

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: September 26, 2016
Contact Information Preparing Summary: Sarah DeSouza, 303-413-7223
Board Members Present: Tom Klenow, Kelly Wyatt, Valerie Yates, Jennifer Kovarik, Tyler Romero
Board Members Absent: Marty Gorce
Staff Present: Yvette Bowden, Ali Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Doug Godfrey, Dean Rummel
Guests Present: Matthew Applebaum, City Council; Melanie Sloan, City Transportation; Bryant Gonsalves, City Transportation.
Type of Meeting: Advisory/Regular
Agenda Item 1: Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. and the Board was asked to amend the agenda. Bowden requested that the agenda be amended to allow visiting Council Member Matthew Applebaum to address the Board regarding communication with Council. Additionally, the Board was asked to amend the agenda so that the Public Participation portion of the meeting preceded Future Board Items and Tours. The amended agenda was approved by the Board
Agenda Item 2: Future Board Items and Tours Bowden reviewed upcoming community touch opportunities. These events can be found at www.BoulderParks-Rec.org
Agenda Item 3: Public Participation Lynn Adams, President of the Boulder Mesa Swim Team’s Board of Directors and resident of Boulder, spoke to the Board about the importance of the City’s pools to their program. Michael Sinkey, Friends of Colorado Crew and resident of Boulder, spoke to the Board about the interest in a boat house facility to accommodate rowers at the Boulder Reservoir and their interest in working with the Department on developing a facility in the future. Mr. Sinkey provided a handout to the Board (Attachment A).
Agenda Item 4: Election of Officers Bowden reminded the Board of the process to receive and accept Board member nominations for the vacant leadership positions. She indicated that Klenow and Kovarik had been nominated electronically with both accepting their nominations for Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Yates made a motion to formally nominate Klenow as Chair of the PRAB and Kovarik as Vice Chair of the PRAB. Wyatt seconded the nomination. The Board voted unanimously (5-0, Gorce absent) in support of Klenow as Chair and Kovarik as Vice-Chair of the PRAB.
Agenda Item 5: Consent Agenda A. Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2016 Minutes from September 26, 2016 were approved as amended. B. Parks and Recreation Development Update

PRAB Members shared the following comments about this item:

- A Board Member asked for an update on the ADA-related concerns brought to the Board during the summer by the young community member who presented to the Board during the summer, Haley indicated that Nate had actively participated in the Tantra Park refresh community meetings.
- The Board asked for an update on the Coot Lake Volunteer bird monitoring project. Bowden indicated that the item will be added to the October agenda.

C. Parks and Recreation Operations Update

PRAB members did not have any comments on this item.

Agenda Item 6: Items for Action

A. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve a Twenty-Year Lease Extension Between the City of Boulder and the Boulder Day Nursery at Lots 4, 5 and 6 of Block 93 (SW Corner of 15th and Spruce.

Rhodes presented this item to the Board as part of Agenda Item 7A – Discussion/Information.

Kovarik made a motion to approve a twenty-year lease extension between the City of Boulder and the Boulder Day Nursery at Lots 4, 5 and 6 of Block 93 (SW corner of 15th and Spruce) and authorize the City Manager to make minor amendments prior to or during the term of this agreement in order to ensure the continued provision of in-town child care services in a manner that is consistent with applicable laws and the policies and regulations of the City of Boulder.

Yates seconded the motion.

The Board voted unanimously (5-0, Gorce absent) in support of the motion.

Agenda Item 7: Items for Discussion/Information

A. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve a Twenty-Year Lease Extension Between the City of Boulder and Boulder Day Nursery at Lots 4, 5 and 6 of Block 93 (SW Corner of 15th and Spruce)

Rhodes introduced this item and indicated that it would also be addressed as part of Action Item 6-A.

