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<b>Name of Board/Commission:</b> Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
<b>Date of Meeting:</b> February 22, 2016
<b>Contact Information Preparing Summary:</b> Sarah DeSouza, 303-413-7223
<b>Board Members Present:</b> Mike Conroy, Mike Guzek, Tom Klenow, Valerie Yates, Jennifer Kovarik, Marty Gorce
<b>Board Members Absent:</b> Kelly Wyatt
<b>Staff Present:</b> Yvette Bowden, Jeff Haley, Jeff Dillon, Lisa Martin, Ali Rhodes, Kathleen Alexander, Todd Calvin, Margo Josephs, Becky Clay, Dean Rummel, Jason Stolz, Summer Kennedy, Teresa Jackson, Maxen Jones.
<b>Guests Present:</b> Steve Armstead, OSMP
<b>Type of Meeting:</b> Advisory/Regular
<b>Agenda Item 1: Call to Order</b> The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the agenda was approved as written.
<b>Agenda Item 2: Future Board Items and Tours</b> Bowden provided this timeline update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing nature play drop-in programs continue to be available to the public.</li> <li>• New Maker Space area at the Library is now open and available for collaborative opportunities between the two departments.</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Item 3: Public Participation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Josh Agenbroad, resident, spoke in support of upgrading the skateboarding opportunities in Boulder and presented a petition in support of future upgrades at the existing park.</li> <li>• Brian Ball, non-resident, spoke in support of enhancing skateboarding opportunities in Boulder through partnerships.</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Item 4: Consent Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A. Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2016</b> Minutes from January 25, 2016 were approved.</li> <li><b>B. Parks and Recreation Development Update</b></li> <li><b>C. Parks and Recreation Operations Update</b></li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Item 6: Items for Discussion/Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A. OSMP North Trail Study Area Update</b></li> </ul> <p>OSMP staff member, Steve Armstead, presented this item to the Board.</p> <p>The Board offered the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North TSA priorities from the Parks and Recreation Department include: Reservoir connectivity with trail systems, trails from 51<sup>st</sup> St. and 55<sup>th</sup> St., adjacency of trails to the Wonderland Lake area, regional connections, paragliding/hang gliding access, safe access points and nature play opportunities.</li> <li>• The regional connectivity in the community and county is commendable. Some of the connections to make a continuous trail around Boulder are included in the West TSA Plan.</li> </ul>

Noted “contentious” topics during the North TSA development process centered on identifying ways to provide connections while being mindful about resource conservation issues.

**B. 2017-22 Capital Improvement Program**

Jeff Dillon presented this item to the Board.

The following comments and/or clarifications were offered regarding the presentation:

- Scott Carpenter Pool upgrades including possible roof, will be explored with the BVSD to address community needs and interests.
- PRAB will be asked to identify Board liaisons for the two to three main upcoming capital projects.

**C. 2015 Master Plan Progress Report/Overview of 2016 Priorities**

Alison Rhodes presented this item to the Board and outlined the five key projects that are being undertaken this year in addition to managing a maintaining the parks and recreation system.

The following comments and/or clarifications were offered regarding the presentation:

- This type of analysis allows for an excellent mechanism to tie important information and feedback together.
- It allows the department to “tell the story” and provide next steps to the public and the Board after studies are completed.
- It provides a reminder to follow up with the user groups and participants after the studies are completed and how important it is to build this feedback mechanism into the analysis process.
- It provides an important connection between planning and implementation and provides an efficient mechanism for keeping the master plan alive.

**Agenda Item 7: Matters from the Department**

**A. Civic Area Update and 2016 Activation Plan**

Teresa Jackson and Jeff Haley presented this item to the Board.

- Construction is likely to begin in the Civic Area in August 2016 and will take approximately 12-18 months.
- New event planning guide has been developed to provide a simplified process for requesting and reserving events on the site.
- Both active and passive programming is being encouraged for the site including such programs as nature play, walking tours, seasonal ice rink, Band Shell lights and activities, lunch hour stretching classe and programming for seniors.
- Event calendar has been prepared for the Civic Area that includes potentially adding new events (cult classic movie series, outdoor ice rink) and recurring events (Snow Much Fun, Bee Boulder, Summerfest).
- The Civic Area calendar is one aspect of a larger community building process that includes program and activities in other community parks and facilities.

The following comments and/or clarifications were offered regarding the presentation:

- Need to provide visitors a safe and welcoming environment in the Civic Area.
- Nature Play was defined and examples of nature play activities and design considerations were provided. A PRAB nature play field trip will be organized.

- Creativity, number and variety of programs in activation calendar is appreciated by the Board.
- The Board asked questions about the possibility of a seasonal outdoor skating rink.

B. Other

- Applications have been received for the upcoming PRAB vacancy.
- The department is pursuing programming partnerships and an RFP is being prepared for the dance program.

**Agenda Item 8: Matters from the Board**

- Conroy encouraged PRAB members to consider assuming a Board leadership role. Board members can indicate their interest by sending a message to Sarah DeSouza.

**Next Board Meeting: March 28, 2016**

**Adjourn:** There being no further business to come before the Board at this time; the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Approved by:

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Mike Conroy

Board Chair

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Attested:

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Sarah DeSouza

Board Secretary

Date \_\_\_\_\_