

**City of Boulder  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
East Boulder Senior Center Flagstaff Room  
March 17, 2014  
Summary Meeting Minutes**

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**Board Present:**

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

**Board Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Jeff Dillon, Alice Guthrie, Abbie Poniatowski, Jeff Haley, Sally Dieterich, Teri Olander, Dean Rummel, Jody Tableporter, Skyler Beck, Doug Godfrey

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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:

- 4/16/14 – Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Information Packet to council
- 4/22/14 – Council study session on community bonds opportunities
- 4/28/14 PRAB meeting – Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) discussion
- 4/28/14 PRAB meeting – Election of PRAB officers
- 4/28/14 PRAB meeting – Capital Improvement Program (CIP) public hearing
- 4/28/14 PRAB meeting – Renaming of Mesa Memorial Park
- 4/28/14 PRAB meeting – Update on Valmont City Park south plan
- 4/28/14 PRAB meeting – North Boulder Park art update from the artist
- 4/28/14 PRAB meeting – BVSD subcommittee on capital improvements
- 5/6/14 Council meeting – Department presents declaration for National Kids to Parks Day
- Future tour of flood projects

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Public participation was opened.

Snow White, non-resident, asked that the department repair the baseball backstop at Scott Carpenter Park to be safe enough to enable the Boulder High School baseball team to play.

Claire Douthit, resident, spoke in reference to Harlow Platts Park, thanking Haley and Godfrey for their work creating adjustments to the park design.

Kristy and Bill Gray, residents, support changes to the Harlow Platts Park design saying the new proposal will be a benefit to the community. They added that they would like a single structure, not two, and requested the warming hut be torn down.

Asnat Macoosh, resident, thanked all for their work on the project, but expressed some concerns:

1. Park over use, traffic, noise
2. Why two bathrooms? Could bring trouble and doesn't want the homeless problem moved to Harlow Platts Park

Public participation was closed.

#### **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **A. Approval of minutes from February 24, 2014.**

The minutes from February 24, 2014 were approved with an amendment to the public participation comments. Amendment: the museum is currently in discussion of potential public/private partnerships with the city manager's office.

##### **B. Informational Items**

1. Park Development Update

The Park Development Update was approved as written with questions:

2. Pottery Lab Agreement Update

PRAB requested a verbal update on the Pottery Lab agreement update. Olander provided the timeline:

- Request for Proposal completed
- Studio Arts Boulder in negotiation with the department
- 3/27/14 – next meeting
- 4/28/14 PRAB meeting – final report on next steps

#### **V. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

There were no Items for Action.

#### **VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

##### **A. Financial Strategy Discussion**

Poniatowski and Rummel continued this item from previous meetings.

Poniatowski reiterated that this effort is not only aligned with the master plan theme of financial sustainability, but also is with organizational readiness. She added that the cross teams are building capacity, representing multiple skills so that all will understand financial strategy and how to put it into practice. She added the following timeline for the next two months:

- 4/2014 – Review data modeling for Boulder Reservoir and athletic fields for policy guidance to implement master plan goals
- 5/2014 – Discuss proposed fee changes and associated community and user group outreach with fee policy change recommendations

**B. 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 3rd Touch**

Haley provided the proposed 2015 projects for the department CIP:

- Capital Enhancement
  - Emerald Ash Borer response
  - Coot Lake restoration
  - Recreation center enhancements
- Capital Maintenance
  - ADA compliance
  - Pool replastering
  - Historic railroad coach restoration
  - Pearl Street Mall irrigation replacement
- Capital Planning Studies
  - Recreation facility strategic plan
  - Urban forest management plan
  - Planning, design and construction standards
- Transfers
  - Tributary greenways program – lottery

The next steps timeline:

- 4/2/14 PRAB meeting – Public hearing and recommendation
- Date TBD – 1<sup>st</sup> draft to Planning Department
- Date TBD – CIP due to CMO
- Date TBD – Citywide CIP tour
- 7/17/14 Planning board meeting – CIP public hearing
- 8/12/14 City council CIP study session
- Date TBD – City council budget consideration

**VII. MATTERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT**

**A. Emerald Ash Borer Update**

Dillon provided a short verbal update on this item. He said imidacloprid pesticide use will be prohibited on public lands that includes public parks, city owned land and street rights of way. He added that this does not include private property. The city will be applying a natural application on approximately 175 trees of to determine the effectiveness of the process. Other techniques will be looked at during the next six months in order to develop a proactive plan. This is the year to do testing, observation and to work on solutions.

**B. Columbia Cemetery Monetary Donation**

Reilly-McNellan, Columbia Cemetery Presentation Project Manager, spoke briefly on the cemetery both historically and currently. Her update included the numerous projects she has managed, including completed repair/future repair and recognition of the dedicated volunteers who help make this possible. Reilly-

McNellan and three others began writing a book about Columbia Cemetery in 1995, had it published in 2012 and are returning a portion of sales to Columbia Cemetery conservation work. She proudly presented a check from proceeds of the sale to the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$1,100.

**C. Master Plan Acceptance Celebration**

PRAB members were presented with a copy of the completed Boulder Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan and thanked for their participation in the process.

**VIII. MATTERS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no Matters from Board Members.

**IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 28, 2014**

**X. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

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Mike Conroy  
Board Vice Chair

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Sally Dieterich  
Recording Secretary