PRAB Members shared the following questions and comments about this item:

- Question about the fence around the playground and the public’s general lack of awareness that the property is a public park.
- Comment about the public benefit of the nursery
- Question whether there are covenants restricting the type of use that can occur on the park.
- Question regarding who maintains the park.
- Comment regarding whether any other group would be interested in using the site.
- Comment that the city is interested in continuing the relationship with Boulder Day Nursery and the role the recent acquisition of the hospital property may have on this type of partner relationship.
- Question regarding the cost of the lease? Has the city had this type of lease with any other partner?

- Question about whether there have been any complaints about this lease.

B. Boulder Parks and Recreation Space Allocation Draft Guidelines

Rummel presented this item to the Board.

PRAB Members shared the following questions and comments about this item:

- How does the formula apply?
- How would existing groups be impacted by the newly proposed formula?
- Has the formula been tested by user group members?
- Has staff received feedback about the formula from user groups?
- How have the peer communities handled this issue? Are any peer communities doing allocations differently than what we are proposing?
- Do user groups self report or do they supply data and staff evaluate and score applications?
- Trying not to make it too complex and cumbersome
- Recognizing historical relationship – have to play this out
- History = good standing points
- Will the seasonal sports be negatively impacted compared to all year sports?
- If an organization owns property (pool) but want access to city properties, how should this be handled?

Agenda Item 8: Matters from the Department

A. Scott Carpenter Pool Concept Development Update

Haley presented this item to the Board.

PRAB Members shared the following questions about this item:

- Has staff solicited feedback from the skateboard groups?
- Importance of shade for bicycle parking
- Question regarding how slides access the pool

B. Arapahoe Underpass Update

Sloan and Gonsalves presented this item to the Board.

PRAB Members shared the following questions about this item:

- Interested in flood mitigation efforts on the site
- Interested in learning more about the safety information for the site

Staff indicated that a field trip to the site would be coordinated with the PRAB to allow members to see and discuss the site in person. The field trip might occur on October 17th prior to the scheduled Board retreat.

C. PRAB Retreat Update

Bowden and Rhodes presented this item to the Board.

- PRAB will be sent an agenda on the Wednesday prior to the meeting
- Meeting will be held October 17th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the new Museum of Boulder
- Some agenda items include Board liaison function, Board roles, recommended priorities for City Council

Agenda Item 9: Matters from the Board

- A. PRAB Community Engagement Updates
- Board members reported on their community engagement activities from the last month.
 - Board members reported having attended Dog Dayz, Joint Board Meetings and the Reservoir Concept Design meeting.

Next Board Meeting: October 24, 2016

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time; the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Approved by:

Tom Klenow

Board Chair

Date _____

Attested:

Sarah DeSouza

Board Secretary

Date _____

Boulder Reservoir - Rowing Community Boathouse.

The Boulder Rowing community is comprised of three clubs serving the city and county of Boulder. Boulder Community Rowing, established in 2000, serves post collegiate members of the community. The University of Colorado Rowing club, established in 1992, serves collegiate members of the community and the Colorado Junior Crew program, established in 2006, serves the 8th-12th grade members of our community.

Over the years the rowing community has occupied various spaces at the reservoir and has become part of the water sports community. As planning for the reservoir continues, the rowing community would like to offer their support and participation in reaching the city's goals. The rowing community has been asked to provide following information.

Current Rowing Community Statistics (spring and fall participation numbers vary)

2012 participants - 157-196

2013 Participants - 173-200

2014 Participants - 170-209

2015 Participants - 180-215

Current number of boats - 50

Current footprint of boat storage area approximately 22,000sqft. This currently doesn't account for trailer storage area for 3 travel trailers and a 4th launch trailer.

Future Rowing Community Goals

Participants - 275-315

Number of Boats - 75

Estimated foot print within a properly designed boathouse <18,000 sq ft

Boathouse

Below we have broken down possible scenarios for a boat house. These scenarios range from a simple roof structure to an enclosed storage area with additional use spaces.

Shelter

Roofed Structure with boat racks for storage of 75-100 boats

Rough dimensions 100' width x 180' deep = 18000 sqft.

