

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, March 13th, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado. Earl called the meeting to order at 7:38am.

Roll Call

Members present were co-chair Earl Richmond, co-chair McKenzie Lyle, Gary Crowder, and Marcus Trusty, Rick Bieterman, and Luke Urbine Also in attendance was Recreation Director Emily Osborn and Recreation Assistant Ben Eichel, Jan Johnson (potential board member), and Amanda Krost (potential board member).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Gary moved to approve the February 2019 minutes, as written. McKenzie seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Gary moved to approve the March 2019 agenda, as amended. Marcus seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ONGOING BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Board Pulse. McKenzie informed the board of the building for sale next to Peak fitness. For comparison, the middle school gym was \$10 mil, this one is for sale at \$1.2 mil and has total of 14K sq ft, holds 9 offices with a 4,000 sq warehouse, 20 ft roof. A one-year lease would be 50 cents a sq ft. The roof is 40 ft tall which is good for indoor sports and has a big door for deliveries. There is in-floor heating which could be reversed to in floor cooling. Luke asked if the current situation is properly servicing community needs and this could be a shared use project between town, schools, other groups. The Mortgage would be about 6k a month which the town can't currently afford but they could lease out offices as potential revenue. Emily stated this could be a great resource if DPCA was no longer providing public access, which may occur with new director being hired next year. McKenzie asked if we could add capital improvement request, Emily said it would be lost by 2020 and we should keep informing local trustees. Luke said it has been on the market for 24 months. Potential issues would be town thinks new middle school gym will be enough and transportation would be issue if schools were involved. Emily stated currently that our programs are being fulfilled by current locations and financially it would not happen with current funding model. Earl asked if any other town entity would be interested. Earl asked what our REC program would look like if we doubled our population in next ten years. Emily thinks it will take a few years of pushing town council so they create budget for it.
- II. Gary asked about Skate Park after he provided breakdown on potential contractors. Earl has multiple meetings in future about program.

- III. Rick started wilderness expedition course for BV High School with 12 students. Over spring break, they have a 7 day trip which provide 3 credit hours through CMC.
- IV. Rink Update: Not discussed
- V. 2019 Capital Projects. Earl is working skate park, Emily working VB courts. Emily met with 1st street flooring and they measured yesterday for floating floor (18K in budget for new flooring) Sand VB courts are being researched and working to order materials. Having someone with a skidsteer would be helpful if they volunteer to move material. Earl reminded that we need to excavate old sand before building new court but proper court building of having gravel then mesh then sand would be financial challenge. Recommend volunteer day for volleyball supporters to help with work day. Sean working with county engineer to get poles up to code (bids came in at 70k to change fixtures). Public works will trench and lay power. Luke asked timeframe for VB project, Earl said by spring to have done by summer. Luke suggested that Danielle is co-owner of tool rental and could possibly help with equipment.
- VI. New members needed: Emily gave a reminder about getting new board members (there is one empty one alternate seat)

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Recreation District Discussion Emily- one of trustees is interested in getting a pool and we need to be a Recreation District instead of a Recreation Department to get that level of funding. Emily said that Phillip had asked her to get a temp reading from board on becoming a Recreation District. Conversation continued as becoming rec district makes sense to open the door for more funding, certain people think we need certain facilities but secured funding for programs is more important, facilities can come later so it should stay on radar but not go to ballot to public. Conversation shifted to how some people may think that because other towns have pools that we should have one too but this isn't necessarily the case. Luke reminded this has been an issue since 80s and second homeowners shut down if it comes to vote. We don't have staff or infrastructure to handle all this. With rec district we would have property tax funding instead of school taxes. We could apply for GOCO funds. Mckenzie said getting pool is incongruent with not wanting to support new gym so it would likely not pass. Earl asked if there is a model REC program funded by district and municipality, but Emily said she hasn't seen one before. This would create smaller asks from property owner. Emily asked other rec districts about their experience with this and they stated that community members have to champion or it will not pass. Amanda discuss facilities at Mount Princeton: built pickleball courts but no one plays. They are building a new massive sixth pool and would like the board to work with Princeton- expensive to build and expensive to maintain. Marcus suggested transportation instead of BV investing in new facilities (since distance is only 11 miles) Earl suggested BANF model that uses busses. Collaboration between county, hotels. 600k grant uses Chaffee shuttle through county transportation advisory board. Emily said Rec district puts more money in budget, creates more autonomy, but would create other challenges like paying

town and schools for facilities and programs so this should be thoroughly considered. Marcus talked about 07-08 meetings about park county to district and other towns asked for rec district funding and programs. This would make boards and budgets more serious- it would be huge endeavor and a multi year campaign that might not work at first. Mckenzie asked if it died last time because it need to come from private citizen not board. Jan asked how new things for budget work? Emily said 2019 budget already adopted so big changes is not likely but small can go to trustees. 2020 new additions might still be difficult because there is backlog on master plan. Marcus asked capital improvement number- 5k or above. Amanda explained decision plan for building new pool. Luke asked price to use facilities and Amanda said they are looking to new ways of getting discounted rates for pool use and other facilities. Been looking at shuttle for last 5 years but will need partner. Transportation discussion will be added to next board meeting agenda.

II. Idaho Stop- Emily: CO passed bill on common language on Idaho stop. Cyclists only have to yield at stop lights. Only language is adopted, not actual traffic law. Town should think about changing code. Nancy Anderson with the Singletrack coalition volunteered to champion if trustees wanted to move forward with it. Rec department will work with Nancy. Emily working with bicycle Colorado for which materials they have used. Marcus stated it might blur lines even more and asked if it needs to change

III. Program Report (Emily)

- i. Horsemanship program-second week in April. It's an 8wk program for \$600 but there is scholarship program. However, we need at least three participants. Emily asked the board to spread the word.
- ii. Coed VB started last week with 15 teams (biggest ever) allowed A and B division. youth VB had 85 participants including 4 boys
- iii. BVYSA registration closed Friday. youth ski league ended with potluck with 75 attendees. Earl said Varbles are moving to summit county and they were donators of entire ski library. Shane and Emily met RMOC, GARNA, and Salida for county wide rec- housed at RMOC due to existing space and insurance
- iv. Hiring update - 15 applicants, four interviews, planning to offer position next Friday hopefully- to have replacement by 25 MAR.
- v. Update on grants.
- vi. Trails advisory board looking for members, meetings now quarterly.
- vii. 275 sponsorship letters went out, this year the lowest level (Bronze) is not on Tshirts but still on banner on softball field.
- viii. New waterline from SB field to boathouse- boathouse will soon have YR bathrooms
- ix. 12 hr bike race APR 22nd, another race coming weekend after 14er face.

IV. Rec Director Report- Not Discussed.

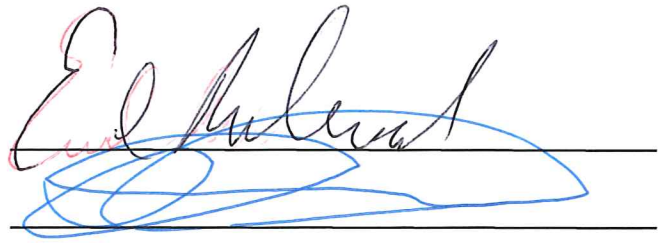
ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted:

Earl Richmond, Co-Chair

Ben Eichel, Recreation Assistant

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Earl Richmond", is written over two horizontal black lines. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Earl" written above the second name "Richmond".