



**TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**FROM: Jeff Dillon, Director, Parks and Recreation**  
**SUBJECT: Consent Agenda**  
**DATE: July 28, 2104**

**A. Minutes Approval of minutes from June 23, 2014**

**B. Parks Planning Update**

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.

**Planning**

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:

- **Valmont City Park** – Development of concepts for the improvement of the south portion of the park including 90 acres  
Currently, the consultant team and staff are working closely to finalize the background research and data collection with key outcomes and recommendations related to athletic field needs, initial stakeholder involvement and site opportunities/constraints. In August there will be a series of meetings with the sports user groups, staff working group and PRAB to discuss the detailed information and move towards concept development for the site improvement options. A second community workshop will be held in early fall to develop concept alternatives and discuss program elements for the site based on all the relevant input and data.
- **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 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.

## Design

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

- **Harlow Platts Community Park Shelter Renovations** (Capital Improvement Bond)  
This project is in the final design phase to develop construction documents for bidding and construction beginning this fall. The current plan that was approved by the community and presented to PRAB, includes a new shelter and plaza area near the existing warming hut, new permanent restroom near the parking lot and two smaller shelters near the existing play area. These plans will be presented to the community through the regular plan review process to review the materials and final site plan of the improvements.
- **Crest View Neighborhood Park Renovation** (Capital Improvement Bond)  
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

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

- **Elks Neighborhood Park** – A Neighborhood Park located along north 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Flood Recovery**

Approximately 34 percent or 35 of the 98 parks and recreation facilities were significantly damaged by the flood. Recovery work includes repair, restoration and/or replacement of facilities, structures, playgrounds, multi-use fields and courts, and paths.

<b>PROJECT STATUS</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PROJECTS</b>
<b>Completed</b>	34
<b>Partially Completed</b>	8
<b>Planning/Design</b>	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>

Parks and Recreation staff continues to implement flood recovery and restoration projects across the community with approximately 76 percent of the projects complete. The department had 45 distinct projects due to flood damage and has currently completed 34 with 8 partially completed. The 3 remaining projects that are currently in planning and design with FEMA coordination include:

- Eben G. Fine Park – restoration and stabilization of south hillside due to erosion from floodwaters.
- Knollwood Tennis Courts – courts were damaged and need complete replacement in addition to replacement of walls and landscape restoration.
- Evert Pierson Memorial Kids Fishing Ponds – full restoration of ponds and associated park amenities.

The department anticipates that all projects will be complete within the next 7 to 10 months.

## **Financial Resources**

Due largely to reserve policies and ability to flex repair dollars, the city has been able to fund the emergency response and initial recovery investments. Through the budget process, longer term plans will need to include replenishing the portion of reserves used that are not addressed by reimbursement. In the 2013 budget, the city used \$6,817,818 of reserve funds, approved through a budget supplemental on Dec, 3, 2013. In the 2014 budget, \$1,621,270 of reserve funds was approved through the budget supplemental on June 3, 2014. Discussions related to reserve funds for 2015 will occur as part of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and budget process.

Tables 1 and 2 illustrate, by Department/Division, the anticipated city share in the flood recovery costs as well as the estimated amount of reimbursement back to the city. To date, FEMA has obligated \$11 million worth of recovery projects. The current estimate for remaining projects yet to be obligated is approximately \$5 million to \$6 million. As of June 30, the city has received \$121,031 in reimbursements. As administrator of the FEMA public assistance grant, the State of Colorado is responsible for reviewing and approving reimbursement requests. The reimbursement process is proceeding slowly as the state fine tunes its process, but staff expects

the pace of reimbursements to accelerate through the end of the year. Final closeout of project worksheets, which includes an audit process, is anticipated to take three to five years. It is important to note that after FEMA projects are completed, FEMA may still “de-obligate” expenses based upon the results of a post-close audit and require a refund. FEMA representatives have indicated that in a typical disaster, up to 5 percent of an applicant’s expenses may be de-obligated through this process.

**Table 1: Costs Related to Flood Damage and Response**

	<b>Total Flood Damage and Response</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Remaining Estimated Cost</b>
Transportation*	2,500,000	1,925,968	574,032
Utilities	9,000,000	6,736,056	2,263,944
FAM/Fleet	1,900,000	828,842	1,071,158
OSMP*	17,000,000	1,160,405	15,839,595
Parks & Rec	1,600,000	896,949	703,051
CP&S	1,777,604	1,777,604	-
Police	743,206	743,206	-
Fire	112,009	112,009	-
Other	895,732	895,732	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,528,552</b>	<b>\$15,076,770</b>	<b>\$20,451,781</b>

**Table 2: Sources of Funds for Flood Recovery and Response**

	<b>Actual FEMA/State/ FHWA Reimbursement</b>	<b>Estimated Reimbursement from FEMA/State/ FHWA<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Insurance Proceeds<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Total Reimbursement</b>	<b>Remaining Cost to City (Gap)</b>	<b>Total Sources of Funds</b>
Transportation*	61,231	1,446,940		1,508,171	991,829	2,500,000
Utilities	-	7,858,107		7,858,107	1,141,893	9,000,000
FAM/Fleet	21,482	306,557	1,570,503	1,898,542	1,458	1,900,000
OSMP*	-	3,337,285		3,337,285	13,662,715	17,000,000
Parks & Rec	22,720	853,359	185,492	1,061,570	538,430	1,600,000
CP&S	15,598	1,376,364		1,391,962	385,642	1,777,604
Police	-	247,789		247,789	495,417	743,206
Fire	-	94,435		94,435	17,574	112,009
Other	-	78,190		78,190	817,542	895,732
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$121,031</b>	<b>\$ 15,599,026</b>	<b>\$1,755,995</b>	<b>\$17,476,051</b>	<b>\$ 18,052,500</b>	<b>\$ 35,528,552</b>

\* Still awaiting department confirmation on projected total cost.

<sup>1</sup>Actual reimbursement amounts may vary due to actual costs incurred and/or FEMA de-obligation of costs at project closeout. Includes 1.34 percent management cost reimbursement.

<sup>2</sup>Insurance proceeds do not reflect \$1 million unscheduled property payment. The city is still determining best

*use of these funds. FEMA may require that some or all of this payment be used to offset "duplication of benefits." This would result in a reduction of the FEMA reimbursement.*

The city has also received \$2.7 million in insurance proceeds related to the flood event. The FEMA reimbursement process nets out insurance proceeds from reimbursements as a “duplication of benefits” if the applicant’s insurance policy covers flood related damage. Table 2 allocates \$1.76 million of insurance payments on listed property (which is specifically tied to an individual asset). In addition, the city’s insurance policy included a \$1 million unscheduled property payment, which may be used for assets that are not specifically identified in the city’s policy. The city is working with FEMA and affected departments to determine the best use of these funds.