An estimated 6 bays of boat storage would be need to fulfill the needs of the rowing community at full subscription. This would house all of the boats, oars, contained areas for storage of rowing maintenance equipment, as well as provide an area to repair boats.

Basic Boathouse

Enclosed shelter with the same dimensions as above.

Equipped with power and water and basic restrooms.

Better Boathouse

Basic Boathouse +

Locker rooms - showers, full baths, lockers
Additional baths to the exterior of the building (to service all reservoir patrons)
HVAC and plumbing for all baths and locker rooms

Best Boathouse

Better Boathouse +
Second level fully finished space (doesn't have to be as large as the lower level) Insulated, drywall, windows, power electric etc
Large workout room with storage for indoor rowing equipment
Additional bathrooms
Office space
Optional configurations of finished spaces
Prep or full kitchen to support catered event activities
Finished restrooms
AV accommodations for events and instructional opportunities.



Deck and outdoor spaces to support events
Offices to support club planning or reservoir needs.
Possible Location and Size of proposed boathouse structure

Features available to other Reservoir Patrons

Clubs - We understand the feasibility of a new building is tied closely to showing a benefit to the rowing community as well as other reservoir patrons. Although we haven't yet reached out to other clubs, we believe there could be ample room within the proposed structure to house equipment for some or part of multiple other clubs. These areas could be secured for each club as well as be covered to increase the useful life of their equipment as well as provide meeting and instructional spaces. Over the next 6 months we would like to work with other clubs as well as the reservoir's master planning team to determine the needs of these other clubs.

General patrons – At full build out, we believe the second floor could be a valuable fee generating space. This large finished area (with possible kitchen and bathrooms) could be rented out for parties, weddings, community meetings, instructional space and other events. Its location overlooking the reservoir, could prove to be a top amenity in all of Boulder County. We also believe these fees would be critical to securing financing of the construction of the building.

Funding

In previous conversations with the three clubs, it has always been understood the funding of a boat house would largely be done by the programs benefiting most. Fundraising would take the forms;

- Donations

- Grants

- Governmental partnerships

- Bank financing

To better understand the funding needs we believe more conversations with the City of Boulder are needed to fully understand ownership structures, management arrangements and fee generating activities.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

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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: October 24, 2016

A. Approval of Minutes from September 26, 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.

- **Planning Projects Underway:** Staff or contractors continue to work on the following projects and will update the PRAB as major milestones are achieved:
 - Arapahoe Ridge “Rock” Park Renovation;
 - Boulder Reservoir Administration Building/Bathhouse Design (*see Matters from the Department*);
 - 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;
 - Scott Carpenter Pool Replacement (*see Items for Discussion/Information*); and
 - Tantra Park Renovation.

Construction

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

- **Construction Projects Underway:** Staff or contractors continue to work on the following projects and will update the PRAB as major milestones are achieved:
 - Admiral Arleigh A. Burke Park Improvements;
 - Christensen Park Renovation;
 - Elks Park Arbor; and
 - North Boulder Recreation Center Aquatics Facility Renovations.
- **Flatirons Golf Course Construction Complete:** Staff and contractors completed the disposal of the events facility at Flatirons Golf Course in late August. Throughout the facility demotion and site work, staff worked diligently to minimize project impacts while maintaining services to the public. Users of the facility have expressed positive comments on the appearance of the amenities at the course with fresh paint, working gutter systems and detailing, in addition to installation of the temporary restroom facility. Improved drainage of sections of the parking lot will occur in late October.



