going management and develop the City of Boulder management plan
- Emerald Ash Borer monitoring within the City of Boulder
- Public education/outreach
- Public ash trees removals/replacements
- Pesticide treatments
- Emerald Ash Borer research and experimentation
- Develop wood/mulch utilization plan in coordination with city LEAD staff and Western Disposal
- Research and coordinate with Community Planning and Sustainability's development review staff for possible code changes to facilitate Emerald Ash Borer management
- Configure and implement urban forestry tree inventory/asset management program to track maintenance on public ash (and other) trees
- Explore available grant options

B. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 2nd Touch.

Poniatowski provided an update on the CIP 2nd touch. She said the purpose of this item was to continue the discussion on the proposed 2015-2020 CIP projects. The

March PRAB meeting will be a 3rd touch with the April meeting a public hearing for approval.

C. March 2014 PRAB Meeting Date

The March 24, 2014 PRAB meeting was moved to March 17, 2014 due to spring break.

VII. MATTERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT

A. Pottery Lab Agreement Update

Olander provided a verbal outline for the future study session:

- RFP was issued in July 2013
- Received one proposal
- Studio Arts Boulder proposal accepted/contract negotiations initiated in August 2013
- Negotiations ongoing
- Contract hopefully to be signed in March 2014
- Potential transition date beginning in May 2014

B. South Valmont City Park Plan Update

Haley gave a brief verbal update on the status of this item for the next month:

- Initial community survey in process
- Working closely with consultants
- Will begin presenting survey results

C. Potential Smoking Ban in Parks Update

Dillon gave a short verbal update on the status of the potential smoking ban:

- City Manager's Rule in place prohibiting smoking in the Civic Area from 9th to 13th Streets and Canyon Blvd. to Arapahoe Avenue
- Signs to be posted this week
- There will be police enforcement
- City to look at additional areas for potential smoking ban in some or all parks, open space
- Staff will return to PRAB for recommendations on smoking bans in public parks and recreation facilities
- Investigate options and present to council by fall 2014

D. Chautauqua ADA Bathrooms Update

Haley provided a brief verbal update to this item:

- Staff and multiple city departments are working closely with Chautauqua
- Critical need determined – compliance issue
- Funding options being investigated
- Considering partnership with Chautauqua Association

VIII. MATTERS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 17, 2014

X. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED BY PARKS AND
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Rick Thayer
Board Chair

Attest

Sally Dieterich
Recording Secretary