

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, July 11, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado. Earl Richmond called the meeting to order at 7:35am.

Members present were Co-Chair Earl Richmond, Co-Chair Makenzie Lyle, Julie Robinson, Marcus Trustee, and Danielle Ryan. Also in attendance were Recreation Director Emily Osborn, and Recreation Program Coordinator Shane Basford.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Emily suggested adding BV Youth Baseball Concept 2019 to the agenda. Emily suggested adding Department Report to the agenda. Makenzie moved to approve the June 2018 agenda, as amended. Danielle seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

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

ONGOING BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re Community Pulse: Emily informed the Recreation Advisory Board that the Recreation Information Center website is live. Emily added that any events or programs in Buena Vista can be submitted to the site. It is recommended that those organizations add themselves as the organizer of the event. Once they are submitted Rec Staff will check them over, and approve them to be added to the site. Danielle asked what the Rec Board should tell people who we want to submit events. Emily instructed them to give the organizers background and mission of the site, and invite them to share their events. Julie mentioned that a group of equestrians would like to be added to the agenda for next month, as they would like to advocate for utilizing the Rodeo Grounds more. Makenzie stated that she has heard that there is demand for a pool in town. Marcus asked for some background information on special event camping on town property, such as was 14er Fest the first event to use special event camping after it was approved. Emily replied that a wagon train was the first group to use special event camping. Marcus confirmed that Paddlefest used a similar model to the camping at 14er Fest, and added that an off-road group is discussing using the Rodeo Grounds as a campsite for a 400 vehicle event.
- II. Discussion re Rink Update: Emily stated that she spoke to the Pikes Peak Community Foundation about the holding the fund for the Ice Rink Project. She relayed that the Foundation charges a 1% quarterly fee, but will also soon be adding a \$500 annual fee. PPCF recommended withdrawing the money. However, the money cannot be transferred the money directly to a bank account, but it can be transferred to another non-profit organization. Danielle mentioned that the new non-profit group BV Ambassadors might be able to assist, and their representative is Mike Serrels.

- III. Discussion re Capital Improvement Requests: Emily informed the board that Capital Improvement Projects are due for review on July 20, and invited board members to help fill out the CIP request form for the projects they would like to see funded. She also added that the annual work session with the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, August 28. Makenzie suggested that a CIP be submitted for the renovation of the old McGinnis Middle School Gym that is next to the Courthouse, and a CIP for skate park improvements to add concrete to the exterior of the park to allow for easier access and more space for those who are not skating. Danielle suggested a CIP for year-round bathrooms at Columbine Park, as they would be frequently used throughout the winter. Marcus recommended submitting a CIP for new Softball Field Lights, and a CIP for replacement of the basketball court at Forrest Square Park that has cracked due to tree roots. Earl suggested a CIP for outdoor volleyball court improvements including replacing the sand and the net systems at the outdoor volleyball courts in the River Park. Emily recommended a CIP for a shade structure at the splash park.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re Master Plan Review: Emily stated that the Recreation Master Plan is out of date, and proposed that updated Master Plan could be the framework for the BOT presentation at the Work Session on August 28. Danielle volunteered to help update the Master Plan. Makenzie volunteered to attend the BOT Work Session.
- II. Discussion re BV Youth Baseball Concept 2019: Earl mentioned that he has spoken with many parents and organizers of the Buena Vista Baseball Association including baseball as part of the Rec Department, using a similar format as what happened with BVYSA this spring. Earl will meet with Shawna, BVBA President to discuss this further.
- III. Discussion re Department Report: Shane reported that the Girls Softball program will be concluding in mid-July and will finish with the Girls Softball Party on July 16 after the last game of the season. He also stated that Adult Softball has started and brought in around \$9,000 in revenue to date. Swim Lessons are up and running, and we will offer 4 sessions throughout the summer. Swim Lessons is a partnership between BV Rec and Salida Hot Springs Aquatic Center, and BV Rec and Mt Princeton Hot Springs Resort. BV Rec will provide transportation to the location, and the location will teach the lessons. Shane also reported that the first session of Adventure Camp had 10 participants registered, and the second session will begin in late July. Shane mentioned that staff will begin to work on planning out their fall program offerings, and the Community Center, Softball Field, and Youth Soccer storage at the Boathouse have been re-keyed. Shane also reported that he met with BVHS Volleyball Coach Jamie Page to discuss offering a Youth Volleyball as a part of the rec department this winter. Emily informed that there is a project in the works to construct a shade structure in the dog park. She reported that the Concerts in the Park have greatly increased in popularity, and have seen upwards of 50 spectators on some days. Emily also gave the department mid-year update to trustees, and informed the board that the Community Center has been used 504 this year, which brought in \$2,746 in revenue and \$4,800 of fees have been waived. Park Rentals have had \$2,995 in revenue. Special Interest Programs have made \$1153.50 out of the projected \$3,000. Outdoor Recreation Programs have had a revenue of \$2,113.00 out of the projected \$2,500. Fitness Programs have brought in \$5,114.00 out of a projected \$5,000. Sports & Athletic Programs have a revenue of \$28,800.99 out of a projected \$28,000. Fine Arts have made \$1,111.00 out of a projected \$3,000. BVYSA (Youth Soccer) has a revenue of \$7,810.00 out of a projected \$15,000. Emily also relayed to the Rec Board that she spoke to the Trustees about the Rec

Department Capacity, saying that all aspects of the Rec Department's range of duties is increasing, and that there is a demand for additional staffing and support for the department.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Makenzie at 8:50am.

Respectfully submitted:

Earl Richmond, Co-Chair

Shane Basford, Recreation Program Coordinator