

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, May 16, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado. Earl Richmond called the meeting to order at 7:38am.

Members present were Co-Chair Earl Richmond, Julie Robinson, Marcus Trustee, Danielle Ryan, and Rick Bieterman. Also in attendance were Recreation Director Emily Osborn, Recreation Program Coordinator Shane Basford, and Trustee Dave Volpe. Ewa Hajickova, the Fitness Coordinator from Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Resort was present as a guest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Julie moved to approve the April 2018 minutes, as amended. Danielle seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Earl moved to remove the Rink Update from the agenda, as Dan is not in attendance. Danielle moved to approve the May 2018 agenda, as amended. Marcus seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No community members were present for public comment.

ONGOING BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re Recreation Information Center - Outreach: Emily tasked the Rec Board members to volunteer to contact various existing recreation programs in the community, so the information about their programs can be placed on the new Recreation Information Center website. Board members will email the information to Emily, once they have tracked it down. Marcus mentioned that Peak Fitness receives a lot of calls about pre-K programming for children ages 2-5, as there is not a lot of programs for that age in the area. Emily confirmed that this segment of the population is not well-served in BV Rec current programming. She added that when worked the BV Rec booth at the Mountain Momma Summit, there were a lot of people looking for programs for under 5 year olds. Emily also said that BV Rec believes the senior population could use more programming as well. The board was asked what should the geographical boundaries should be for including programs. Earl suggested using the Buena Vista School District boundaries, and the board agreed. Emily also added that Assistant to the Town Administration, Emily Katsimpalis suggested that the second Board of Trustee meeting in August would be the best time for a work session between the BOT and the Recreation Advisory Board. Emily Osborn also stated that the work session would be a good chance to showcase the new website to the Trustees. Danielle confirmed that the date of the work session would be August 28.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re Brainstorming Session: Emily facilitated a brainstorming sessions with everyone in attendance. Everyone present wrote down five ideas that they would like to see implemented in Buena Vista, if money was not an issue. The chart below is the summary of the ideas presented.

Engagement

Service Learning
 Community Service
 Consistent Volunteer
 Engagement
 Volunteer Engagement
 Opportunities by Category
 Call to Action on the Website

Programs

2-5 Year Old Programming
 Rodeo Grounds Programs

 Golf Programs for Kids

 Environmental Education Programs
 Activity Bus
 Bus to Front Range

Facilities

More In Town Trails
 More Out of Town Trails

 More Trail Connectivity

 Updated Pump Track
 Performance Art Space
 Skate Park Expansion
 Coin Operated Batting Cage
 Blatter Wave
 Indoor Sports Complex
 Covered Outdoor Space/Ice Rink
 Interactive BV History Center
 McPhelemy Park Upgrades/Stage
 Mini Golf Course
 Rail Bikes
 Hut System
 Rock Crawler Trail in Fourmile North
 Sunset Vista Park
 River Park Parking

- II. Discussion re Rec Master Plan: Emily told the board that the Recreation Master Plan will soon be updated to include the dedicated Outdoor Pickleball Courts on the Old Skate Park Slab. She added the board should look to update other sections of Master Plan as well.

- III. Discussion re Rec Program Report: Shane reported that Youth Soccer had an eventful first month under the operation of the Rec Department. He said that two Saturdays of games, and a couple practices were cancelled. Some of the makeup games will be played during the week, in lieu of practices on those days. He also told the board that Coed Volleyball League concluded with a single elimination tournament on May 10, and that BV Rec will explore having an "A" Division and a "B" Division to increase the competitiveness of the league. Shane stated that the registration is open for the Girls Softball League and the Adult Softball League. Finally, Shane mentioned that summer programs are almost finalized and will include four sessions of Swimming Lessons (two with Salida Recreation and two with Mt Princeton Hot Spring Resort), two sessions of Adventure Camp, and the new Aquatic Adventure Camp. The Aquatic Adventure Camp is a partnership between BV Rec and RMOC, will be for participants age 13-18, and will include activities such as river safety, kayaking, SUP, and a Browns Canyon Rafting Trip.

- IV. Discussion re Rec Director Report: Emily reported that the proposal for new trails was approved by the BLM, and construction will begin this summer. She is also working with Link School to update the signage on the Midland Trails. Emily also said that the Army Corps of Engineers has given the permit for Whitewater Park maintenance, and the changing rooms have been constructed in the River Park. Emily attended the Mountain Momma Summit in Salida to help promote BV Rec and our summer programs.

BV Rec, Avery Parsons Elementary, and Boneshaker Cycles partnered to offer Bike to School May 7-9 and 200 students participated. Emily stated that the Board of Trustees will approve a new fee waiver policy next meeting where local, non-profit organizations will get half of their rental and special event fees waived. Earl mentioned that we should have a response or a message to give to organizations who previously had their fees waived to explain why we are changing the policy. Emily also informed the Rec Board that the Trustees want advisory boards to be more empowered and more involved in the process. She added the information that is discussed at Rec Board meetings should come from the community, through the Rec Board, to the department. Marcus argued that Rec Board is different from other advisory boards, as town has a set department that the board is advising, and he feels the Recreation Board is the most effective board he has contributed to. Danielle suggested that we could encourage more public comment from board members at future meetings. Rick mentioned that he is concerned that the board would not drive the agenda into the right spot, while Earl added that members may not have time to set the agenda. Marcus suggested that we could add a formal agenda item as "board discussion" to encourage board members to bring items to the attention of staff. Earl volunteered to set the agenda for the June meeting. Julie added that we should promote that the meetings open to the community, and encourage community members to talk to the board members about any issues or concerns. Emily reported that BV Rec has hired a part-time summer employee, who will start on May 17, and be responsible for driving the bus to swimming lessons, Paddle on the Pond, and Concerts in the Park. Emily asked if any board members could assist with the Spirit Trail Run on Memorial Weekend, and Julie offered to help. Emily also stated that the State of Colorado reapproved lottery grant, which will run and continue to fund GOCO grants until 2049. Marcus also updated everyone about the public climbing boulders in South Main. Peak Fitness has the contract to maintain the holds, and they are going to use bolts they use at the gym instead of the current security bolts that are on the wall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Earl at 9:05am.

Respectfully submitted:

Earl Richmond, Co-Chair

Shane Basford, Recreation Program Coordinator