

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Wednesday, August 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado. Makenzie called the meeting to order at 7:33am.

Members present were Co-Chair Makenzie Lyle, Julie Robinson, Marcus Trustee, Luke Urbine, Gary Crowder, Rick Bieterman, and Danielle Ryan. Also in attendance were Recreation Director Emily Osborn, and Recreation Program Coordinator Shane Basford. Eileen Orlen and Mike Serrels were here for Public Comment. Shawna Kinkaid was present to speak about BV Youth Baseball Concept - 2019.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Shane suggested adding BV Youth Baseball Concept 2019 to ongoing business. Makenzie moved to approve the August 2018 agenda, as amended. Danielle seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Eileen Orlen was here from a group of equestrian competitors, and she was present to advocate for more use of the Rodeo Grounds. She mentioned that many competitors from the area have to travel to compete, but they would compete here, if it was an option. Eileen also asked how large the total area that the Town owns. Julie stated that Eileen approached her about the possibility of more programs utilizing the Rodeo Grounds. Julie also mentioned that the facility is a part of the local history, and that the Rodeo Advisory Board would like to see the facility it taken care of. Gary informed the board that the total area is over 300 acres, and the Town owns the land utilized by the sportsman's club and the airstrip. Emily stated that the Recreation Department does not have capacity to run more programs than they currently offer. She suggested that the facility could use a community champion to spearhead the programming, and Rec can offer support. Emily asked what the capital needs for the facility are. Eileen stated that similar facilities collect use fees and trailer fees from users; however, the grounds also needs tracks/trails and other facility improvements to run any programs. Eileen will research the estimated cost to bring the facility up to operating condition. Julie added that the current role of the Rodeo Board is to facilitate the Collegiate Peaks Rodeo, they also help support and maintain the other facility for other events. Emily mentioned that there is \$20,000 in the budget this year for Rodeo Grounds Improvement, which Julie mentioned could be used for railings on the stairs. Luke suggested that since Rec Department has their hands full, the Rodeo Board could help the town maintain the facility. Marcus surmised that the Rodeo Board could take on the role of "Facility Manager," and expand their role beyond the facilitators of the rodeo. Gary mentioned that the Rodeo Board partially serves that role. For example, they secured funds and the lumber to improve the grandstands last year until it was determined a structural assessment was needed. Gary also added that he would volunteer as the champion for the facility, and will take the suggestion to the Rodeo Board. Luke mentioned that we could use a similar operating model as the Chaffee County Fairgrounds. Rick added that Eileen could potentially find people who could go to the Rodeo Board to ask for their assistance in program facilitation at the facility.

Mike Serrels also spoke about a new non-profit, 501-C3 organization called BV Ambassadors. They recently ran a fundraiser for the Fire Department at the Rodeo Grounds, and they would like to put up a covered 25ft x 40ft deck at the Rodeo Grounds. The cost estimate for the project is \$18,000. Mike added that the area could serve as handicap seating, and serve as a covered stage for rentals and events. Luke asked if there is a master plan for Rodeo Ground improvements, as we don't want to have random improvements without a plan. He also mentioned that if BV Ambassadors are looking to raise funds and do the work, people would be supportive of the plan. Julie stated that the Rodeo Board will have to check to see what needs of other events are.

#### ONGOING BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re Rink Update - Dan: Emily stated that BV Ambassadors would also be willing to house the money that has been fundraised for the rink, instead of Pikes Peak Community Foundation. Emily updated the board and stated that there is around \$6,000 in the account. Rick will talk to his wife, Katy, about the legality of the transfer of funds. BV Rec will look into establishing an agreement for the handling of the funds.
- II. Discussion re BV Youth Baseball Concept 2019: Shane informed the board that Earl facilitated a meeting between the Rec Department and the Buena Vista Baseball Association. At the meeting, the members of the BVBA Board explained that how their program operates, the roles of each board member, and what assistance they would be looking receive from the Town. Shane explained to the BVBA Board that they currently do not have the capacity to take on more programming, but there is the possibility of an additional year-round, part-time Recreation Staff Member. Emily stated that she spoke with Town Administrator Phillip Puckett, and they agree that it is the role of the Town to help support recreation groups who need assistance operating their programs. Shawna added that the current BVYSA Board has been together for 7 years, but their kids are aging out. Luke added that any decision should be contingent on an additional town staff member. Shawna mentioned that BVBA will still plan to help out financially with maintenance of equipment. Town will explore taking on some of the responsibilities of BVBA, provided they have additional staffing help.
- III. Discussion re Recreation Master Plan Update - Danielle: Danielle stated that she has created the outline of the Master Plan, but she needs help finding the project costs, and writing the descriptions.
- IV. Discussion re CIP Prioritization - Emily informed the board that the Trustees will fund the Capital Improvement Projects based on the prioritization of the CIPs.

#### NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and presentation: Makenzie, Danielle, Marcus, and Julie stated that they will try to be at the meeting with the Trustees. Last year, Makenzie made the agenda, and the person with the expertise on the project spoke on it. Emily added that the Trustees will likely want someone to speak on the plan for Whitewater Park improvements. Emily brought up that Sunset Vista IV and Pickleball Group both want to go for the GOCO Grant this year, with the idea that it will get rejected

and they will get improvements for next year. After some discussion the Board decided that Sunset Vista IV is the priority as it has been in the works for longer.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted:

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Earl Richmond, Co-Chair

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Shane Basford, Recreation Program Coordinator