



Boulder Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: Consent Agenda

DATE: April 25, 2016

A. Approval of minutes from March 28, 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.

- **Chautauqua Park:** The [Landmarks Alteration Certificate Application](#) for the Chautauqua Pedestrian Safety, Access and Lighting Improvements project was approved on April 6, 2016. The board approval included a provision for the landmarks board to review a representative sample of the construction materials and methods for the project retaining wall along baseline.
- **Holiday Park:** As part of the 2014 Construction and Maintenance License Agreement for Holiday Neighborhood Park, the department intends to install a shade structure within the park, adjacent to existing playground amenities. Staff met with the Holiday Neighborhood Master HOA Board on April 13 as a first step in the process.

- **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
 - Central Park and Civic Area
 - Christensen Park Renovation
 - Eben G. Fine Park Stream Bank Restoration
 - Howard Heuston Park Renovation
 - Tantra Park Renovation
 - Urban Forest Strategic Plan

Construction

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

- **Admiral Arleigh A. Burke Park:** Feedback from the March 16 joint school/community meeting and comments from information posted at Frasier Meadows Retirement Community will refine the improvements that will begin at Burke Park in May. As part of [Community Clean-up Day](#) on May 21, volunteers will be invited to support the department by planting pollinator-friendly plants on the berms in the park.

- **Boulder Historic Train:** Railroad Coach 280 is one of four assets located at the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden. Restoration on the deteriorating wood siding of the historic coach has been completed and the train is currently on display. In honor of our partnership, the [Colorado Railroad Museum](#) offers free admission and train rides behind a steam locomotive to Boulder County residents select Fridays throughout the year. In honor of the partnership between the City and the museum, entry to the museum is free to Boulder County residents on June 17 and July 22.



- **Evert Pierson Kids' Fishing Pond:** The pond has been temporarily drained to establish current ground water levels for permitting needs. It is intended to be re-filled and stocked with trout in advance of the annual kids' fishing derby held during the Boulder Creek Festival held over Memorial Day weekend.

- **Harlow Platts Community Park Restroom and Shelters:** Construction on the two new picnic shelters, a playground shade cover and a restroom at this heavily used south Boulder park site is complete. The finishing touch included a rock façade on the lower portion of the restroom, which will be open year-round. The main park shelter will be available for the [2016 shelter rental season](#) beginning on May 6.



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

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 is collaborating with partners to coordinate the annual Purge the Spurge event to help eradicate [Myrtle Spurge](#), a “List A” noxious weed that was once used as an ornamental plant. The 2016 Purge Your Spurge event will take place on May 7.



- **Urban Resources Volunteer Recruitment and Training:** Over 30 new and returning volunteers attended the annual training to learn the proper protocols to observe and report on and bird activity and [closures for birds of special concern at Boulder Reservoir sites](#). The field training visit confirmed that all closures were active with birds of special concern. In addition, Reservoir staff and Boulder Aeromodel Society (BAS) board members were trained on best practices to minimize the impact to nesting species when retrieving downed aircraft within the Dry Creek Closure.

American Bittern



N. Harrier (brown female/ gray male)



Osprey



Burrowing Owl



- **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 Wildlife Management

C. Operations Update

Dance Programming Request for Proposals (RFP)

The city's dance programs are currently operated under a three-year pilot programming effort with Kinesis Dance. Later this month, the department will be seeking a contractor to provide various dance-related classes and programs to the community. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be available from April 25th to May 16, 2016. The contractual agreement will begin June 1, 2017.

Forestry – March 23 Snowstorm Response and Damage Update

On March 23, the Denver metro area experienced a spring snow event that dropped between 16” – 25.5” of heavy, wet snow on the City of Boulder. The snowstorm resulted in significant damage to both public and private property trees and large debris piles from fallen tree branches.

The city's initial priority was to ensure the community's safety after the storm, and city staff and contractors worked together to address the most immediate safety concerns, such as hanging and broken branches and blocked streets and multi-use paths. As part of this work, Forestry staff conducted a city-wide survey of trees in city parks and public street rights-of-way for damage including broken, hanging limbs posing an immediate threat to public safety. Please see Attachment 1 for photos of storm damage to public trees and emergency response activities.

