

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, March 14, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado. McKenzie Lyle called the meeting to order at 7:33am.

Members present were Co-Chair McKenzie Lyle, Julie Robison, Marcus Trustee, Luke Urbine, Rick Bieterman, and Dan Hamme. Recreation staff in attendance were Recreation Director Emily Osborn, and Recreation Program Coordinator Shane Basford. Logan Myers was present to talk about the River Park Disc Golf Course.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rick moved to approve the February 2018 minutes, as written. Dan seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Rick proposed adding Midland Trail Clean Up to New Business. Marcus proposed adding the APE Early School Playground. Proposed Dan moved to approve the February 2018 minutes, as amended. Rick seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

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

ONGOING BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re Disc Golf Course Update: Logan spoke to the Recreation Advisory Board about the relocation of the Disc Golf Course due to baseball field. Logan stated that Holes 1 & 18 are completely removed, and Holes 3 & 4 were altered. He asked if the new trail in the River Park would further disrupt the course. Emily said the new trail will be located where the road through the River Park was located previously, and there will not be any disruption to the course. Logan also informed the Board that they have found a new sponsors for the holes that did not have them. The Disc Golf group has been certified with the State of Colorado, and they are setting up a Disc Golf Advisory Board. They are also working on becoming a 501(c) 3. Logan also said that bike racks and a rules sign will be placed at the entrance. Members of the Rec Advisory Board suggested additions to the rules sign such as: "Watch for Pedestrians" and "Adhere to all Town Park Rules." Julie added that the new High School Baseball Field opened last night. The game had a great atmosphere, and they won. Emily also added that the GOCO Grant for the Final Phase of the High School Baseball Field Project will be recommended for approval by the evaluation committee.
- II. Discussion re Recreation Information Center: The subcommittee on the Recreation Information Center recommended going with The Lively Merchant or VistaWorks, who are the professionals in the website design, and will be available for assistance if problems occur. Emily stated that she was uncomfortable with VistaWorks ongoing costs. Rick confirmed that the Lively Merchant proposal does not include the blog. Luke stated we could add the blog ourselves. Marcus also mentioned that we could use sponsorship funds to fund ongoing costs or the addition of the blog in the future. Luke made a motion to sign a contract with the Lively Merchant for the creation of the online Recreation

Information Center. Dan seconded. Unanimous approval. Emily stated that the next phase of the project will be moving the information from the Town Website to the new site, once we figure out the setup and design. She requested the Board's assistance with the design phase. McKenzie and Marcus volunteered to help. Then, we will need to discuss the criteria for adding community programs to the Town Site.

- III. Discussion re Whitewater Park Work Plan: Julie mentioned that her son, who is a Civil Engineer with experience with river restoration projects, brought up the point that we should be sure the company we are working with is reputable, and that we keep the river and the ecology in mind when we make improvements. Emily stated that all of the river park improvements have been done by the same company by the last 15 years. Luke confirmed that a local contractor named Harvey has done all of the improvements, and he is local, but he could not confirm the quality of the improvements. Earl provided a design for the River Park Changing Rooms. Rick suggested the sides be taller, and should use larger than 4ft side panels.
- IV. Discussion re Rink Update: Dan stated that he has not had much time to champion the project recently, but his schedule should open up in the fall. He has a contractor and other people with rink construction experience that will be involved in the project. Dan recommended picking up the project in the late summer or fall. Emily recommended pitching the project as a giant covered pavilion for events space, as that might be able to get the Buena Vista Event Cooperative (BVEC), and other groups more involved in the project. Emily asked if we should continue holding the money that has already been donated in the Pikes Peak Community Foundation because they are charging a quarterly service fee. Dan stated that High Country Bank has been involved with the project and said there is a lot of interest in the project from Salida as well.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re Rodeo Grounds: Emily mentioned that \$10,000 for Rodeo Grounds Improvement has been budgeted. The plan was to go for a Historical Structures Assessment for the Grandstands. An Architect suggested going for a Mini Grant, which requires a 25% match, and the total value of the grant would be approximately \$40,000. Jan Johnson from the Rodeo Board was not in favor of the Mini Grant, as there was an additional \$6,000 needed for welding. The Board of Trustees suggested using the \$10,000 for the grant match. BOT also stated that an additional \$10,000 could be made available for Rodeo Grounds Improvements that was budgeted. Julie stated that the Rodeo Board will meet, and work on a plan for facility upgrades that are needed. Emily will attend the March 27 meeting of the Rodeo Board. Marcus said that a Master Plan is needed for that area, and the Construction Documents could be a first step of that. Dan asked if the can the wood that was supposed to be used for stabilizing the structure could be repurposed. Emily said that she would be open to suggestions on what it would be used for. Emily will ask Shawn if Public Works has a need for the wood. Marcus motion to recommend using \$10,000 for the Mini Grant, and asking Trustees for \$10,000 for improvements. Dan seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.
- II. Discussion re Midland Trail Cleanup Day: A community member approached Rick, and was interested in cleaning up the Midland Trails. Rick will put it her in touch with Earl, who also has a cleanup day in the

spring. Julie said that if people picked up their dog poop, we would not have this issue. Luke stated that it seems like an awareness issue, and that responsible people carry bags with them.

- III. Discussion re APE Early School Playground: Marcus mentioned that APE Early School approached him about making the playground a public park, and the Town would be responsible for part of the maintenance needs; however, he was largely unsure what the goal project actually was. The Board will suggest they come to the Rec Department with the idea.
- IV. Discussion re Rec Coordinator Report: Shane reported that the Coed Volleyball League began on March 1. 13 teams are registered for the league. The Youth Ski League concluded with the End of the Year Banquet at the Community Center, which was very successful and had a record turnout. The Intro to Pickleball Clinic concluded on March 6. All of the participants had great feedback on the clinic and BV Rec will look at holding another in future seasons. The Professional Pickleball Clinic will be held March 27-29 with Mark Renneson. A Pickleball Tournament will be held March 30-31. Martial Arts Instructor Jacob Bell recently changed his schedule. Youth Martial Arts and Adult Martial Arts classes will be on Mondays and Fridays, while Brazilian Jiu Jitsu will be on Thursdays. The Rec Department is currently planning out their summer schedule. We would also like to encourage participants to register online, as it saves staff a lot of time when they do.
- V. Discussion re Rec Director Report: Emily stated that 34 Boat Launch Permits, and 170 Sponsorship Packages have been sent out. Emily also reported that they are working on placing signs to discourage the use of existing social trails. She also said she is on the board for the Stage & Rail Trail. The Stage & Rail Trail will need underpasses or overpasses for highway crossings and river crossings. BV Rec is hiring head referees, assist referees, and a coaching facilitator, and will be hiring part-time assistant soon as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Mckenzie at 8:55am.

Respectfully submitted:

McKenzie Lyle, Co-Chair

Shane Basford, Recreation Program Coordinator