

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Wednesday, February 10, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado. Earl Richmond called the meeting to order at 7:38am.

Members present were Co-Chair Earl Richmond, Co-Chair McKenzie Lyle, Marcus Trusty, Luke Urbine, Gary Crowder, Julie Robison, and Dan Hamme . Also in attendance were Parks and Recreation Supervisor Emily Osborn, Recreation Program Coordinator Ashley Davis, and Trustee Dave Volpe. Amy Varble and Amanda Krost were also present, as well as Rand and Carol Sailor. Charmayne Burtak was present to speak on the ice rink alongside Dan Hamme.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Gary Crowder moved to approve the January 2016 minutes. Dan Hamme seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Julie Robinson motioned to approve the agenda. McKenzie Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Amanda Krost brought information about potential swim lessons with BV REC. Ashley will meet with her after the meeting to review details. BV REC is short-staffed which is why it is going to take some time to get the summer schedule together. The Recreation Board asked about the intern position and if it will be long-term. Ashley reported that it is the hope, but we have not had a chance to get something in place yet. Luke and Marcus both suggested that we do not have an intern run softball since it's our biggest money maker. Ashley and Emily will sit down with Earl and try to create a format for how to offer the internship.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re BLM Fourmile Trails Proposal- Trustee Volpe was present to speak on the Fourmile Proposal for rebuilding trail in that area. The original project with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) got put on the back burner and they are expecting it to be four years before they can revisit it. He presented to the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. He is asking for support from the Recreation Advisory Board on exploring this dialogue with the BLM. Currently, the cooperative management agreement is for one trail, but he is hoping that can be expanded. Ramsour Bridge does not have trail connectivity but the hope is that it will be connected to Barbara Whipple soon. Because the Bridge access is a time sensitive issue, completing that connection would be priority. Marcus is curious if it would be smart to designate one area to rebuild before tackling the whole system of trails. One of the benefits to taking on this project is that the Town would have more say in who gets what privileges on the trails. Carol Sailor is curious why the Town would put money into something they do not have legal control over. Rand Sailor stated the BLM would not likely let them build permanent trails until something more concrete was in place. He stated that it would have been better as a smaller project without including the motorized group in that development. Dave said that, since the project has been changed from the original intent, he is hoping to bring it back to the smaller scope and manage it as a Town instead. The Recreation Advisory Board is in support of Trustee Volpe continuing this conversation of a cooperative management plan with the BLM.

- II. Discussion re Recreation Marketplace – Ashley and Emily have been looking at how to best facilitate a “marketplace” that would give other providers for recreation opportunities that BV REC does not provide. Marcus presented this to the Board of Trustees to get direction on how we can best service our community in this aspect. Amanda stated that the Town of Frisco has done a great job of compiling the opportunities in their area and suggested that BV REC examine it to see how to compile one for this area. McKenzie stated the public needs to communicate better when the program is happening or when it is over, especially if we go through the effort of putting this list together. Marcus suggested that maybe the Recreation Advisory Board could help compile the list, perhaps instead of doing a monthly project checklist since that is no longer applicable until a new Recreation Master Plan is created.
- III. Discussion re Recreation Event Center Feasibility Report: The Recreation Event Center Feasibility Report was presented to the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. It is now public information and can be reviewed on the Town website. BV REC is asking the Recreation Advisory Board to review the document and bring questions, concerns, ideas, and thoughts to the March meeting. Amy Varble inquired about what type of changes are able to be made to this document, or if it truly is the final report. Marcus stated the Board of Trustees delegated the review of this document to the Recreation Advisory Board to gather thoughts. Trustee Gibb (who was unable to be present) asked that we aim for something on a smaller scale, totaling about \$3 million instead of \$8 million. Marcus suggested that we fit a center for BV REC’s current programming needs and not build it with the mindset of “if we build it they will come”. Amy suggested that we focus on the people that rejected this initiative in prior years and figure out if there is a way to tailor it to that group instead of focusing so much on youth, who will naturally participate if it is built. Julie is concerned that the older group is not going to support an increase in taxes to help a project along when there are cheaper, or even free, options for the same programming in the valley. Ashley stated that we will talk about the details later after everyone has had a chance to review it, but that we cannot just ignore the current needs for programming.
- IV. Discussion re Mission Statement: Marcus looked at Woodland Park’s mission statement and vision statement and suggested that it might be a good document to give the Recreation Advisory Board some guidance. Woodland Park tried to pass a motion for a Recreation Center in 2007 and it failed, however, they do have an ice rink near town. McKenzie thinks the mission statement for BV REC needs to focus on the whole community, be inclusive with all activities, and be a sort of hub for the rest of the recreation opportunities in town. Amanda suggested that the Recreation Board define what recreation is first, and then determine how Town works within that scope with our duties. Julie thinks that transportation would be a big aspect and creates community, suggesting that it may be part of the issue with failing facility partnerships. Everyone thinks it is important to engage and bring the community together. Charmayne Burtak determined that a mission statement is something we adopt now, whereas a vision statement is something we will aim to accomplish in the future.

#### ONGOING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- I. Lake Placid Ice Rink: Charmayne Burtak and her husband have been helping acquire the ice rink. The group is renting trucks, driving to go pick it up, and there is a crew there to help load it. A Facebook page has been set up, so Dan is asking that the Recreation Board funnels everyone through there. They will need people to

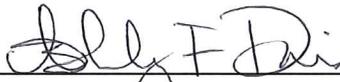
help unload and set-up. They are going to utilize the slab as well as the lot to the north next to the police department. Dan is looking for someone with connections to get some concrete poured to complete the correct size slab. They will be working on promotional posters to get the word out and keep the project moving forward. They will need to get a contact at Sangre to get a pole moved- BV REC will help if needed to get them to the correct people. Charmayne will be working on the fundraising piece.

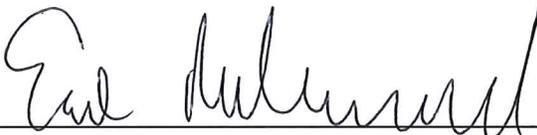
- II. Recreation Program Update: Ashley reported that BV REC already has 6 companies that have sent in scholarship donations, totaling \$1300. In January, \$3000 was collected for programming, which is comparable to 2015, however, the three biggest programs in the month did not happen this year. Programming is going well- Pickleball has brought in \$900 on its own. They hosted a session of Pickleball lessons, and it was full with a waiting list. Food science was full for this session, there have been about 45+ people at volleyball weekly, 8-10 people at soccer, 20+ participating in Youth Ski League, and BV REC hosted the largest Nuggets Skills Challenge to date. There are also about 28 kids, ages 3-9, signed up for dance. In February, Volleyball League will begin, Bike Polo will start back up, we will have more dance classes, Pickleball classes, and there will be a session of Dog Smarts. Currently, Ashley is working on summer schedules, policies, and other safety measures.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned by Earl Richmond at 9:06am.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Ashley Davis, Recreation Program Coordinator

  
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Earl Richmond, Co-Chair