

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, May 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado. Earl Richmond called the meeting to order at 7:35am.

Members present were Co-Chair Earl Richmond, Co-Chair McKenzie Lyle, Gary Crowder, Ashley Blazer, and Marcus Trusty, along with Trustee Dave Volpe. Recreation Supervisor Emily Osborn and Recreation Program Coordinator Ashley Davis were also present. Amanda Krost from Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Resort and Ed Eberle from the Trails Board were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes will be approved via email due to technological difficulties.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: The agenda was amended to include a discussion concerning the 95th annual Rodeo. There were no other amendments to the agenda. Gary Crowder motioned to approve the agenda as amended. McKenzie Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re Trails Map: Ed Eberle presented the finished 2016 trails map. In 2015, there were only 10 locations that housed these and they were gone in three months. This year, they printed more and have put them at various other locations. Ed has made some outside boxes to store these and he is interested in where he could put those. Some suggestions were the dump station, splash park, airport, Chamber of Commerce, McPhelemy Park, K's Park, and South Main. Emily can gather any other ideas and report them to Ed. They have expanded the map to include the Whipple Trails and the hope is that the Friends of Fourmile group will eventually jump on board with using this map once the old ones have been used up. Ed is curious if the Rec Board would be interested in helping fund these maps next year and they could include more recreation descriptions. There is room for a lot more verbiage if we do a double-fold map. Ed isn't sure yet what the trails board would be contributing. Both Marcus and McKenzie like the option of having two maps, a smaller to carry and see what's to do in town versus a larger one for the trails system. The Recreation Board showed interest in possibly partnering with the Trails Board further down the road to produce these maps.
- II. Discussion re RFP: The Request for Proposal went out last week with all the items: 2 Town Parks, Community Garden, and Baseball Field. Trustee Lawanna Best, Earl, Marcus, Joel, Brandy, and Emily met last week to discuss splitting up the items and doing them separately. Vertex would donate the \$10,000 still but it could be designated toward something other than specifically a garden. There is a little bit of flexibility, so Joel didn't think it would be a problem to approach them with these projects and possibly re-designate funds. As Marcus understand it, staff is looking for someone to give them specific numbers necessary for a project like the community parks, present those to the Board of Trustees, and then bring it back to the Recreation Board for the actual leg work. He thinks we're getting to the same place just in different ways. Earl is questioning if this part of the process is misleading and should be called a "Request for Information" instead. Neither options produce numbers, according to Emily, but it will produce work from all companies and we will chose

a specific group to design and come up with a number. McKenzie wants to keep the ideas coming organically from the community, and Marcus agrees that this is something the Recreation Board can't lose. Amanda inputted that it creates a better sense of community and empowers community members to stay involved. Earl reported that our time will come to have input but it is a different timeline than we would have originally chosen to do. McKenzie thinks this is the new communication and even though it's backward, maybe we can wrap our heads around it and communicate in a different way. McKenzie questioned what we have to do to communicate better with the Board. She believes we need to ramp it up ourselves, show up to meetings, push agendas, and fight for what we want.

- III. Discussion re Advisory Board Training and Fair: Emily Katsimpalis will be doing this for about a half hour in June. There will be a fair with all the advisory boards, as well as other groups such as the Heritage group. There is also hope that we can present twice a year, once around budget talks, and then another time to share ideas and discuss items. Marcus questioned what it will cover. Emily Osborn believes it will cover how the process works, what the role is of the boards, etc.
- IV. Discussion re Boat Launch Rules and Regulations: Last night they approved the amended code verbiage at the Board of Trustee meeting. It basically states that at the Town Boat Launch sites, all rules and regulations must be followed. Currently, there is parking on the right side of South main Loop. McKenzie suggested that we have them follow all traffic laws. Marcus thinks we need to be more specific to ensure other people don't get the wrong ideas and cause us to have to go back and fix it later. Marcus asked if there was any update on the access road. Dave stated that Jed is pretty clear that it will not be maintained. Earl stated that Kevin wants to be able to do this right, he wants the opportunity to succeed, but he doesn't want to have a lot of rules and feel like he's walking on egg-shells. McKenzie thinks we should just lay low and approach it if issues arise. Earl likes having them following regular traffic rules so as those rules change it automatically updates our rules. Earl is curious if we can add a possibility of keeping unattended rafts from being left in the Eddy. McKenzie is curious how we can keep unattended kayaks, SUPs, etc. off of the trail, out of the vegetation, etc. Emily is going to send this out to all the companies to see who is interested in using the ramp and to supply them with the rules. If more parties are interested, the board can revisit these original rules/guidelines and change or edit them.
- V. Discussion re Rodeo: The rodeo this year will be on June 11 and 12. It is the 95th annual rodeo. Gary is asking for some assistance from the Town to help make it a better event- possibly including it in the waterbill insert or getting some financial assistance to help put this on and make it a success. There is only \$850 in the budget to help with some of the repairs. As a private board they are willing to do some of these fixes themselves, but they obviously can't do it all. His biggest hope is that we can help advertise and get the word out there to keep the tradition going. McKenzie asked if they had any budgetary numbers for the welding and paint that need to be completed, but they do not have the hard figures. The correctional facility workers have a big part in getting these tasks done. Marcus asked if this could work like the whitewater park where if they raise a certain amount of funding, if the Town would match it. It's been a good model: we have a facility, a board that runs that facility, and events that happen there. These three pieces are what the recreation board has always asked for to help maintain our current facilities.

Ongoing Discussion Items:

- I. Trails Proposal: Emily did a presentation to Board of Trustees and they were good with the new plan, so she is going to send it to the trails board today to get their approval.
- II. Lake Placid Hockey Rink: So far there have been a lot of donations from the private sector, which is awesome. They are hoping to host a roller event to showcase the new rink once it is installed to hopefully help drive the interest forward.
- III. Master Plan- Before the next meeting the board is going to come up with priorities for the Recreation Department/Board, including what they hope to see for the future. This will be the only item on the agenda and we will complete it before the July meeting.
- IV. Recreation Update: Everything is very busy, which is good- there are a lot of new programs to sign up for. Girls' softball has started practice and there are about 50 girls participating. Pickleball is hosting a clinic this summer and they've raised over \$5,000 in players fees.
- VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned by Earl Richmond at 9:02am.

Respectfully submitted:



Ashley Davis, Recreation Program Coordinator



Earl Richmond, Co-Chair
McKenzie Lyle, Co-Chair