

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, June 8, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado. McKenzie Lyle called the meeting to order at 7:40am.

Members present were Co-Chair McKenzie Lyle, Marcus Trusty, Luke Urbine, Dan Hamme and Gary Crowder . Also in attendance were Parks and Recreation Supervisor Emily Osborn, and Recreation Program Coordinator Ashley Davis.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gary wanted to alert the board that there will be a work night at the Rodeo Grounds on June 8. If anyone can come help it would be appreciated.

Discussion Items:

- I. Discussion re BV REC/Rec Board Vision:
Emily read the concept that her and Ashley worked on the previous week (see attached). Luke said the statements go hand in hand but they are different between board and department. McKenzie asked how the two differ. Luke suggested that the Recreation Advisory Board functions as a sounding board, they gather information, and then bring that information to the Board of Trustees, acting as a voice for the community. The department then implements what the Trustees agree to and they implement the plan that the Advisory Board brings forth. He also suggested that while the vision statement should remain broad, the mission statement should be more specific. Marcus stated that wording is important. "Physical fitness" has an actual sports medicine definition, so maybe it should be put in as "physical well-being" so it would be broader and apply to more people. Emily asked if "healthy lifestyles" needs to be separate if it is encompassed in this phrase. Marcus believes that they should still be separate, especially since we adopted the healthy lifestyle community through the Board of Trustees. McKenzie said that a lot of other recreation departments talk about preserving and protecting open spaces. Luke believes that we should be careful about using the word conservation because our goal is more to maintain and expand our facilities. McKenzie reported that another example says "responding to changing needs within the community". Marcus stated that it would be a good piece for the recreation board. Emily asked if it should include something about partnerships with local organizations in order to accomplish our vision/mission. Marcus stated that because it was in the original mission that it is an important part that should continue to be included. . Gary suggested that we say something about promoting the physical well-being and general welfare of our community. Luke suggested that we include something about communicating with the Board of Trustees. Emily suggested that we include the communication piece in

the mission statement, since that is how we will carry out the action of the vision statement. Ashley suggested that we add the "changing community needs" to the BV REC vision statement so it will correlate better with the Recreation Advisory Board.

Mission statement: McKenzie will work on this throughout the month and will send it out for approval to the members.

II. Discussion re Recreation Board Vision:

McKenzie believes that there should be something about the mission of the community as well as supporting the Recreation Department. Luke believes that this process is the same as the one we just did for the BV REC vision. He stated that if we're using the word "well-being" in the rec department one, we should stay consistent and use that in the Advisory Board's as well. Gary asked if we can include something about maintaining community interest and involvement. Luke stated that we also need to include the development of facilities. Dan asked if we could use the word "vibrant" to refer to the growing cultural scene. McKenzie said that she likes using "recreation, people, and facilities" as a focus. Emily would like to have a focus on quality of life. Polly stated that quality of life is a huge piece in a community like ours. You're giving the public facilities and programs, and one doesn't work without the other. You still need to include parks and open space, just because you can't run those programs without your facilities, regardless of if they fall under your department or not. Luke believes that somewhere in this we should mention something about programming. Ashley believes that the programming piece will fall under the mission since that's how the vision is being accomplished.

III. Discussion re Recreation Advisory Board Mission statement: Gary stated that an important piece of what this board does is representing the community's input and ideas. Luke asked if the recreation department will be bringing special events to the advisory board for approval. Ashley stated that BV REC receives too many and to bring each of those wouldn't be very necessary to review, but if they affect a facility in some way we could review those. McKenzie will write the statements, clean them up, and email it all out for approval.

IV. Discussion re Master Plan: McKenzie asked if everyone was in agreement to include some type of project at the rodeo grounds. Everyone confirmed that they are. Marcus would like to work on a project that would be meaningful out there. McKenzie stated that her Capital Improvement Plan project priorities would include extension of the slab, projects at the rodeo grounds, community center upgrades, the community center playground, and a gym facility for the recreation department. Marcus asked if we could put together a budget for the community center playground. Ashley asked what features they would want to include. Dan stated that we need to review the other features around town. Marcus also asked that we include some type of barrier between the road and park to keep kids semi-contained, especially now that it's all parallel parking and hard to see the road. Ashley will review the cost and work through a plan to be able to bring to the Board of Trustees. She asked what the facilities are that we need to improve or push for improvements on now. Luke stated that we need to show that Sunset IV is not a priority until the community out there is more developed. Marcus stated that without houses and a plan for the trails to connect there really is no point to pushing that development. Ashley stated that maybe we can validate it

if we bring up that it isn't a priority for any of the other boards either. From what the recreation board said, Ashley gathered that these are our top priorities for 2017:

1. Rodeo Grounds
2. Community Center Park
3. Ice Rink
4. Sunset Vista IV
5. Programming

Marcus suggested that Ashley get the ideas together and present something to Recreation Board so they can relay it to Board of Trustees. Also, the Rec Board needs to sit down and map out what improvements they want to see happen at the Rodeo Grounds.

Gary stated that the rodeo will be done after this weekend, but it still takes a lot of other care throughout the year. Ashley stated that we need to redo the master plan for the river park and rodeo grounds before we can move forward. Gary has concerns about the liability is for the Town for what happens at the Rodeo Ground even if the rodeo board has their own insurance. He also stated that he really appreciates the support. Ashley will work on the Master Plan and run it through the Rec Board as she makes progress.

ONGOING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- I. Hockey Update: Dan reported that there hasn't been any movement on the end of Sangre de Cristo to get electric where it needs to be. Town doesn't want to overload them since they've had a lot of other requests into them recently. Emily reported that there has been about \$10,000 in donations so far, which is great!
- II. Recreation Update: Programs are continually growing and so far we've progressed past the anticipated budget for this year. There were 3 submissions for the RFP project, but Brandy is out sick so they haven't had the results meeting yet. Ashley and Emily both submitted their reviews to Brandy. The Concert in the Park series has begun and on June 26 there will be a special concert put on by the Army Band.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned by McKenzie Lyle at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted:



Ashley Davis, Recreation Program Coordinator



McKenzie Lyle, Co-Chair