

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

A special meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at the Community Center, 715 E Main Street and remotely via Google Hangouts. Mckenzie Lyle called the meeting to order at 7:31 AM.

Roll Call

Members in attendance were Marcus Trusty, Mckenzie Lyle, Rick Bieterman, Jan Johnson, Ashley Davis, and Casey Martin. Also in attendance were Recreation Special Projects Manager Earl Richmond, Recreation Supervisor Shane Basford, Recreation Program Coordinator Tucker Wildeson, Recreation Facilities Assistant Annie Carlson and Town Attorney Jeff Parker. Also, in attendance 1 person for public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Three items were added to the agenda: Future Financing for Capital Projects w/ Town Attorney Jeff Parker, Carbonate Street Development Review and BGC Continued Conversation.

Rick Bieterman motioned to approve the agenda. Mckenzie Lyle seconds and motion passes unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Jan Johnson motioned to approve May minutes.

Rick Bieterman seconded.

Motion passes unanimously.

Public Comment

Michael Carriere, a local BV High School Student and Boy Scout proposed repairs to the Pump Track as a part of his Eagle Scout Project in Boy Scouts. His proposed timeframe is July/August and was met with excitement from the board. There was discussion about expanding the scope of his project depending on time and volunteers.

New Business

- I. Playing Up in Youth Sports Policy
 - a. There was a discussion about the ongoing issues with soccer & softball requests for kids to play up a level. The new policy (*included in June RAB email*) allows for the Rec dept. to say no and/or go case-by-case. Casey Martin motions to approve policy as presented; Jan Johnson seconded.
- II. Town Staffing Update
 - a. Phillip Puckett is the Interim Town Administrator. The hiring process for a new town admin has begun and they hope to hire someone in September. Joel Benson will also be stepping in as Interim Planning Director.
- III. Future Financing for Capital Projects – w/ Town Attorney Jeff Parker
 - a. Two options for financing projects: Option one is a dedicated sales/lodging tax. This would be determined by a ballot question, although lodging tax ballot questions have not been successful in the past (2018).

- b. Option two is a Special Rec District which is like a school district and could either be town boundaries or more regional/ Northern Chaffee County. Most money would come from a Mill Levy within boundaries on all property in district. It's a lengthy process and an expensive start-up and if successful would be collected by the County Treasurer and given to the Rec Petitioners. A district that isn't town-limits would give access to more property/more revenue. The only way to fund a district is through property taxes and fees. Jeff's advice is to check with other towns/regions with Rec districts such as Montrose and Canyon City.
- c. There was discussion of the feasibility of a lodging/sales tax being on a 2023 ballot but 2024 is more realistic. There was also discussion of asking the County and Town for a set sum of money each year vs. asking as projects come up. Mckenzie is following up with Keith Baker to talk County funding.
- d. Larger discussion of Grant Writer for town as another income stream. Shane mentioned there is a Chaffee County grant resource in the works.

Ongoing Business

- I. Recreation Staff Report Discussion
 - a. As a result of issues with the Scout Wave in Salida, we are editing Pocket Wave plans. The goal is to create a safe and usable wave, spread out crowds and still achieve high performance.
- II. Billy Cordova Memorial Park Updates
 - a. Grants for the park are still rolling in. There has been an update to the layout which eliminates the dog run and expands the nature play area. There was the question of whether we can break ground before we are fully funded – seeking clarification from Joseph on that. Working towards construction documents with a potential Fall groundbreaking.
- III. Carbonate Street Development Review
 - a. The board is supportive of the open community space between the two apartment buildings and wants trail connection to be priority and would like to see a bike lane on Carbonate Street. As this is primarily workforce housing in-town, a park doesn't feel necessary.
- IV. BG Club Continued Conversation
 - a. Rick reached out to Joseph Teipel seeking clarification on the relationship between the Town and BGC. A discussion of 'phase 2' of building has not been brought to BGC. The board would like to make this a larger ongoing discussion.
- V. Board Pulse

ADJOURNMENT: Mckenzie Lyle motioned to adjourn at 9:25am.

Respectfully submitted:

Mckenzie Lyle, Chair

Annie Carlson, Recreation Department



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