



TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: Consent Agenda

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A. Minutes Approval of minutes from January 27, 2013

B. Informational Items

- 1. Park Development Update**
Jeff Haley, Parks Planning Manager

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Elks Park

The contractor has begun clean up and repair of the site. Anticipate clean up and repair process to be completed by mid Feb. Clean up work includes but not limited to debris removal, removal of approximately 2000 cy of deposited sandy material, demolition and replacement of approx 1/3 of the concrete sidewalks.

Mesa Memorial Park

Bids have been received and are currently under evaluation for award. Construction is anticipated to begin in the early spring and last through the summer. The PRAB will be presented with a park naming recommendation by staff at the March PRAB meeting.

Capital Improvement Bond

Crestview Park

Crestview Park is currently planned to be improved in the later summer of 2014 as part of the Capital Improvement Bond that was passed in November of 2011. Generally, improvements at the park will include providing a new playground, addressing issues of accessibility, and other infrastructure deficiencies. The Parks and Recreation Department held a public workshop on Saturday, February 1st at the Boulder Friends Meeting House to gather feedback from the neighborhood on how the park is currently used and how the park could potentially develop in the

future. The meeting was well attended despite the snowy weather and there was general consensus about common design elements and criteria for developing concepts alternatives.

Harlow Platts Park Shelter

Through the 2011 Capital Improvement Bond, the Parks and Recreation Department will be providing a new, rentable shelter at Harlow Platts Community Park. The department has engaged a consultant and is in the process of preparing conceptual level drawings for a shelter. The department held an open house public meeting on Monday February 3rd at the South Boulder Recreation Center to review the concept drawings and take feedback on the planned improvements. The outcome of the meeting was that there is general support for the shelter with a few questions and concerns that can be addressed through the final design. Staff has received several emails from neighbors who did not attend the meeting and are in the process of responding to each person with answers and clarifications to their questions.

North Boulder Park

North Boulder Park is currently being improved through funds from the November 2011 Capital Improvement Bond. Improvements include accessibility upgrades, new shade and picnic seating, a new basketball court, table tennis, new fitness equipment, and turf and irrigation improvements. Construction is anticipated to last through February of 2014.

Columbia Cemetery

- The new irrigation system has been installed. An irrigation pump system will be installed this summer to use raw water from the Anderson Ditch for the north two acres.
- The sheet piling along the north side of Anderson Ditch has been completed
- Headstone repairs underway and will continue through 2014 and 2015.

Boulder Reservoir

Sanitary Sewer Upgrade

The upgrading of the sanitary sewer line that services the Reservoir facilities as well as the Fire Training Center and the future Wild Land Fire Facilities has begun. A new 6" sewer line is being installed under Highway 119. Work anticipated to be completed by late Feb 2014

Water Line:

Construction on the new 8" water main for the South Shore of the Boulder Reservoir began in early January 2014. Parks and Recreation is partnering with Utilities Division for the installation and inspection of this project. Approximately 4100' of the 8" mainline has been completed to date (53%). Service connections, tie-ins, and testing will follow the preliminary installation.

Construction is anticipated to be completed by April 2014, which will allow the Reservoir to rely solely on City of Boulder water instead of Lefthand Water, for potable water needs.



Feeder Canal Bridge:

Boulder Parks and Recreation will partner with Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (NCWCD) for this project. The project scope will include a new 10' x 40' pedestrian bridge with a concrete deck (5-ton load capacity), trail & fencing realignments, and new structural elements for the canal. The new bridge will be located approximately 40' north of the existing bridge. Construction is anticipated to be completed by March 2014.

Site Management Plan:

Throughout 2014, the Parks & Recreation Department has continued to collect site data as we establish the necessary site awareness to develop the Site Management Plan. South Shore user data, traffic counts, and environmental data were all collected in 2014. Biohabitats was selected through an informal bid process to assist with an Environmental Inventory and Analysis Process. Their completed work includes inventories of site plants and animals (general wildlife, small mammal, carnivore, amphibian, avian). As the project moves forward, the team will integrate their findings with existing recreation/visitor patterns in order to provide the Department with an understanding of how best to support both environmental and recreation needs of the Reservoir moving forward.

All data collected over the past two years was presented for public review at a Workshop on January 22nd, 2014. This meeting was held in two segments. The first segment was an open house to give participants an opportunity to explore the background information and data collected. This segment of the meeting also provided an opportunity to learn about the current and proposed enhancement projects occurring at the Reservoir in the near term. The second segment of approximately 60 minutes was an interactive community workshop designed for small group discussions regarding specific topics. The workshop helped develop the long-term desired conditions and annual monitoring that will ensure the sustainability of all uses of the Reservoir for generations to come.

Flood Recovery

Kids Fishing Pond

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 Evert Pierson Kids' Fishing Ponds were closed and currently remain closed.

The City of Boulder Parks and Recreation recognizes that the Fishing Ponds are an asset to the Boulder community. The department is committed to seeing the ponds re-open.

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently working with a team of consultants to develop improvement plans for the fishing ponds. While the department is still in the early planning stages, the following issues and possible improvements will be 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

While a firm schedule for design and construction is still being developed, generally, the department hopes to complete planning, public outreach, and construction documents by the summer of 2014. This would allow construction to possibly begin in the fall of 2014 and last through spring 2015.

Upcoming community outreach includes:

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Feb 20