

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Wednesday, January 10, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado. McKenzie Lyle called the meeting to order at 7:36am.

Members present were Co-Chair McKenzie Lyle, Marcus Trustee, Luke Urbine, Gary Crowder, Danielle Ryan, Rick Bieterman, and Dan Hamme. Also in attendance were Recreation Director Emily Osborn, Recreation Program Coordinator Shane Basford, and Board of Trustee Member Devin Rowe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Luke moved to approve the December 2017 minutes, as written. Marcus seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Luke moved to approve the agenda, as written. Marcus seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No community members were present for Public Comment.

ONGOING BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re Rink Update: Dan stated that there are no new updates on the Rink Project, but he should have updates in February. Several board members stated that the Skating Rink in Leadville is great, and is an asset to their community.
- II. Discussion re Recreation Information Center: David and Amy Lively from The Lively Merchant gave a presentation about providing a site for the Recreation Information Center. They have created websites for numerous local clients, including the Buena Vista Airport and the BV Chamber of Commerce. Their proposal consisted of \$3,000 for the Recreation Information Center, with additional services of Marketing, a Special Events Calendar, and Facilities Mapping available for \$999 each. The Hosting of the site would be an additionally \$9.95/month (billed separately), and the License Renewal would be \$49/year for the Facility Mapping, and \$75/year for the Special Events Calendar. Emily stated that we have \$3,000 in the budget for the project, and we could add the ongoing costs to future budgets. Emily also added that she spoke to Town Administrator Phillip Puckett about the project. She relayed that he is on board with the project, but did bring up a few concerns like the ongoing costs, and paying an outside company for work on non-town programs. Devon asked if there was a different hosting option because he has not had a good experience with WordPress. Amy stated that WordPress is the largest and most popular Content Management, and that is exclusively what they use. Luke asked if the Rec Staff has the time for this project with this right now. Earl said that Rec Board will have to make an effort to assist with the project to help out the Rec Staff, given their time constraints. McKenzie made a motion to go forward with the project. Marcus seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.
- III. Discussion re Bike Racks: Emily stated that we have six Bike Racks that can be placed around town. The racks hold bikes each, but we need to figure out where they should go. She added that, ideally, we need

to figure out where we have bike racks, so we know where the others can go. Dan suggesting compiling a map of the current bike rack locations. Other Rec Board Members suggested areas like the Skate Park, Splash Park, and Tennis Courts. Emily asked everyone to send her recommendations of where bike racks should go.

- IV. Discussion re Whitewater Park: Emily stated that the Town Finance Department suggested creating a plan for the money that is annually donated, and matched by the Town, into the Whitewater Fund. Earl mentioned that he toured the Whitewater Park with the designer Mike Harvey, the original designer of the Whitewater Park from Recreation Engineering and Planning. After their tour, they compiled short, medium, and long term project ideas for Whitewater Park Improvement. Earl will share the Improvement Plan with the Board.

#### NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re Recreation Master Plan – Pickleball Presentation: Rick Hum from the Peak to Peak Pickleball Club presented on adding the Outdoor Pickleball Court Project to the Recreation Master Plan. Rick thanked the Board for helping paint lines Pickleball lines on the Tennis Court as a temporary solution, as the Peak to Peak Pickleball Club has been working on establishing dedicated Outdoor Pickleball Courts for a couple years. Rick stated that the Old Skate Park Slab is the proposed location for the courts. The project will involve extending the slab, putting down a vapor barrier, and then putting the concrete, playing surface, and fence on top of the existing concrete. The Club is in the process of creation a plan and a budget for the project. Rick also mentioned that the Peak to Peak is able to help writing a GOCO Grant to procure funds, as they did in Salida. Earl stated that we can add the project to the Master Plan, but the will need to be additional discussion and planning about when to apply for funding through GOCO. Earl also asked if the courts would be dedicated to Pickleball or if they could be multi-use? Rick mentioned that they can look at alternative uses; but ultimately, they would not like any additional use that would potentially damage the court. Luke asked if it would be possible to use the slab as is, which would be a cheaper and quicker solution? Rick stated that they could pursue the project on the slab as is, but it would not be ideal for long-term use. Marcus asked how many outdoor courts are being constructed in Salida, and if there was an Outdoor Pickleball Court Plan for the Valley? Rick informed that 8 courts are being constructed in Salida, but they are multi-purpose with the tennis courts. He also mentioned that the Club does not have a plan for the valley, but interest in the game has grown with the addition of more courts. McKenzie asked if there are any other potential plans for the Old Skate Park Slab. Emily state that no other projects are planned at that location. Luke stated the demographics of Pickleball attract a financially stable population who would likely use other amenities and visit other destinations in Town. Luke made a motion to amend the Recreation Master Plan to add dedicated Outdoor Pickleball Courts on the Old Skate Park Slab. Dan seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.
- II. Discussion re Membership/Officers: Emily stated that, due to time constraints, will push Recreation Board Membership Renewals to next month. Marcus made a motion to reinstate Earl Richmond and McKenzie Lyle as Co-Chairs of the Recreation Advisory Board, and Shane Basford as the Secretary. Danielle seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

- III. Discussion re Rec Coordinator Report: Shane informed the board that the Winter Season is just beginning for the Recreation Department. The Youth Cross Country Ski League will begin Friday, January 12 with 31 participants in the program. Youth Hip Hop, Youth Jazz, and Adult Ballet Dance classes will begin the week of January 15, and will be led by Instructor Erin Dale. Shane also stated that there are 10 teams registered for the first year of the Adult Indoor Soccer League, which will play games on Wednesday nights from January 17 to March 21. Youth Open Gym Indoor Soccer will begin on Monday, January 22 and will be available after school for ages 7-12. Finally, Shane mentioned that the Nuggets Skills Challenge will be Saturday, January 20 and is free for all participants.
- IV. Discussion re Rec Director Report: Emily stated that the Annual Recreation Department Report is available for viewing at the Community Center, Town Hall, and the Buena Vista Library. Emily also reported that the Historical Structures Assessment on the Old McGinnis Gym will be presented to the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and she will send the document to the Recreation Board. Emily also stated that there are seats open for Trustee, Mayor, and on the Trails Advisory Board.
- V. Discussion re Next Meeting: The Board decided that the February Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be used to discuss the long term goals for the Recreation Department.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Earl at 9:13am.

Respectfully submitted:

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McKenzie Lyle, Co-Chair

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Shane Basford, Recreation Program Coordinator