Before and After: Flatirons Events Center



Flatirons Gold Course Temporary Restrooms

- **Chautauqua Pedestrian Safety Access and Lighting Improvements Project Update:**

The preparations for the Chautauqua Pedestrian Safety Access and Lighting Improvements project, part of the 2014 voter-approved Community, Culture and Safety Tax ballot initiative, will begin construction on November 1. The Chautauqua Project will address the safety hazard caused by the lack of sidewalk on the south side of Baseline Road from west of Sixth Street to west of 10th Street and will improve visitor and area resident mobility and accessibility to Chautauqua. The project will build sidewalk on the south side of Baseline Road between 6th and 10th streets, improve pedestrian crossings within the project area, reconstruct the transit stop near 10th Street to be Americans with Disabilities Act compliant and improve pedestrian connections to Open Space and Mountain Parks designated access trails and existing Parks and Recreation paths. Construction will occur from west to east, beginning along Chautauqua Meadow (managed by Open Space and Mountain Parks) and then along Chautauqua Park (managed by Parks and Recreation) and finishing with improvements along Kinnikinic Road and within the Chautauqua Historic District Boundary. Construction is anticipated to take six months to complete. Mature trees within the project area are being retained and protected to the greatest degree possible, although it is estimated that twelve trees along the meadow and 25 along the park that measure four-inches in diameter or greater must be removed from the project construction area. Clearing and grubbing within the construction zone will remove additional vegetation and trees measuring less than four-inches. An equivalent number of trees to those removed by construction and other re-plantings will occur upon project completion according to developed landscape plans.

For more information regarding the project, please visit

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/pages/chautauqua-pedestrian-safety-access-and-lighting>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melanie Sloan at

sloanm@bouldercolorado.gov<<mailto:sloanm@bouldercolorado.gov>>.

Urban Resources

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

- **Urban Wildlife Management:** Department and Boulder Fire-Rescue staff are planning to conduct a 19-acre prescribed burn to improve the ecosystem health of the department's natural lands around the Boulder Reservoir at Little Dry Creek East.

The planned burn is being conducted to meet multiple natural lands objectives such as promoting ecosystem health by reducing invasive weed species, decreasing a compounding thatch layer and promoting a greater biodiversity of the site. The burn also aims to enhance habitat for the Northern Harrier raptor species which is listed as rare and declining in Boulder County. Additionally, the prescribed burn provides an important training opportunity for local firefighting resources.

- **Urban Resource Projects Underway:** Staff or contractors continue to work on the following projects and will update PRAB as major milestones are achieved:
 - Integrated Pest Management;
 - Regulations and Seasonal Wildlife Closures; and
 - Urban Resources Volunteer Recruitment and Training.

C. Operations Update

Marketing Survey

In our continued effort to be a data driven department, staff will begin circulating a brief electronic and print survey to recreation patrons and residents at the end of October. The ten question survey is designed to gather information on how patrons prefer to receive information on department programs, facilities, news and events. The data collected will be used to inform allocation of marketing resources to effectively reach current and prospective participants.

The survey will seek broad input from facility pass holders, registered program participants and other community members. Respondents will be entered into a random drawing to win a packet of gift cards from local merchants. The survey will be marketed through two email blasts (using the department's 33,000 participant email list) at all recreation facilities, Boulder Housing Partner sites and with an announcement in the Winter 2017 BPR Guide (to be mailed to approximately 40,000 Boulder-area addresses the last week of November). The survey collection period will close on December 16, so that results are available in January to inform 2017 marketing efforts.

Boulder Day Nursery Lease Extension Update

At the October 4, 2016 regular business meeting, approval of the twenty-year lease renewal between the City of Boulder and the Boulder Day Nursery Association was included in City Council's consent agenda and unanimously approved by City Council.

Facility Closure Update

Annual maintenance closures were completed at the East Boulder Community Center and North Boulder Recreation Center in August, 2016. In addition to completing deep cleaning, annual preventative maintenance tasks and facility enhancements not achievable when the building is occupied due to access, chemical odors and noise staff and contractors installed new heating, ventilation, and air cooling (HVAC) equipment for both the East Boulder and North Boulder leisure pools. This new equipment provides increased efficiencies as well as improved air quality for the facilities.

During the North Boulder closure, staff repurposed space to maximize usage of an underutilized dance room. The room is adjacent to the undersized weight room and through creative storage solutions, customers can now easily access the room for functional exercise (such as balance and stretching exercises) and weight training and personal training clients can avoid doing group exercises in the hallways. The weight room also features new flooring.