

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: April 27, 2015
Contact Information Preparing Summary: Sally Dieterich 303-413-7242
Board Members Present: Mike Conroy, Mike Guzek, Marty Gorce, Valerie Yates, Jennifer Kovarik Board Members Absent: Kelly Wyatt, Tom Klenow
Staff Present: Yvette Bowden, Alison Rhodes, Lisa Martin, Kathleen Alexander
Guests Present: None
Type of Meeting: Advisory/Regular
Agenda Item 1: Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. and the agenda was approved.
Agenda Item 2: New PRAB Member Introduction and Election of Officers Valerie Yates and Jennifer Kovarik were introduced as newly appointed PRAB members. Each was administered the oath of office on March 31, 2015 by PRAB secretary Sally Dieterich. Guzek nominated Conroy for board chair. Gorce seconded the motion. There were no additional nominations. The motion passed 5-0 with Wyatt and Klenow absent. Gorce nominated Guzek for vice chair. Conroy seconded the motion. There were no additional nominations. The motion passed 5-0 with Wyatt and Klenow absent.
Agenda Item 3: Future Board Items and Tours <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5/18 PRAB meeting – Greenways CIP for board comment• 5/18 PRAB meeting – Parks & Recreation Department fees• 5/18 PRAB meeting – Operating budget update• Community touches are listed on page 3 of agenda• Update on upcoming tours will be available in the months to come
Agenda Item 4: Public Participation <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Charlotte Soreneon, resident, spoke of her belief that the Boulder Parks and Recreation will reaffirm its commitment to serve all members of the Boulder community with appropriate exercise facilities by ensuring availability of a warm water wellness pool for its “most vulnerable” population.2. Mary Hey, resident, spoke on the necessity of warm water pool therapy in Boulder. She said the message continues to be the same. Boulder needs a pool size warm water pool. She added that the Mapleton pool users group has provided a proposal to Parks and Recreation that they urge PRAB to consider.3. Elizabeth Burr, resident, spoke of her experience using Mapleton pool as part of her physical therapy for years. She said the warm water permits her to exercise when she otherwise could not. She supports continuation of a warm water therapy pool in Boulder.4. Colette Bruegel, non-resident, said she has used the Mapleton warm water therapy pool for years to help with back injuries and a degenerative condition of her spine. She also provided a hand out to PRAB detailing numerous warm water therapy pools operated by cities throughout the U.S. and Canada.5. Amy Howard, resident, began using the Mapleton warm water therapy pool after a life threatening accident. She said research shows that warm water therapy results in improvability and strength across all populations. She urged staff to consider a warm water pool as an element

in any parks and recreation strategy.

6. Nona Gandleman, resident, shared her history of being a tennis pro, backpacker, skier and hiker in Boulder since the early 1970's. All changed in 1999 with a ruptured disc and surgeries. She said she began using the Mapleton therapy pool a few years ago which changed her life. She added that she hopes there is a way to save this very important resource.
7. Els Slater, resident, said that all the open space around town is being bought by developers to build houses and just on that money it should be possible to keep the therapy pool open.
8. Dianne Curlette, resident, spoke on the Mapleton therapy pool. She said the Aquatics Feasibility Plan as written does not address all parts of the community, but instead has a narrow focus with emphasis on the lap swimmers. She said Boulder has a large number of people who need warm water therapy pool. She added that a few sentences have been added to the plan that acknowledges warm water needs, but the demographics are incorrect in her opinion as they include the CU population.
9. Bill Cohen, resident, explained that he used to play basketball, softball, skied, hiked and biked, but now can do none of those activities. He added his only exercise is in the warm water therapy pool at Mapleton. He said the user group has submitted a proposed resolution to staff with all information derived from the Aquatics Feasibility Plan. He added that the resolution asks staff to approach council expressing the need for a warm water therapy pool.

Agenda Item 5: Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2015
Minutes from March 23, 2015 were approved as written.
- B. Parks and Recreation Development Update
- C. Parks and Recreation Operations Update

Agenda Item 6: Items for Action

There were no Items for Action.

Agenda Item 7: Items for Discussion/Information

There were no Items for Discussion/Information

Agenda Item 8: Matters from the Department

- A. Emerald Ash Borer Update (EAB)
City Forester Alexander provided this timeline update for 2015.
 - Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive pest
 - Came to the United States from China
 - EAB has killed 70,000,000 ash trees primarily in the Midwest
 - EAB detected in Boulder in fall 2013
 - Boulder County quarantine in place
 - 45,000 ash trees in City of Boulder
 - Ash trees not treated with pesticides will eventually die from EAB
 - EAB populations expand exponentially
 - Removal difficult due to fast spreading disease
 - Map provided to PRAB detailing EAB locations in Boulder
 - Treatment with pesticides is necessary with EAB response plan – goals are to slow the spread, preserve significant trees and to stage removals over a longer time period
 - Strict treatment criteria - ash trees must be in good health and less than 10” in diameter
 - Long term plan is to treat 25-30% of public ash trees in a three year rotation – approximately 450 trees per year
 - Goal is to reduce the numbers of trees treated every time there is a new rotation

B. Aquatics Feasibility Plan Update

Rhodes provided this update which included plan goals, needs and recommendations. Goals were to establish a condition assessment of existing facilities, determine demand for aquatics facilities, and generate studies for aquatics facility development and management/cost estimations. The process included online survey, public open houses and workshops that were held in late 2014 and PRAB appointment of a liaison to be included in stakeholder meetings. The consultants analysis determined the following aquatics needs:

- An efficient, sustainable and green system
- Develop a pool allocation policy
- Increase open lap swimming
- Offer training facilities
- Offer competitive facilities
- Increase entertainment in pools – existing and new
- Increase warm water wellness opportunities

In response to increased interest in the City of Boulder providing warm water pool therapy alternatives, Rhodes spoke on warm water pool accessibility and how this need might be met in the community. She said the pool at the East Boulder Community Center is 90 degrees and currently offers more than ten classes per week for warm water fitness.

Bowden added that the Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan was specific in terms of the types of facilities that are considered public facilities that we should be managing and that they should be flexible spaces that do multiple things. She said that what staff has learned from the process is that temperature and depth do matter, which prevents other kinds of programming with the possibility of compromised flexibility. She assured all that the department is listening and doing all it can to continue to participate in the conversation, address the needs of the community and take care of what we have.

Agenda Item 9: Matters from Board Members

A. PRAB Member Appointment to the Greenways Advisory Committee (GAC)

PRAB member Klenow, who previously expressed interest in becoming the PRAB GAC representative, was not present at this meeting. Board chair Conroy deferred appointment, giving Klenow first right of refusal with the final decision and appointment to be made at the May 18, 2015 meeting.

Next Board Meeting: May 18, 2015

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the board at this time; the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Approved by:

Mike Conroy
Board Chair

Attested:

Sally Dieterich
Board Secretary

Date _____

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