City of Boulder
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Valmont Bike Park Platt Farmhouse
Valmont and Airport Roads
April 28, 2014
Summary Meeting Minutes

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Board Present:
Mike Conroy, Myriah Conroy, Michelle Estrella, Kelly Wyatt, Marty Gorce, Tom Klenow
Board Absent: Mike Guzek
Staff Present:
Sally Dieterich, Jeff Haley, Sarah DeSouza, Alison Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Kady Doelling, Teri Olander, Abbie Poniatowski, Doug Godfrey, Dean Rummel, Jody Tableporter, Matt Hickey
Guests present:
Don Orr and Michele DeBerry, Boulder Valley School District
Zach Johnson, Kimmerjae Makurus, Boulder Cycling Monument

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NEW PRAB MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Vice chair Conroy (Mike) introduced and welcomed new board member Tom Klenow. Klenow was administered the oath of office by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) secretary Sally Dieterich on April 2, 2014.

Gorce nominated Conroy (Mike) for board chair. Estrella seconded the motion. Estrella nominated herself for board chair. Conroy (Myriah) seconded the motion. There were no additional nominations. The motion for Conroy (Mike) passed 5-1 with Klenow abstaining.

Conroy (Mike) nominated Conroy (Myriah) for board vice chair. Estrella seconded the motion. There were no additional nominations. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

III. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS AND TOURS

Poniatowski provided a timeline update on future board items:

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- 5/19/14 PRAB meeting – On-going park development updates, operational budget update, Valmont City Park planning update with consultants present
- 5/6/14 Council meeting – Parks and Recreation Department declarations signed by Mayor Appelbaum for National Kids to Parks Day and 30 Years of Excellence in Programming

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Conway (Mike) suggested that agenda item VII-A, the request to rename Mesa Memorial Park to Bill Bower Park, be moved forward to the public participation portion of the meeting due to the large number of public in attendance.

Estrella made a motion to move the item. Gorce seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Public participation was opened.

James Bower, non-resident, asked the department to rename the park informally named Mesa Memorial Park to Bill Bower Park in honor of his late father. He said his dad lived in Boulder for 45 years, was grandpa to all the neighborhood kids and naming the park for him would be an honor.

Mindy Bower, non-resident, said her dad was a good neighbor, always helping all the neighborhood kids with their projects. She spoke in support of renaming Mesa Memorial Park to Bill Bower Park for her late father.

Joe Boardman, resident, said Bill Bower was bigger than life and a world class person. He spoke in support of renaming Mesa Memorial Park to Bill Bower Park.

Diane Bergstrom, non-resident, said she met Bill Bower later in his life. She added that he was a wonderful neighbor with kids and animals always coming first. She spoke in support of renaming Mesa Memorial Park Bill to Bower Park.

Sue Kranzdorf, resident, said Bill Bower loved kids and welcomed many to the neighborhood. She added that he was warm, generous, kind and an exceptional quality human being. She spoke in favor of renaming Mesa Memorial Park to Bill Bower Park.

Clay Evans, non-resident, said he grew up in Bill Bower's neighborhood, when the kids called Bill "Mr. Bower". Bill was always available to help the kids with projects and became like a second dad to many. He spoke in favor of renaming Mesa Memorial Park to Bill Bower Park.

Public participation for the park renaming was closed.

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DeSouza presented this item, requesting a recommendation from PRAB for the purpose of naming the park Bill Bower Park. She said that Mesa Memorial was simply a working name for the property with park naming a part of the park development process. She added that the department is honored to bring this forward to the city manager.

PRAB was unanimously in support of the renaming proposal and made a recommendation to rename Mesa Memorial Park, Bill Bower Park. They also requested that the park have some interpretive signage added, providing biographical information on Bill Bower.

Public participation was reopened for general comments.

Asnat Macoosh, resident, thanked staff for the changes made to plans for Harlow Platts Park development. She referenced the warming hut, requesting the pavilion be built where the warming hut is currently located. She also asked that a pre-fabricated shelter be located near the soccer fields to provide shade. In addition, she asked that staff develop a plan to remove geese droppings.

Public participation was closed.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes from March 17, 2014.

The minutes from March 17, 2014 were approved as written**.**

B. Informational Items

1. Park Development Update
2. Flood Recovery Update
3. Upcoming Planning and Development Public Engagement Opportunities

Written updates on these items were provided to the board as part of the packet materials and required no board action or discussion. Haley explained that informational items could be opened for discussion at the board's request.

