

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Wednesday, October 10, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado. Earl called the meeting to order at 7:35am.

Members present were Co-Chair Earl Richmond, Co-Chair Mckenzie Lyle, Gary Crowder, Dan Hamm, Julie Robinson, Rick Bieterman, Luke Urbine, and Marcus Trusty. Also in attendance was Recreation Program Coordinator Shane Basford. Karen Dils was present to speak on Pickleball/Tennis Courts.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Shane moving Pickleball/Tennis Courts to the top of the agenda. Mckenzie moved to approve the October 2018 agenda, as amended. Marcus seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Marcus commented that Shane did great helping with the running races for 14er Fest, and that the new BV Rec tent and the start and finish lines flags looked great. Marcus also mentioned that Earl did great work with all of his contributions to the event as well! Rick asked how the participation numbers compared to those from last year. Shane stated that the event last year had a Fun Run, 10K, & Half Marathon, and this year the event only had a 5K & 10K, and the numbers went up. Julie added that she received a good compliment from Patagonia during her time volunteering, and that they will be back next year. Marcus also mentioned that Yeti helped contribute to the running races by providing water coolers for the aid stations and finish line.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re Pickleball/Tennis Courts: Karen Dils, a representative of the Peak to Peak Pickleball Club and an avid tennis player, confirmed with the Rec Advisory Board that 6 Permanent Outdoor Pickleball Courts are in the draft Master Plan. Karen then asked if the Town plans to apply for the grant in 2021. Earl replied that 2020 would be the next feasible date to apply because of projected grant approval cycle with GOCO. Karen then asked Town to paint lines for four additional pickleball courts on the other tennis court, and to purchase four additional nets for the spring season. Luke asked if there is a way to communicate this request to the Rocky Mountain Racquet Club, and not take away their resources. Earl stated that the first step of this project would be to have an agreement between the two user groups to confirm that the project will benefit everyone. Karen stated that they will also procure the cost of the additional courts. Rick said that the goal of the board is to get as many people recreating, so if there is agreement and the cost is reasonable, we could go ahead with the project. Earl added there is a process that all projects have to go through to eventually become a reality, as there are many recreational user groups who all would like improved facilities, but only a limited amount of funds to go around. He added that the Outdoor Pickleball Court Project is working the way towards the top of the funding priority list, but there are a number of other projects that have been in the works for many years. Earl also stated

that the easiest way to make this project happen would be for the Pickleball Club to put up the funding, with approval from the Town and the Tennis Club. Another way to fund the project would be to ask the Trustees directly if they would be able provide the funding, as they are the decision makers on the budget. Karen stated that the Pickleball Club will pass along the projected cost of the project, talk to the Racquet Club, and ask the Trustees to fund the project.

#### ONGOING BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. Rec Pulse: Marcus began the discussion by advocating for maintenance of existing recreation facilities over the creation of new facilities when the Rec Board is prioritizing capital improvement projects. Mckenzie added that the main issue with requests like the request from the Peak to Peak is the timing. At this point in the budget cycle, the Rec Board has already prioritized the projects they would like to see funded in the 2019 Budget, but this projects was not one of the options. Rick added that if the Pickleball Club had an agreement with an existing user groups and had already secured the funding, we would recommend that this project goes forward. Earl stated that he will reach out to Lawanna Best, Trustee Liaison to the Recreation Advisory Board, to discuss this project, and will invite Phillip and Gary to attend. Earl also added that a number of community members have formed a group that will be raising funds to help re-surface the high school track.
- II. Discussion re Rink Update: Shane informed the Board that Town will house the funds for the rink project. Dan stated that he will look into what needs to be done to move the funds from the Pikes Peak Community Foundation, and that he will meet with Mark Hammer from Adventure Company to get the project rolling again.
- III. Discussion re Recreation Master Plan: Discussion will be held at the next meeting.
- IIII. Discussion re Sunset Vista: Shane stated that there was a public meeting on September 20 to get community feedback on what should go into Sunset Vista Park. The people who attended the meeting shared that they would like to see a half-court basketball court and bathrooms at the park. Mckenzie made a motion to support the inclusion of a playground and a basketball court in the design for the park. Unanimous approval.
- IIV. Discussion re Draft Budget Update: Shane relayed to the board that the Town was not awarded the grant that was applied for to fund circuit workout equipment improvement, and so that project will not be funded in the 2019 Budget. Shane asked if the board would like to see the circuit workout equipment project funded instead of the other projects that do have funding allocated. The board agreed that they would not like to see any other projects unfunded.

#### NEW BUSINESS ITEMS (continued):

- II. Discussion re Program Report: 8 teams have registered for the Women's Volleyball League. Teams began play games on Wednesday nights on September 19. Teams will play 9 regular season games, followed by a postseason tournament on November 7. The first night of Open Gym Volleyball was Sunday, September 23. Open Gym Volleyball is held in the BVHS Gym every Sunday from September 23 to November 18 from 7:00-9:00pm each night. CLIMB on Early Release Days began on September 19. 4

participants were registered for the program. CLIMB is a partnership between BV Rec & Peak Fitness. The first Fun Run of the school year was on Wednesday, September 26. This program offers a free 1-mile fun run on the River Park Trails to anyone who is interested. The fun runs are held monthly and are on the 3rd or 4th Wednesday of the month. BV Rec & BVHS Boys Basketball have again partnered to put on the Youth Basketball League. The league is open for players grades K-6.

- III. Discussion re Rec Director Report: Shane relayed the Rec Director Report to the Board. The Overlook Connector Trail was completed and opened on National Public Lands Day. Local volunteers, BLM employees, a Southwest Conservation Corps Crew and Colorado Mountain Club leaders participated in the event. A non-motorized State Trails Grant application was submitted on October 1st. The funding will be used to build an additional 7 miles of singletrack trails. BV Rec staff attended the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association conference in Snowmass October 12th -14th. Emily attended the Browns Canyon National Monument Cooperating Agency meeting on October 4th and will be attending additional meetings on October 10th & 11th. Participants include representatives from the City of Salida, Chaffee County Commissioners, the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Earl at 9:17am.

Respectfully submitted:

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Earl Richmond, Co-Chair

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Shane Basford, Recreation Program Coordinator