

**City of Boulder
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
East Boulder Senior Center Eldorado Room
June 24, 2013
Summary Meeting Minutes**

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Board Present:

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

Board Absent: None

Myriah Conroy, Mike Guzek

Staff Present:

Kirk Kincannon, Jeff Dillon, Alice Guthrie, Sally Dieterich, Alison Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Sarah DeSouza, Stacy Cole, Lisa Martin

Guests Present:

Susan Connelly, Executive Director, Colorado Chautauqua Association

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

II. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS AND TOURS

Kincannon provided the following timeline update on future board items:

- July 2013 – Council CIP tour
- 7/25/13 Planning board meeting – Master plan public hearing
- 9/17/13 Council meeting – Master plan public hearing and approval

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation was opened.

Bob Smartt, non-resident, Fairview High School girls swim team coach, thanked staff (Alice Guthrie, Steve Whipple, Julie Dettbarn and Todd Calvin) for being flexible in providing pool time for team practice.

Logan Tidstrom, resident, Fairview High School girls swim team member, thanked staff for providing additional pool time for team practice.

Will Hauptman, resident, had concerns about the July 4 rule at Boulder Reservoir. He said the rule banning alcohol and raising entrance fees targets college age and low income people, favoring wealthy families, which is contrary to the spirit of community. He asked that staff create an alcohol zone for those over 21 and to have an alternate zone for families.

John Salisbury, resident, had concerns about the July 4 rule at Boulder Reservoir. He said if the proposed changes are implemented the city will experience a loss of revenue and create safety issues with younger groups who will attend private parties with alcohol available, instead of attending Boulder Reservoir. He suggested creating an adult zone where alcohol would be available away from the swim beach, have two entrance gates with police checking identification and have a family friendly zone.

Phyllis Gunn, resident, spoke on the development of Mesa Memorial Park. She said if she would have known that the GOCO grant process would delay the project two years, she would have preferred to not apply for the grant, but to proceed with the basic park development. She said neighbors are disappointed that the process has been delayed so long.

Public participation was closed.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes from May 20, 2013.

The minutes from May 20, 2013 were approved as written.

B. Informational Items

1. Park Development Update
2. Reservoir July 4 Pilot Program
3. Pottery Program RFP Update

Written updates on these items were provided to the Board as part of the packet materials. Board Chair Thayer explained that these items are informational items that require no Board action or discussion. If the Board prefers more detailed information or discussion, that item would be moved to Agenda Item VI, Items for Discussion/Information.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Hearing – Vote to Recommend

Kincannon thanked PRAB and the community for their support during this eighteen month process. He deferred to parks superintendent Dillon for the update.

Dillon said the fundamental comments from council were:

- Before building new facilities make certain existing facilities can be maintained
- Shift some programs/services to working partnerships with other providers

He said that the master plan is a policy document that will guide the department in decision making. He added that this isn't a twenty year plan, but it tells the department how to engage the community in an ongoing process.

The public hearing was opened.

No one spoke.

The public hearing was closed.

Estrella made the following motion:

I move to recommend the 2013 Parks and Recreation Master Plan for acceptance by city council.

Wyatt seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0 with Conroy (Myriah) and Guzek absent.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. Chautauqua Auditorium Accessible Rest Rooms

Haley provided an update on the Chautauqua auditorium accessible restrooms project. He said this project is a part of the collaborative stewardship framework process between the Chautauqua Association and the City of Boulder. He added that agencies involved are the Chautauqua Assn., Landmarks Board, Open Space Board of Trustees and PRAB. Options analyzed were:

- Financial
- ADA accessibility
- Site context
- Operational feasibility

He explained the six options (two inside the auditorium and 4 outside the auditorium) selected by the working group for restroom locations and requested feedback from PRAB regarding the locations.

PRAB was supportive of adding accessible restrooms, generally preferring location option 5, an outside location close to the auditorium.

Connolly said the reason this item is going before so many city boards is that it is a pilot project for collaboration between the city of Boulder and the Chautauqua Association about projects that involve new construction.

B. Mesa Memorial Park Concept Plan

Haley provided the update on this item. He said Mesa Memorial Park is a neighborhood park approximately two acres in size, identified in the 2006 master plan for new park development.

Historical:

- 2008 – Preliminary concept plan developed
- 2009 – PRAB approval
- 2011 – CIP budget allocated funding
- 2011 – Steps to move forward were presented the community

- 2/2012 – Park design meeting to determine how to move forward
- 2012 – Public engagement through workshops/public meetings
- 8/2012 – Department applied for GOCO grant for park development to leverage existing funding identified in the CIP (approximately \$500,000) with \$325,000 additional to fully develop the park to full potential as part of the original design
- 12/2012 – GOCO grant denied
- 2013 – Re-designing plan to move forward with existing funding

Project schedule:

- 2013 summer – Complete construction documents based on PRAB recommendation
- 2014 winter – Anticipate construction bidding process
- 2014 spring – Construction initiation

C. Proposed 2014 Department Fees

Guthrie presented this update. She said staff has been reviewing the commercial use fee program based on the pilot program from 2011, adding that there will be no commercial fee changes in the parks or Boulder Reservoir for the remainder of 2013. Staff will continue the review process, coming back to PRAB with an update in early 2014. Staff is recommending changes to rental rates for 2014 at Valmont City/Bike Park.

Specific changes are:

- Per participant impact fees to be included with event use
- Elimination of 20% revenue sharing option for rental up to a two mile course
- Fee-based program use includes a per rider drop-in fee
- Non fee-based program use to include a per rider fee or \$15 minimum
- Establish rental fees for the disc golf course, dog park yard and the picnic shelter

VII. MATTERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT

A. Budget Update

Poniatowski provided an update on the status of the budget. She said the \$22,000,000 proposed 2014 department budget was submitted in May 2013 and staff met with the executive budget team. She added that most of the increases are due to personnel expenses. Staff will be working on efficiencies through building partnerships and contracting programs. They will also conduct program evaluations and fee studies and work on the organizational assessment alignments. Capital Bond Implementation: \$8,000,000 was available for projects to be completed by 2015. Because rates were low during bond purchase the department received an additional \$800,000 that will be allocated to Columbia Cemetery and Boulder Reservoir improvements.

Next steps:

- Mid July – CIP to Planning Board
- 8/13/13 – Council CIP study session

- 7/22/13 PRAB meeting - Budget funding update
- 9/10/13 – Council study session city budget recommendation #1
- 9/24/13 – Council study session city budget recommendation #2
- October 2013 – Council budget reading

VIII. MATTERS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Estrella said she attended the Greenway committee meeting recently, stating that they only meet twice yearly. She added at this meeting they passed their budget which is allocated for a variety of projects.

Thayer received a citizen comment that there is not enough seating at Scott Carpenter pool. He also said there is citizen dissatisfaction with the new fencing and pebbles at the EBCC dog park forcing dogs now to have to step gently on the pebbles, no longer being able to run into the water.

IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 22, 2013

X. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY PARKS AND
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Rick Thayer
Board Chair

Attest:

Sally Dieterich
Recording Secretary