Estrella asked about next steps for the Harlow Platts Park development.

Haley responded that the design will be finalized after receiving feedback from the neighbors. He added that the department does not require a PRAB recommendation to move forward, but that updates will continue to be provided.

Conroy (Myriah) requested more information/plans on Crestview Park prior to the public meeting on May 14, if possible. She also asked if the park would be closed during renovations.

Godfrey responded that most likely the park will have limited closure during that period in late summer/early fall 2014. He added that ultimately this decision would be made by the contractor.

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Conroy (Myriah) also asked for a Civic Area update and status on the Boulder Reservoir site management plan.

Haley responded that Sally would provide a website link to PRAB. He said the biological inventory/assessment will be finalized soon and available to the community.

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Public Hearing and Consideration of Motions Approving the 2015 Expenditures from the Permanent Parks and Recreation Fund and 2015-2020 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Haley presented this item providing a recap of previous CIP discussions and the role of PRAB in the CIP process. He added that PRAB is requested to hold a public hearing and provide a recommendation to city council approving or disapproving expenditures or appropriations from the Permanent Parks and Recreation Fund (Fund 230).

The public hearing was opened.

No one spoke.

The public hearing was closed.

PRAB was asked to consider two motions:

1. Motion to approve the 2015 recommended expenditures from the Permanent Parks and Recreation Fund (Fund 230).
2. Motion to approve the recommended 2015-2020 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

<u>Estrella made the following motion:</u>
I move that PRAB approve the 2015 recommended expenditures from the Permanent Parks and Recreation Fund (Fund 230).

Gorce seconded the motion.

<u>Vote by roll call:</u>
Conroy (Mike) – yes
Conroy (Myriah) – yes
Estrella – yes
Wyatt – yes
Gorce – yes
Klenow – yes
Guzek - absent
The motion passed 6-0.

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Estrella made the following motion:
I move to approve the recommended 2015 to 2020 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Gorce seconded the motion.

Vote by roll call:
Conroy (Mike) – yes
Conroy (Myriah) – yes
Estrella – yes
Wyatt – yes
Gorce – yes
Klenow – yes
Guzek - absent

The motion passed 6-0.

VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. Request to Rename the Park Informally Named Mesa Memorial Park to Bill Bower Park.

By request, this item was moved forward to agenda item IV.

B. Financial Strategy Discussion

Staff continued this discussion as part of the on-going financial strategy planning, reviewing data modeling for the Boulder Reservoir and athletic fields and provided the following recommendations:

- Services rated as exclusive would have phased fee increases to reach actual costs to provide services
- Support fees that the market will bear
- Develop an enhanced financial aid program to provide services to all

Next steps:

- Staff to complete comprehensive analysis of all services using methodology supported by PRAB
- Staff will return to PRAB in fall 2014 to provide recommendations for 2015 fee changes and implementation of fee standardization

VIII. MATTERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT

A. BVSD Capital Improvement and Subcommittee

Don Orr and Michele DeBerry, from Boulder Valley School District (BVSD), spoke briefly on the BVSD draft needs assessment of recreation facilities and the continued partnership between the City of Boulder and BVSD for recreation opportunities. Noted were current projects:

- Athletic fields need assessment
- City athletic fields feasibility study – Valmont City Park planning
- Aquatic facilities feasibility study
- Update of joint use agreement

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- Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) schoolyard improvement at Horizons/University Hill Schools
- Capital Improvement Bond for Crestview Park/Columbine Park

B. Emerald Ash Borer Update
Staff provided a written update on this item.

C. North Boulder Park Update
Boulder Cycling Monument (BCM) representatives spoke briefly on the status of the project providing updates:

- New design passed the art commission
- Funding status remains unchanged
- New design increased budget by $17,000

Additional updates will be provided at a future PRAB meeting.

D. Valmont City Park Planning
Godfrey provided a timeline update on this item:

- 1/22/14 – Project kick-off with staff and consultants, MIG
- 1/14 – Staff provided a community survey to determine public preferences for Valmont City Park South development
    - 3,000 households selected for participation
    - 621 responses/22% response rate
- Roundtable planning meetings to be scheduled
- Athletic field needs assessment focus group meetings
- Youth engagement

IX. MATTERS FROM BOARD MEMBERS
There were no matters from board members.

X. NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 19, 2014

XI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m

APPROVED BY PARKS AND
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

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Mike Conroy
Board Chair

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Attest:

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Sally Dieterich
Recording Secretary

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