

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: June 27, 2016
Contact Information Preparing Summary: Sarah DeSouza, 303-413-7223
Board Members Present: Mike Guzek, Kelly Wyatt, Tom Klenow, Valerie Yates, Jennifer Kovarik, Marty Gorce, Tyler Romero
Board Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Jeff Haley, Dean Rummel, Sarah DeSouza, Ali Rhodes, Kady Doelling, Callie Hayden
Guests Present: None
Type of Meeting: Advisory/Regular
Agenda Item 1: Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the agenda was approved as written.
Agenda Item 2: Future Board Items and Tours Jeff Haley reviewed upcoming community touch opportunities. These events can be found at www.BoulderParks-Rec.org
Agenda Item 3: Public Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matthew Jensen, resident, spoke in support of Boulder’s Legion Baseball program, the Boulder Collegians, that plays out of Scott Carpenter Ballfield.• Michael Sinkey, spoke in support of partnering with the department to build a structure at the Boulder Reservoir that would enhance the rowing communities in Boulder.
Agenda Item 4: Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2016 Minutes from May 23, 2016 were approved as written. B. Parks and Recreation Development Update The Board asked for clarification on the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feedback from the Arapahoe Ridge Park, or Rock Park, neighborhood meeting. C. Parks and Recreation Operations Update
Agenda Item 5: Items for Action There were no items for action this month.
Agenda Item 6: Items for Discussion/Information <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Allocation of Space Update Ali Rhodes and Dean Rummel presented this item to the Board Comments made on this item included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interest in a program that prioritizes Boulder residents’ use as a priority over non-Boulder residents• Options to take for public comment include a residency-based prioritization or a mission-aligned

prioritization model.

- Concern regarding the unintended consequences of an exclusionary policy
- What the role of revenue is in the prioritization model if an outside entity proposes to pay large amounts to secure exclusivity of a facility at the expense of local users.
- Protect the interest of the local community
- The Boulder community is not for sale
- Need a common sense approach to prioritization model
- Always consider what is good for the community in all decisions
- Clarify the difference between on-going and special events
- Need to have a flexible approach regardless of eventual model chosen and not become too restrictive
- Consider each program on its merits
- What amenities does the Boulder community offer that other communities do not offer (and visa versa)
- Recognize the privilege of living in Boulder and how hard it is to live in this community
- Consider the many individuals who work and spend tax dollars in the city
- Goal is to find the best balance for the community and prioritize and balance the multiple uses as best as possible
- Consider regional approach for facility utilization when considering space use and allocation

Agenda Item 7: Matters from the Department

A. Operating Budget Update

Kady Doelling presented this item to the Board.

The Board asked for clarification on the following:

- Expansion of the Silver Sneakers program to all the recreation centers

Agenda Item 8: Matters from the Board

A. PRAB Community Engagement Update

The Board provided updates on their interactions with and outreach to the community including:

- Support for the Boulder Creek Festival and post-event clean up
- Support for the renovations at the Flatirons Golf Course
- Howard Heuston community meeting
- Appreciation for the well run swim meet at Spruce Pool
- Outreach for the Star Spangled Splash being held on July 4th at the Boulder Reservoir
- Ability to slack line or hammock users in the community
- Appreciation of the Civic Center activation efforts
- Support for PRAB meetings in the “field” especially outdoors

Next Board Meeting: September 26, 2016

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time; the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Approved by:

Mike Guzek

Board Chair

Date _____

Attested:

Sarah DeSouza

Board Secretary

Date _____



Boulder Parks & Recreation

Advisory Board

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

FROM: Yvette Bowden, Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Ali Rhodes, Deputy Director
Jeff Haley, Planning, Design and Community Engagement Manager

