



Boulder Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: Consent Agenda

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A. Approval of minutes from April 25, 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.

- **Christensen Park:** The [Christensen Park DRAFT Concept Plan](#) is available for review and comment by the neighboring community members. The department has also developed a [visual preference survey](#) to provide an opportunity for the community to help design the look and feel of their local playground.

Community members are asked to review the DRAFT Concept Plan and fill out the preference survey by May 25, 2016. Any general comments can also be made and submitted via the comment box at the end of the preference survey. Community feedback received by May 25 will be used to refine the draft into a final concept plan that will be available in early June.



- **2016/2017 Park Renovations:** Arapahoe Ridge, Howard Heuston and Tantra Parks were identified as priorities for renovation in 2016/2017. The consultant, Mundus Bishop, will be working with staff to host the first round of public engagement meetings for each park

in late June with a second set of public meetings anticipated in August. The planning and design process will extend through 2016 with construction anticipated next summer.

- **Planning Projects Underway:** Staff or contractors continue to work on the following projects and will update PRAB as major milestones are achieved:
 - Arapahoe Ridge Park Renovation
 - Boulder Reservoir Bathhouse Design
 - Central Park and Civic Area
 - Chautauqua Park
 - Facilities Strategic Plan
 - Holiday Park Shade Shelter
 - Howard Heuston Park Renovation
 - Tantra Park Renovation
 - Scott Carpenter Outdoor Pool Design
 - Urban Forest Strategic Plan

Construction

- **Construction Projects Underway:** Staff or contractors continue to work on the following projects and will update PRAB as major milestones are achieved:
 - Admiral Arleigh A. Burke Park
 - Flatirons Golf Course Event Center
 - Knollwood Tennis Courts

For additional details please visit www.BoulderParkNews.org.

Urban Resources

The following projects are currently administered by the Urban Resources staff focusing on habitat and wildlife management in an urban environment.

- **Integrated Pest Management:** The department collaborated with the OSMP Department and the Colorado Native Plant Society to coordinate the annual Purge the Spurge event to help eradicate [Myrtle Spurge](#), that is a “List A” noxious weed that was once used as an ornamental plant. The 2016 Purge Your Spurge took place on May 7th with more than 50 community members turning in approximately 1780 pounds of eradicated noxious weeds in exchange for free native plants.



- **Urban Wildlife Management:**
The city of Boulder is now a pilot community for the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) Wild Neighbors Program. Through coordination with Parks and Recreation Department, the Urban Wildlife Coordinator and Animal Control, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between HSUS and Animal Control to emphasize humane wildlife conflict resolution practices. HSUS representatives will visit Boulder in mid-May to learn more about our existing programs and issues as well as provide staff training for various urban wildlife species and conflict resolution. More information on this topic can be found at http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/wild_neighbors.

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

C. Operations Update

Boulder Stars

Effective June 1, the City of Boulder's Police and Parks and Recreation Departments will collaborate to deliver the Boulder Stars Program. Officers will issue stars to children caught in the act of doing something good that would entitle them to one free day-pass to the City's recreation centers. Appropriate "offenses" include but are not limited to being neighborly, wearing a bicycle helmet, observing crosswalk rules and participating in a positive activity in the community.

In addition to rewarding good behavior by youth, the program effectively supports the Department's Year of the Neighbor theme and will create opportunities for Police Officers to engage with youngsters in a non-law enforcement capacity. The program will also be incorporated into neighborhood specific events throughout the summer.