

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
FROM: Jeff Dillon, Director, Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Consent Agenda
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Written updates on these items were provided to the board as part of the packet materials. 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.

A. Approval of minutes from July 28, 2014

B. Park Development Update

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

- **Boulder Reservoir Site Management Plan (SMP)** – Development of a site plan and comprehensive management plan for the Boulder Reservoir.

Currently staff is actively working on the plan through benchmarking of similar facilities throughout the region, initial site planning, continued community outreach, development of management actions and finalizing consultant studies. Two outreach opportunities are planned for later this summer to inform the public of work completed to date on the plan as well as gain input for the site planning process. Dates for upcoming meetings include:

Passive Recreation (N. Shore) Public Meeting – September 25 @ 6pm (specific location TBD)

Active Recreation (S. Shore) Public Meeting – October 1 @ 6:30pm (specific location TBD)

Design

The following projects are currently in the design phase involving the community in developing final plans for critical improvements to park amenities:

- **Crest View Neighborhood Park Renovation** (Capital Improvement Bond)

On May 14, 2014 an open house was held to review the concept plan for proposed improvements at Crestview Park. Improvements at this park are made possible through funding made available as part of the Capital Improvement Bond approved by voters in November 2011.

At the meeting, members of the public were invited to review and comment on the concept plans for the renovation of the park and playground. The concept plans that were prepared were based on design and program elements that were identified by community members at a February 3, 2014 workshop, as well as department identified needs.

At the meeting, staff and design consultants presented graphics illustrating the location of the proposed improvements, as well as conceptual imagery as to what the improvements could potentially look like. Based on comments and feedback that were received at the meeting, staff will proceed with the “Park Concept Plan” and the “Playground Concept Plan” (<https://bouldercolorado.gov/parks-rec/crestview-park>) discussed at the meeting. The final construction documents for the park renovation are near completion with bidding and construction to commence this fall. The plans are consistent with the approved concept plans presented to the neighborhood earlier this summer and include replacing the play area, turf and irrigation upgrades, various new site furnishings, accessibility improvements and a looped-path throughout the park. Construction of the proposed improvements is expected to begin in the fall of 2014. Updates will be provided to the PRAB as construction begins.

- **Evert Pierson Kids Fishing Ponds (Flood Recovery)**

The Evert Pierson Kids’ Fishing Ponds suffered extensive damage as a result of the September 2013 floods. Impacts to the ponds included silting and sedimentation in all of the bays, damage to control structures, damage to existing fishing docks, and path erosion adjacent to Boulder Creek. In the interest of public health, safety, and welfare and to allow for the clean-up and removal of sediment in the ponds and Boulder Creek, the ponds remain closed.

The department recognizes that the ponds are an asset to the community and is committed to seeing the ponds re-open. Staff has worked with a team of consultants to develop improvement plans for the fishing ponds. The following issues and improvements have been considered:

- Re-grading of the ponds
- Replacement of site features such as benches and fishing docks
- Reconstruction of trail system and damaged walks
- Replacement of water control structures, as needed
- Establishment/re-establishment of site landscaping

Please click [here](#) to review the current concept plan and background information related to the design for restoration and improvement of the ponds.

Construction

The following projects are currently under construction and anticipated to be completed by late fall 2014:

- **Elks Neighborhood Park** – A Neighborhood Park located along north 28th Street in north Boulder

This project is nearly complete with full completion anticipated in September. This project provides a new neighborhood park to the northern part of the community and includes an innovative playground, functional public art elements, a large multi-use field, innovative and enhanced shelter and a looped pathway throughout the park.

- **Mesa Memorial/Bill Bower Park** – A small neighborhood park located along Table Mesa between Hartford and Yale in south Boulder

This project is currently under construction and anticipated to be complete in September. This is a new neighborhood park in south Boulder serving the Hartford/Yale neighborhood and includes a small play area, multi-use turf field, passive recreation amenities and innovative nature play components.

- **Horizon K-8 / Burke Park GOCO School Yard Grant** – A school yard adjacent to a neighborhood park located at the intersection of Mohawk and Sioux Drive

This project is currently under construction with completion anticipated in mid September. This school play yard is the first phase of a joint school/park visioning process that will provide the neighborhood access to a traditional and natural play area when school is not in session to supplement a park currently without a playground.