

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

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

A special meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at the Community Center, 715 E Main Street and remotely via Google Meets. McKenzie Lyle, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

Members in attendance were Marcus Trusty (virtually via Google Meets), McKenzie Lyle, Danielle Ryan, Rick Bieterman, Casey Martin, Gary Crowder and Ashley Davis. Also in attendance were Recreation Special Projects Manager Earl Richmond, Recreation Supervisor Shane Basford, Recreation Coordinator Catelin Miles. Also in attendance 1 person for public comment, Chris Martin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Danielle Ryan motioned to approve the agenda. Rick Bieterman seconds and motion passes unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Danielle Ryan motioned to approve December minutes. Rick Bieterman seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Public Comment

McKenzie informed Chris he only had three minutes.

Chris Martin – Here on behalf of Tom re a ribbon cutting ceremony for the stage. Ideal for the stage opening is to combine the “chamber after hours” celebration on June 15th. Could be 300-500 people w/ food trucks and beer. Work that needs to be done to stage: redo the back wall, get power in, get a ramp in for ADA and equipment, a staging area for the second lineup w/ rain coverage, landscaping around the stage. Work to be done to park: upgrade electrical, 2 parking spots by the stage need to be grass/seating, bike rack by power pole, road loop needs maintenance, beer area needs to be moved (maybe closer to highway in Chris’ opinion). End of allotted time.

Shane informed Chris that he would need a special event permit if 100+ people in attendance and if alcohol and vendors. Chris would like to be in the next Stage Advisory Board meeting.

New Business

- I. Programming Late Registration Fee
 - a. Rick asked if we could set “fake deadlines”. Shane mentioned most of our deadlines are already “soft”. Scholarships not affected. Full support (no opposition) of this new idea.
- II. Number of Special Events on BLM Trails
 - a. We met with Sean Reynolds from BLM to continue the conversation on permitting events on BLM lands. Currently there are 8 permits allowed in our region, do we want/need more?
 - i. All 8 events that already have permits are in the June-September range. Encouraging permits outside of that range.
 - ii. Are biking events vs hiking events vs races a higher impact yet?

- iii. Rick mentioned the bottleneck is at the entry point. Bridge to bridge, river park, etc. Try to avoid the “town” section with future permits. Casey agrees.

Ongoing Business

- I. Recreation Staff Report Discussion
 - a. Rec Facilities Assistant position open. Deadline is Jan 30. 32 hrs/week. Paid time off.
 - b. Record number of enrollees and coaches in XC Ski league. 47 participants and 20 coaches.
 - c. Adult coed soccer is full (8 teams) and Men’s has 6 teams.
 - d. Open gym volleyball and youth soccer is going well. Ashley running volleyball.
 - e. Cooking classes going well and Demon Diggers is open.

- II. Future Financing for Capital Projects: lodging tax, special district, etc.
 - a. Earl spoke to the needed revenue in the future to direct towards future concepts. Still needs to reach out to the town attorney re means to fund projects. Do we work in our small budget for upcoming projects? Or can we pursue other funding options for the future?
 - b. Shane pursuing an updated Rec Master Plan in 2024. Potential grant funding to hire consultant.
 - c. Casey asked if the district is created first to develop a plan for a project, or do we get a project going as a rec department and then create a special district?
 - d. Earl spoke to the uncertainty of what the “big project” is (rec center, etc.). We do immediately have a need for capital projects annually. These would be easier to plan for if we had reliable funds.
 - i. Rick brought up the partnership with the Boys and Girls Club. Rick thinks that a large rec center/Boys and Girls Club should be moved to where the dog park/pump track is.

- III. Billy Cordova Memorial Park Committee Updates
 - a. Next meeting is Jan 19 from 5:30 – 7:00pm.
 - b. Community Meeting – Thursday, January 26 @ 6:00pm
 - i. Chaffee fire, Colorado Autism Consultants, etc. have been involved in planning
 - ii. Priorities: First responders theme, has ADA accessibility, senior accessible.
 - c. Design Input Recap
 - i. Final design by the end of this week. Likely getting 3 additional parking spaces on the north side. Drainage swale will be a “nature” area. Dog area is a high priority.
 - ii. Final cost estimate hopefully by the end of this week.
 - d. Subdivision & Rezoning Process
 - i. Create a minor subdivision, combine all lots, and zone it as a park. That will be on the planning and zoning meeting later this month.

- IV. Board Pulse
 - a. Casey - There is not enough practice time to learn how to play basketball. We need to train officials better. Gym space for practice and for games. Lining up our basketball program with Lake County/Selida. Casey would like to be involved in 2023 season planning.
 - b. Rick - McGinnis gym got OEDIT grant: \$805,000.

ADJOURNMENT: *Mckenzie Lyles* motioned to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mckenzie Lyle, Chair

Catelin Miles, Recreation Department

