

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, February 20, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado. Earl called the meeting to order at 7:32am.

Members present were co-chair Earl Richmond, co-chair McKenzie Lyle, Gary Crowder, Dan Hamm, and Marcus Trusty. Also in attendance was Recreation Director Emily Osborn and Recreation Program Coordinator Shane Basford.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: McKenzie moved to approve the December 2018 minutes, as written. Marcus seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Emily recommended to update the dates and add Rec Pulse on the agenda. McKenzie moved to approve the February 2019 agenda, as amended. Marcus seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ONGOING BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Rec Pulse: McKenzie informed the Recreation Advisory Board that gymnastics programs are now operating out of the old Rocky Mountain Trail warehouse by Peak Fitness. Gary added that David Schneider is the gymnastics coach running the programs. Earl will set up a tour of the warehouse to examine the viability for other recreation programs. McKenzie stated that AcroYoga, a part of the Salida Circus programs in BV, is looking for a space. Shane is scheduled to meet with them tomorrow.
- II. Discussion re Rink Update: Emily stated that the Town has received a grant from the Pikes Peak Community Foundation and received a check for the money that had been donated for the project so far. Dan said that there is around \$6,000 in Town Fund. Dan has also spoken with John Fritz, the head of Salida Hockey. John Fritz is also former division 1 collegiate hockey player and his brother is the Head of Officiating for the NHL. Dan stated that they are currently gathering a lot of information, accumulating contacts, and looking for into grants for gear and other items. Dan also mentioned that he is looking to make a contact at ACA Products, and that Mark Hammer with Adventure Company is still committed to donating to the project.
- III. Discussion re Capital Improvement Plan: Emily updated the Board on various capital improvement projects. She said that a grant application has been submitted to Colorado Health Foundation for replacement of the Circuit Workout Equipment. Proposals for the Softball Field Lighting project were due on Friday; she has not seen any proposals, but she will check with Public Works Director Shawn Williams. Earl volunteered to champion the Skate Park Boarder project and will get in touch with concrete contractors. Gary has a contact with ACA and can help with the project. Emily mentioned that there is funding in the budget to replace the tile floor in the west side of the community center. Earl

stated that vinyl plank flooring would be ideal for the space. Marcus said they purchased higher end Pergo vinyl plank floor for the gym and it has been a good investment. He also added that we could use mats for activities that would have potential to damage the floor such as tap dancing.

- III. Discussion re New Board Member Needed: Emily reminded the Board that there is an opening for an alternate position on their board. Gary mentioned that he has been talking to someone who would be good for Julie Robinson's former position. She has helped with the Rodeo for many years, and Gary will share her contact information.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re BV Rec Job Opportunities – interview committee: Emily remind board members to encourage people to apply for the job openings with BV Rec. A year-round, part-time Recreation Assistant, and the Recreation Director Position are available for interested and qualified candidates.
- II. Discussion re Program Report: Shane reported that BV Rec has been busy since the beginning of the new year. They began the 2019 Adult Indoor Soccer League by expanding into a Coed League on Tuesday nights, and a Men's League on Wednesday nights. There are 12 teams in the program, which is an increase of two teams. Shane has also been running Adult Open Gym Volleyball on Sunday evenings, and Youth Open Gym Indoor Soccer on Mondays after school. BV Rec has partnered with the BVHS Volleyball program to put on the Demon Diggers Youth Volleyball Program. The program is for grades 2-8 and has 86 participants in the first year. Shane added that they have been working with the Salida Circus to offer programs in Buena Vista. The first session of programs was considerably successful with positive feedback, and the second session will begin on Monday. Shane was also in attendance at a meeting regarding the Town usage of the Buena Vista School District's High School Baseball Field with Town Administration Phillip Puckett, Public Works Director Shawn Williams, and BV School District President Lisa Yates. At the meeting, Shane communicated the dates BV Rec was requesting the field, and the parties came to an agreement that the new bathrooms at the field be open to rec program use, but should not be open for public use at all times.
- III. Discussion re Rec Director Report: Emily stated that her last day of work for the Town of BV will be on Friday, March 29. She has accepted the position of Program Director for the Alpine Achievers Initiative in San Lois Valley. Emily mentioned that the Town is looking to fill position by March 25, and the hiring committee will consist of herself, Phillip Puckett, Jana Schumann, and a Rec Board representative. She also added that BV Rec will be hiring a year-round, part-time person to help the Rec Department and the deadline to apply is this Friday. Emily reported that a grant was approved for 9-miles of trails trail expansion, and they will be working primarily with the Colorado Mountain Club and the Southwest Conservation Corps to complete the trail work. Josh Colley, the former organizer of Leadville 100 bike race, is looking to hold a bike and a running race on the weekend of October 1, and he has reached out to BV Rec to help with the permitting with the Bureau of Land Management. Marcus mentioned that they might be looking to add a bike race to 14er Fest. Emily also informed the Board that Ride the Rockies will be in town on Monday, June 10. They will be based in the River Park, with camping on the sports fields and inside the elementary school gym. Lastly, Emily reported that there will be a Gear Library meeting between BV Rec, Salida Rec, elevateHER, RMOC, GARNA, and CKS. The goal is to create a home and rental hub for the common equipment between these organizations. This project would

also need to include a maintenance and management plan for the equipment, but it could potentially be managed by the Recreation Assistant.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by McKenzie at 8:46am.

Respectfully submitted:



Shane Basford, Recreation Program Coordinator



Earl Richmond, Co-Chair