



Boulder Parks & Recreation

Advisory Board

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: Consent Agenda

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A. Approval of Minutes from May 23, 2016

B. Parks and Recreation Development Update

The following information is intended to provide the PRAB with relevant updates on specific projects as they reach major milestones. This section is not all inclusive of all current projects and only illustrates major project updates. For a complete list of all current projects and details, please visit www.BoulderParkNews.org.

Planning and Design

The following projects are currently in the planning and design process that involves research, alternatives analysis, public involvement and development of planning documents and design plans to guide decision making and future capital improvements.

- **2016/2017 Playground Renovations:** Arapahoe Ridge, Howard Heuston and Tantra Parks were identified as priorities for renovation in 2016/2017. The consultant, Mundus Bishop, has developed three draft concepts plans for each park to be shared at upcoming public meetings. These meetings are intended to be listening sessions to understand the concerns and desires of the neighboring community. Feedback will be used to create a final concept plan for each park to be presented to the community at a second set of public meetings in July/Aug.

[June 22 - Arapahoe Ridge](#)

[June 23 Howard Heuston Park](#)

[July 7 – Tantra Park](#)

- **Chautauqua Park:** Planning for pedestrian safety, access and lighting improvements at Chautauqua Park began in July 2015. Over the last year, the public and several city boards and committees provided feedback on early designs. A second public [open house will be held June 28th](#) on the Chautauqua green for community members to learn more about the design, improvements and construction schedule.

- **Scott Carpenter Pool Design:** Scott Carpenter Pool is a unique amenity in Boulder that continues to be a priority for the community and supports a variety of recreation and fitness opportunities. Recognizing the current challenges and condition of Scott Carpenter pool, staff has initiated a planning project to develop schematic design alternatives for the renovation of the pool at Scott Carpenter Park to understand capital costs and opportunities for improvements to serve the community.

The department has selected Essenza Architecture to assist in the development of concept alternatives and a final recommended plan for the aquatics and park related facilities. A ‘kick-off’ meeting was held in late May with the consultant, a representative of BVSD, a PRAB liaison, Chairperson Mike Guzek, and department staff to discuss the planning and design process, community outreach, and the vision for the facility. The outcome of the design alternatives will inform the capital project to replace the pool in the coming years. Design and community engagement will occur throughout the summer with an Open House planned for Q3 and final plan development in Q4. This will allow the project to proceed to final design and permitting in 2017 with construction beginning in 2018.

- **Planning Projects Underway:** Staff or contractors continue to work on the following projects and will update PRAB as major milestones are achieved:
 - Boulder Reservoir Administration Building/Bathhouse Design
 - Central Park and Civic Area
 - Christensen Park
 - Facilities Strategic Plan
 - Holiday Park Shade Shelter
 - Urban Forest Strategic Plan

Construction

The following projects are scheduled for construction, under construction or recently completed. For additional details please visit www.BoulderParkNews.org.

- **Admiral Arleigh A. Burke Park:** As a first step in minor capital improvements to the park, approximately 20 volunteers showed their support on Community Clean-Up Day by assisting staff in planting pollinator-friendly vegetation on the berms that were previously low functioning habitat. Additional improvements to look forward to later this summer include shelter and flower bed renovations, sidewalk improvements and signage update.



- **Eben G. Fine Park:** The Eben G. Fine stream bank restoration and riparian habitat improvements have been completed. The project was funded through the Community, Culture and Safety Tax that was approved by Boulder voters in November of 2014. The streambank restoration project will help control erosion, improve water quality, improve

habitat, improve recreational access to Boulder Creek and enhance the overall character of the park.

- **Flatirons Golf Course Event Center and Restrooms:** Demolition of the existing event center is complete. The new interim restrooms installed near the pro shop are functioning and ready for summer with a new deck and trellis entrance. An accessible ramp to the interim restrooms and an improved stairway to the pro shop are currently underway while plans to paint the pro shop and grill are in the planning stages.
- **North Boulder Recreation Center:** The design phase of the pool area refurbishment is wrapping up and staff issued a construction Request for Bid in early June with implementation to occur in August-September, 2016. This project, informed by the community engagement and facility condition assessment completed in the 2015 Aquatics Feasibility Plan, includes the following elements to refurbish the lap and leisure pool areas of the North Boulder Recreation Center (NBRC):
 - Replacement of the leisure pool play equipment “Water-tainment” that is past its life-cycle;
 - Installation of an Ultra-Violet sanitation system which will provide additional water sanitation and improve air and water quality;
 - Replacement of defunct HVAC elements (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning) serving the leisure pool;
 - Replacement of steps to a ramp to increase safety at depth transition in the leisure pool; and
 - Resurfacing of all concrete pool decks with an epoxy, texturized finish to increase safety.

The project begins with the NBRC annual maintenance closure on August 22, 2016. The pool area will remain closed when the remainder of the facility reopens to the public on August 29, 2016 and is scheduled to re-open on October 1, 2016. To minimize community impacts related to the closure, Spruce Pool will remain open through September (weather permitting) on a modified schedule due to daylight hours and the BVSD school schedule.

- **Construction Projects Underway:** Staff or contractors continue to work on the following projects and will update PRAB as major milestones are achieved:
 - Elks Park Arbor
 - Knollwood Tennis Courts

Urban Resources

The following projects are currently administered by the Urban Resources staff focusing on habitat and wildlife management in an urban environment.

- **Integrated Pest Management:** The city’s seasonal crew continues to remove state-mandated, A-list species such as Mediterranean sage. The crew transects over 500 acres

of natural lands known to have previous or current infestations of this species. Previously, the Colorado Department of Agriculture provided a seasonal crew to assist organizations with A-list species control at no charge. In 2015 they assisted with over 160 hours of additional labor. Unfortunately, this year the state-sponsored crew is not available to support the department.