A total of 868 trees had significant damage requiring pruning to correct the potentially dangerous situations. To date, 686 trees have been pruned (80%) by either in-house staff or contractors. The cost for emergency response during the first two weeks to remove broken/hanging branches in these public trees was \$48,565. An RFB was issued to prune the remaining trees on the list. The estimated cost for the remaining trees is \$60,000. It is estimated the remaining trees will be completed by early June.

The City has reminded residents to use only city of Boulder licensed certified arborists for tree pruning storm damaged trees to maintain the quality of tree care and ensure that all insurance requirements are met. Most of the trees damaged were green ash. These arborists are also familiar with emerald ash borer concerns and the related state quarantine for Boulder County. The quarantine restricts movement of all ash material (logs, chips, mulch, and firewood) and is managed by the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

An interdepartmental city staff team conducted a comprehensive, citywide assessment of tree debris to determine the scope of damage for cleanup efforts. Based on this assessment, the city committed to conduct a special curbside branch collection program starting April 25. The city Local Environmental Action Division released an RFB to request bids from contractors. Based upon the bids, the cost for branch collection and tub grinding from the March 23 snowstorm is estimated at \$145,000.

The city also issued tips for residents who wanted to clear tree limbs on private property before the special collection program takes effect:

- The city waived drop-off fees for tree limbs that can be safely transported to the Yard Waste Drop-off Center, located at 5880 Butte Mill Road. Residents must bring proof of city residence, such as a utility bill, with them. This waiver will remain in place until the conclusion of the special curbside collection period.
- Branches that fit inside curbside compost collection bins or that can be cut to a span of less than six feet long by three feet wide will be collected as part of the city's curbside compost collection program on the regularly scheduled collection day for that property. These limbs must weigh 35 pounds or less.

Related Links:

The City Snowstorm Information page including the latest information about the status of clean-up efforts:

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/Public-Works/SnowstormInfo>

March 24, 2016 News Release: Storm Update: City Focuses on Safety as It Assesses and Cleans Up Tree Damage; Yard Waste Drop-Off Fees Waived for City Residents

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/pages/march-24-2016-storm-update-city-focuses-on-safety-as-it-assesses-and-cleans-up-tree-damage-yard-waste-drop-off-fees-waived-for-city-residents>

March 31, 2016 News Release: Storm Update: City to Conduct Curbside Collection of Downed Tree Limbs Beginning in April

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/pages/march-31-2016-storm-update-city-to-conduct-curbside-collection-of-downed-tree-limbs-beginning-in-april>

April 14, 2016 News Release: Citywide Curbside Collection of Downed Tree Limbs Begins
April 25

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/newsroom/april-14-2016-citywide-curbside-collection-of-downed-tree-limbs-begins-april-25>

Channel 8 Story on Storm Damage Response:

<https://vimeo.com/162127003>

If there is a tree damaged on private property, residents must use a City of Boulder licensed certified arborist. A list of licensed arborists is available at:

<https://www-static.bouldercolorado.gov/docs/crystal/pds/lic/32-certified-arborist.pdf> .

Boulder Creek Festival (An Update Concerning 2015 Coordination)

This Memorial Day weekend will mark the Boulder Community's 29th annual Boulder Creek Festival. Coordination of the four-day event, presented by the City of Boulder and produced by Boulder Creek Events, lies with the Parks and Recreation Department. In an effort to enhance the event's measureable success, and analyze event logistics, the department will again focus on five priority metrics.

- Promotion as a City Event
- Promotion of EXPAND
- Waste/Diversion
- Transportation/Promotion of Multi-Modal Options
- Appreciation of Event Financial Performance

The current event production agreement expires in 2016. Additional information on results and the pending RFP process will be shared with PRAB at future meetings..

Civic Area Activation Update

Program development and marketing is underway for the continuations of Nature Play and Civic Area walking tours running June through August. Additionally, the department has solidified plans for hosting the following 2016 events in the Civic Area:

Bandshell Bench Makeover

On Wednesday, May 17 the Band Shell benches will be getting a "makeover". Staff from Wells Fargo Bank and other community members have volunteered to help us paint the benches!

Kids to Parks Day

Saturday, May 21

Learn and Explore

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Children of all ages will have a great time celebrating National Kids to Parks Day. National Kids to Parks Day was organized and launched by the National Park Trust and encourages kids and their families to get outdoors and visit America's parks. Join the Department of Parks and Recreation as we encourage children *young and old* to explore the **Civic Area** and discover science, history, nature and adventure.

