

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, January 9th 2017

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at the Collegiate Peaks Golf Course, 28775 Fairway Drive, Buena Vista, Colorado. Earl Richmond called the meeting to order at 7:36am.

Members present were Co-Chair Earl Richmond, Julie Robinson, Rick Bieterman, Gary Crowder, and Dan Hamme. Also in attendance were Parks and Recreation Supervisor Emily Osborn, and Recreation Program Coordinator Ashley Davis. Ken Cook and Danielle Ronen were present to speak about the River Park Hydraulic Wave, and Stan Hachmann was present to give information on the Golf Course.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Gary Crowder moved to approve the December 2016 minutes. Julie Robinson seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Gary Crowder approved the agenda as amended. Julie Robinson seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Stan Hachmann spoke about the history of the Golf Course and its involvement in the community. It is a semi-private course, which means it's privately owned by open to the public. They have worked with BV REC in the past to offer programming and would like to continue to do so. Courses around the country have been having a hard time staying in operation since the early 2000s due to lack of interest in the sport, but they are starting to gain momentum again. The Salida course, the Leadville Course, and the local course all function together, offering discounts for multi-membership. They thrive off of business from the locals as well as from tourists, so they need both to be able to stay in operation. They do not have an 18-hole course due to the cost, but they have a well-cared for 9-hole course. A smaller course used to be a problem for a lot of players, but it's been keeping good business because it is easier to fit in a round of 9 holes rather than playing a whole course, which makes it a good tourist attraction to pair with other activities. Collegiate Peaks Golf Course tries to stay affordable and keep prices fairly steady with a small raise yearly. Emily Smith is being certified as a LPGA Professional, which is very exciting for such a small course. Stan would like to set up a youth program for the summer without competing with BV REC Programs, so Emily will try to coordinate with the Town to have that happen. Earl asked what happened with the cross-country ski idea that was in motion a few years ago. Stan reported that he got shut down by the insurance company for not being covered, and he would be willing to try it if he could figure out the insurance portion. If there was enough interest, he would prefer to spend the money on insurance and groom it if the insurance was affordable and the weather could be reliable with snow.

ONGOING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re Inflatable Wave: Ken Cook (aka Turtle) came to present about the interest in getting a bladder wave for the Buena Vista Pocket Wave. After speaking with a company from Denver, they were given a suggestion to purchase one bladder for above the wave and one below that would keep the water flowing even with minimal water levels. This could be something that would help keep tourism flowing even through the winter. One thought that SURF (Super Underfunded Recreation Fanatics) had was to raise lodging taxes or the sales

taxes which would have to be put on a ballot for the community to vote on. That money would go toward the wave or for river trail updates/installations. They are looking at doing two waves for about \$500,000 per wave, which they could perhaps get funding for from different organizations. Earl is curious if this would be beneficial for just a wave, or if it could be something we could use to fund larger projects each year, which would require a lot of close work with the Town. Stan suggested the process that Summit County has used to fund their trails/recreation: they charge 1% of all sale of real estate that goes directly to that funding. Julie was curious what the longevity of a bladder wave might be as well as what Fish and Game would have to say. Turtle said they would have to work directly with them, but there are still ways to get fish through. Turtle will be gone for six weeks, but will meet with Brandy and then report back to the Recreation Board when he returns.

- II. Discussion re Ice Rink: Dan and Emily have been meeting with Brandy every month. There should be an artist rendering of the rink by the end of the month for the public that can give light to what the area will look like and fill in the Board of Trustees as well. There is a small committee forming of interested parties and they will figure out what the next phase might be, which includes a fundraising piece. The meeting will be this Thursday, January 12, at the Community Center, at 3:30pm.
- III. Discussion re Facility Needs Assessment: Marcus was unable to attend this meeting, so it will be put on hold until the next meeting on February 8.
- IV. Discussion re Safe Routes to School Update: Earl has not done much the last month or so because of the weather. He did create a marketing postcard with the help of Kathy McCoy that includes a child-friendly map on the reverse side. As the spring approaches, Earl will focus on a few larger events/activities.
- V. Discussion re Recreation Communication: At Emily's yearly evaluation she asked Brandy again if she could have the opportunity for career growth and to pursue Kathryn's old position at some point. Brandy reported that biggest difference between Kathryn's position and Emily's position is clear communication to the Board of Trustees and seeing projects through from start to finish. Brandy is hopeful that this could eventually be a possibility for her. She has given Emily the opportunity to report twice a year to the Board of Trustees but Emily has made it her goal to attend their meetings in her free time.
- VI. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - I. Community Center Park: It was decided that we will use Play Structures Inc. and Erin Starr has been great at getting information and designs to us as we talk through options. They extended their sales through the winter which will be even better than the end of year sale. Dan suggested that we do get a few pieces of musical equipment to supplement the play equipment and maybe that would accommodate the little kids. Emily would like to pick a

few dates that would work for a community build. At the next meeting she will have a few renderings of parks to be able to talk over with the Recreation Board and get feedback.

- II. Recreation Announcements: The trails board is not great at following through with actual labor to get things done, and Emily is very thankful that everyone on the Rec Board is so active. BV Trails had about 90 people attend the public meetings. All the feedback has been compiled and is on the Town website. There will be a subcommittee formed with an individual from each user group to come up with a 3-5 year Bureau of Land Management proposal. The first meeting will be Wednesday at 7pm at the Community Center. The inspire Chaffee County Grant will have BV REC partner with Family and Youth Initiatives for an Adventure Buddies program to help kids get partnered with mentors for 3 months. They will do three outdoor activities to get involved in some different types of fun than they're used to. The contract for the new Active Net software has been signed and we are just waiting on a bill from the company to be able to start implementation.

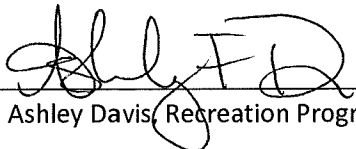
- III. Rec Department Update: We have a busy January, February, and March which is awesome compared to how few programs we've had the last few years during this same time. Ski League is in full motion, meeting on Fridays until mid-February. The CSU Extension office was going to put on a BV Makers class, but we did not have enough participants. They are offering a Cooking Class in March that hopefully we can have enough people for. The Dog/Puppy Smarts classes will be starting in March and all of our drop in classes have been well attended. We hired a new Martial Arts instructor who has also been teaching a Women's Cardio Kickboxing class. He has been very motivated to offer these classes and so far has been successful in doing so.

- IV. Recreation Advisory Board Members: Jeff Moore put in his resignation from the Advisory Board, so we will be accepting applications to fill the alternate seat again.


ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Earl Richmond at 9:10am.

Respectfully submitted:



Ashley Davis, Recreation Program Coordinator



Earl Richmond, Co-Chair