- **Urban Wildlife Management:**

In early June, staff began the annual survey of prairie dog colonies around the Boulder Reservoir. This data assists with determining priorities for management around the Reservoir as well as implementation of the Urban Wildlife Management Plan including identification of open areas for potential relocation.

- **Urban Resource Projects Underway:** Staff or contractors continue to work on the following projects and will update PRAB as major milestones are achieved:

- Regulations and Seasonal Wildlife Closures
- Urban Resources Volunteer Recruitment and Training

C. Operations Update

- **Neighborhood Block Party Trailer**



Boulder's new block party trailer is available for Boulder residents to reserve, free of charge, for weekend outdoor neighborhood events such as block parties and park reservations. The trailer can be used on private or public property and includes tables and chairs, a variety of games and street barricades. The trailer may only be used for a neighborhood party requiring that everyone within an area defined by the host must be invited.

All permitting requirements still apply for block parties and park reservations. A Block Party Permit is required for street closures and a Neighborhood Gathering

Permit is required for park use.

For more information about the neighborhood block party trailer, visit <https://bouldercolorado.gov/neighborhood-services/neighborhood-block-party-trailer>.

- **Weekend at Valmont Update**

Valmont City Park is a unique and popular facility that includes a Bike Park, a Disc Golf Course and a Dog Park. The third annual Weekend at Valmont event was created in 2014 to celebrate the facility and appreciate its patrons and the local community. On June 11-

12th, hundreds of people from the Boulder community came to Valmont to enjoy the following events:

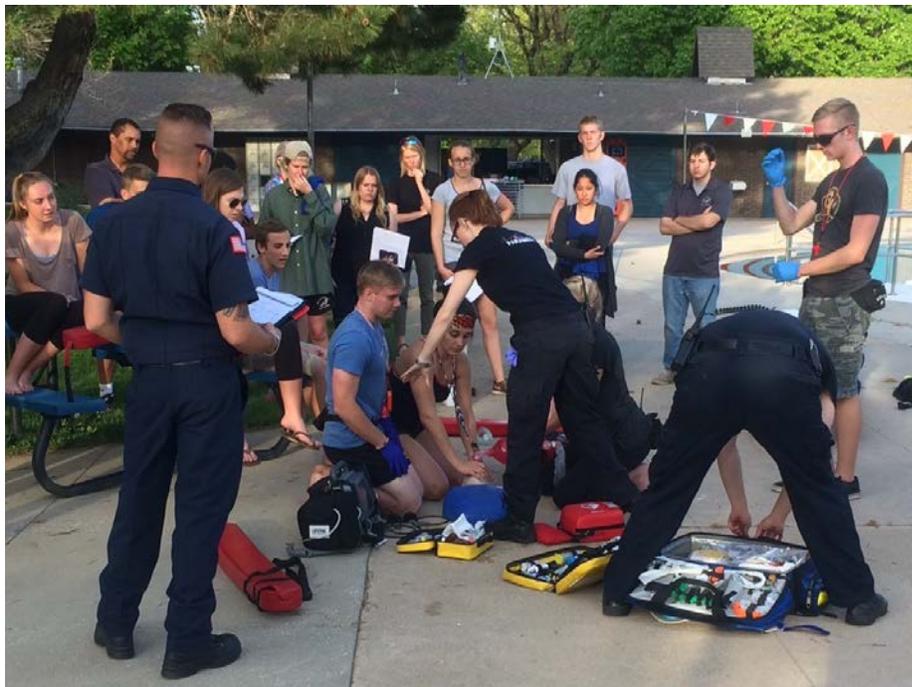
Valmont Dog Park Expo: On June 11th, Dog Park patrons enjoyed an expo that included several community dog-related organizations. Exhibits included information on animal rescue opportunities, composting dog poop, dog food products, leash durability testing and dog care providers. Patrons could also sit for an original caricature sketch with their pets.

Valmont's 5th Anniversary Party presented by REI: Sponsored by REI, this event celebrated the Bike Park's fifth anniversary and featured REI bike demos, short track races, free bike clinics, rock climbing wall, face painters, DJs, and many other expo booths and free giveaways. All expos and activities were provided by local bike-related organizations that have contributed to Valmont Bike Park. The evening concluded with the showing of an outdoor movie, sponsored by Gebhardt BMW.

Valmont Open Disc Golf Tournament: The 3rd annual Valmont Open Disc Golf Tournament took place on June 12th hosting a record number of participants who played two rounds of gold and enjoyed a pizza lunch. Tournament prizes were donated from local disc golf-related organizations. Disc golf course volunteers contributed before and during the event to ensure a safe and successful event on a beautiful, clean course.

- **Aquatics Summer Training with Boulder Fire and Rescue**

This year, the Aquatics Division partnered with Boulder Fire and Rescue Department and the city's ambulance provider, American Medical Response (AMR), to provide training for the department's summer seasonal staff. Every lifeguard on staff, whether experienced or newly certified, attended summer water safety training.



- **GO Flyers! Club MOU**

Department staff has entered into good faith negotiations with the competitive gymnastics program's parent booster club, Go FLYERS! Club. The Go FLYERS! Club has established a board of directors, filed for 501c3 status and is working towards a September 1 implementation date. Later this summer, staff will update the PRAB on the proposed three-year pilot project intended to explore the fundraising and coordination of the city's competitive youth gymnastics program.

- **Dance Programming Contract**

Despite significant outreach to the local dance community, the city's recent call for proposals to manage the city's dance program resulted in a single submission. Kinesis Dance Company, the city's most recent dance program contractor, is currently in negotiation with city staff to begin a new agreement in January 2017. Later this summer, staff will present the PRAB an update on the agreement with particular attention to lessons learned during the pilot project.