Enjoy *free* activities provided by:

- Children's Museum of Denver
- Play-Well TEKnologies
- Mountain Flower Goat Dairy
- The Wild Animal Sanctuary
- Feet on the Earth
- Front Range Anglers

Activities will take place on Lawn in front of the Main Boulder Public Library, 1001 Arapahoe Ave. For more information call 303-413-7222.

Summer Sounds Family Concert Series

Celebrate the Sounds of Summer at the Boulder Bandshell
Three Nights, Three Nationally Renowned Performers

Enjoy a Family Night out in the Park! Dessert Vendors will be on site beginning at 7:00 pm. Shows begin at 8:30 p.m. Each show is approximately one hour in length.

Saturday, June 18

Secret Agent 23 Skidoo

Family Hip Hop with a Solid Gold Soul

Secret Agent 23 Skidoo Show will feature "Kid Hop", local hip-hop dancers and Light Show.

This is truly the only music that will satisfy both a 3 year old and a 13 year old, and still get the thumbs up from a 30 year old rap aficionado.

Saturday, July 23

Gustafer Yellowgold

Gustafer Yellowgold has become an international phenomenon, acclaimed by The New York Times, which described Gustafer as "*A cross between 'Yellow Submarine' and Dr. Seuss.*"

Gustafer's Show is a multi-media performance of live music, colored-pencil animations and storytelling.

Saturday, August 27

Jazzy Ash and the Leaping Lizards

Jazzy Ash's songs celebrate the magic of movement with upbeat, catchy music styles of New Orleans Jazz and Zydeco. NPR's All Things Considered calls Jazzy Ash "one of the most talked about children's music artist this year".

Presented by the Boulder Public Library and Boulder Parks and Recreation Department.

Sponsored in part by the Boulder Library Foundation.

Bee Boulder

Celebrating our Pollinators

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 24

Bring the whole family for a fun-packed morning of activities, entertainment and fun. Learn about the beauty and importance of pollinators to our community and how we can all support and protect them. This free event is co-hosted by the Public Works Department and Boulder Parks and Recreation.

Cult Classics at Central

Friday, October 7 The Big Lebowski

Friday, October 14 Space Balls

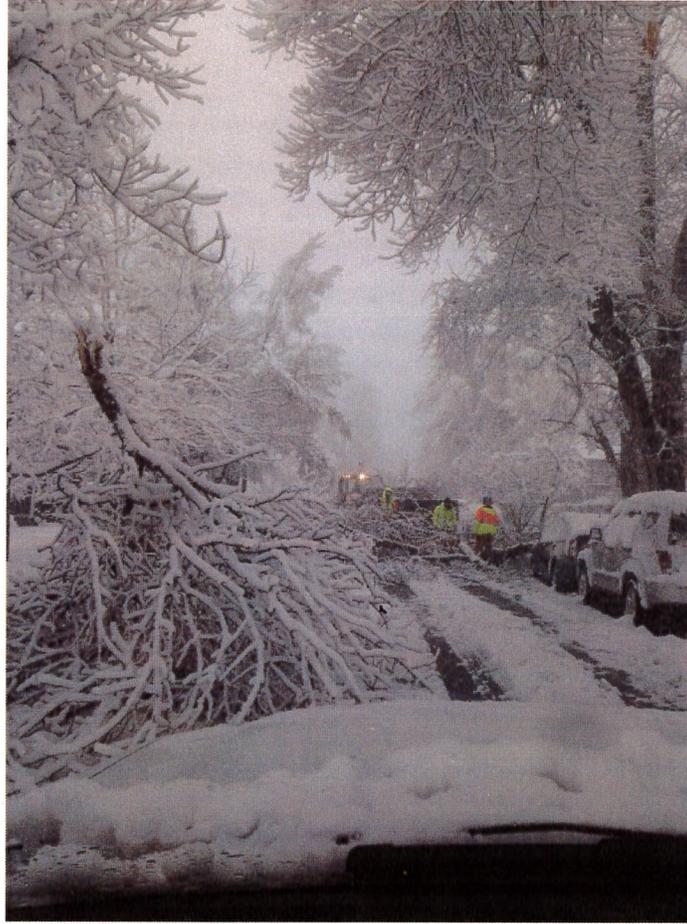
Friday, October 21 Beetlejuice

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Pre-movie activities and entertainment to complement each movie

Sponsored by the Community Financial Credit Union

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