SUBJECT: Consent Agenda

DATE: August 22, 2016

A. Approval of Minutes from June 27, 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.

- **Arapahoe Ridge “Rock” Park Renovation:** Based on community feedback on three draft concept plans presented at a June public meeting, a [final hybrid concept plan](#) was developed for the community to review at the second public meeting on August 11. The presented plan is available online and open for comments until August 28. Following the final comment period, development of the construction documents will begin with anticipated construction beginning in spring 2017.
- **Christensen Park Renovation:** The [final concept plan](#), developed based on a visual preference survey and community feedback, was available for additional feedback by July 22nd. Following the final comment period, final construction documents were developed with anticipated construction beginning in late summer or early fall 2016. Portions of the park will be closed during the construction period.
- **Tantra Park Renovation:** Based on community feedback on three draft concept plans presented to the public in July, a final hybrid concept plan was developed for community to review at a second [public meeting to be held on August 31](#). The presented plan will be available online and open for comments through mid-September. Following the final comment period, development of construction documents will begin with anticipated construction starting in spring of 2017.

- **Scott Carpenter Pool Concept Development:** Built in 1963, Scott Carpenter 50 meter pool is a unique amenity in Boulder that supports a variety of recreation and fitness opportunities is a high fitness priority for the community. Recognizing the current condition of the pool and in response to recommendations of both the 2015 [Aquatics Feasibility Plan](#) (AFP) and the department’s Capital Investment Strategy, staff has initiated a planning project to develop schematic design alternatives for the renovation of the pool. The goal of this phase of the project is to understand capital costs associated with replacement of the facility and also understand capital costs associated with opportunities to “build it better” by adding amenities that would meet community desires for increased outdoor leisure swimming, water play and potentially year-round lap swimming.

The project team will share three draft concepts with the community at a future Open House. The community feedback will inform refined design plans and cost estimates that will be used to develop final designs and funding strategy for the pool’s replacement. The pool’s replacement is funded at a base level in the department’s 2017-2022 Capital Investment Program (CIP), approved by the PRAB earlier this year and scheduled to be approved by City Council in the third quarter. Additional amenities are unfunded in the current CIP.

The PRAB will review the concepts and community feedback at the September business meeting.

- **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
 - Chautauqua Park Pedestrian Safety, Access and Lighting Improvements
 - Holiday Park Shade Shelter
 - Howard Heuston Park Renovation
 - 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.

- **North Boulder Recreation Center Aquatics Facility Renovations**
Staff issued a construction Request for Bid to complete renovations at the North Boulder Recreation Center (NBRC) in June of 2016. Due to a very competitive construction market, no qualified bids were received for this project. The scope of the original project included 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.

While no qualified bids to complete the full scope of work were received, the department will be moving forward with the replacement of the defunct HVAC unit during the August 2016 maintenance shutdown (see next item for more detail on this). The remaining work items are currently being planned to go out for another competitive bid in the fall of 2016 with work to occur over the next NBRC maintenance shut down in 2017.

- **Facility Maintenance Closures:** Each recreation center closes for a minimum of one week each year to conduct annual maintenance and make facility enhancements. Closures are scheduled during times of historical low attendance to minimize impact to community members and customers.
 - **East Boulder Community Center (EBCC):** The 2016 EBCC maintenance closure is taking place August 13-21. In addition to regular annual maintenance and repairs, other scheduled projects include replacement of the HVAC equipment for the aquatics area.
 - **North Boulder Recreation Center (NBRC):** The 2016 NBRC maintenance closure will take place August 22-28. In addition to regular annual maintenance and repairs, other scheduled projects include replacing the leisure pool HVAC equipment, installing new weightroom flooring and resurfacing the gymnasium floor. Replacement of the leisure pool HVAC unit requires extensive rewiring, cranes to remove the old unit and replace with the new, and adjustments to duct work. As such, the leisure pool will re-open on Friday, September, 2.
- **Knollwood Tennis Courts:** The Knollwood Tennis Courts are complete and ready for play. A [re-opening celebration is scheduled for August 25](#) to celebrate the completion of the final flood recovery project and to show appreciation for the recovery grant from the USTA, which was instrumental in supporting the redevelopment of the courts.
- **Labyrinth:** Flood recovery maintenance in the civic area, previously called the Labyrinth, is complete. The recovery maintenance includes a children's nature play area, improved access to creek, timber climbing logs and ramps, renovated horticulture beds and pathways. [Free nature play drop-in programs](#) are hosted in this area every Monday and Wednesday through August.
- **Valmont Disc Golf:** The construction of a new practice basket, donated by the Boulder Disc Golf Club, and the development of a new gathering area are now complete. These new amenities have been well received by the disc golf community.
- **Construction Projects Underway:** Staff or contractors continue to work on the following projects and will update PRAB as major milestones are achieved:
 - Admiral Arleigh A. Burke Park Improvements
 - Elks Park Arbor

- Flatirons Golf Course Event Center and Restrooms

Urban Resources

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

- **Integrated Pest Management:** Staff met with the city's Integrated Pest Manager, OSMP staff and a consultant (Ottetail) to discuss the West Nile Virus and Nuisance Mosquito Management programs. Ottetail will perform a thorough habitat assessment including considerations for some private land habitat alterations.

The seasonal crew continues to focus on weed species mandated by State regulations; however, new species have been added to the mandated eradication list making efforts increasingly difficult with existing staff numbers. In the last month, the crew has treated 58 acres for purple loosestrife and 35 for hairy willow-herb.

- **Regulations and Seasonal Wildlife Closures:** Staff, volunteers and the consultant have all reported on the birds of concern located at the Boulder Reservoir and Coot Lake sites in or near the closure areas. Near Coot Lake, a bittern pair, osprey and male harriers have been observed along with 38 other bird species, including great horned owl, common yellowthroat, and savannah sparrow. Bitterns are appearing in greater numbers near the Little Dry Creek while harrier fledglings and three downy young ospreys were also observed near the creek.
- **Urban Wildlife Management:** Staff continues to collaborate with the Urban Wildlife Conservation Coordinator to determine prairie dog relocation potential and priorities for 2016 and beyond. The city has numerous prairie dog colonies (approximately 65 acres on Parks and Recreation properties and 697 on OSMP properties) that are identified for near-term removal because of conflicts with management objectives, human land uses or development. Staff is evaluating approximately 260 acres of OSMP property that meets the Grassland Ecosystem Management Plan's criteria as potential relocation sites and will be performing outreach to neighbors, discussing sites with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and investigating the best way to address potential stakeholder concerns.

The city of Boulder is now a pilot community for the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) Wild Neighbors program. Through coordination with the department, the Urban Wildlife Coordinator and Animal Control staff, a MOU was signed between HSUS and Animal Control to emphasize humane wildlife conflict resolution practices. HSUS representatives visited Boulder again on July 27 to continue trainings for staff. More information can be found at http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/wild_neighbors.

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

C. Operations Update

Ironman Contract Extended

The City of Boulder, the Boulder Convention and Visitors Bureau, and IRONMAN have committed to extend their partnership for an additional two-years with the continuation of IRONMAN® 70.3® Boulder and IRONMAN® Boulder triathlons in 2017 and 2018. At the same time, this agreement will move the IRONMAN Boulder triathlon to a June race date and the IRONMAN 70.3 Boulder triathlon back to its historic place in August (for 2017, June 11 and August 5, respectively).

Cult Classics at Central

In partnership with Blue Federal Credit Union, the City of Boulder will host a free Cult Classic Movie Series in Central Park. Pre-movie activities and entertainment will be provided to compliment each movie.

Friday, October 7 - The Big Lebowski

Friday, October 14 - Space Balls

Friday, October 21 - Beetlejuice

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Space Allocation Guidelines

Throughout July, staff hosted user group roundtable meetings with aquatics and athletics user groups to solicit valuable feedback regarding the benefits and impacts of space allocation alternatives. General themes of the feedback included:

- Users support the need for a transparent allocation process
- A desire for a simplified, streamlined and easy to navigate online application process
- A desire for consistent rules and regulations
- Users were supportive of the Recreation Priority Index (RPI) approach to prioritizing space allocation. Some additional criteria for scoring was proposed including: residency, economic vitality (how does the group contribute to RAF sustainability and community tax base), environmental sustainability, access and inclusion and historical use.

User group feedback is informing the development of draft space allocation guidelines. The PRAB's input at the September business meeting will inform the final space allocation guidelines, to be implemented as 2017 user group agreements are developed.