

**Minutes for the Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board  
Wednesday, September 19, 2023, 6:00-7:30pm**

**Call to Order:**

A special meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at the Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, and remotely via Google Meets. Danielle Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

**Roll Call:**

Members in attendance were Jan Johnson, Gary Crowder, Rick Bierterman, and Danielle Ryan. Also in attendance, Recreation Director Shane Basford and Recreation Program Coordinator Tucker Wildeson. Chris Martin from the Buena Vista Event Cooperative was present for public comment.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Danielle Ryan asked to add the topic of discussing the open board seat to the agenda. Shane informed the board that Casey Martin is relinquishing his seat as an alternate on the board. The board will seek to fill his seat soon, so the item was not added to the agenda.

Rick Bierterman motioned to approve the agenda as written. Motion was seconded by Jan Johnson, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Jan Johnson motioned to approve August minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Gary Crowder, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

- I. **Chris Martin – Buena Vista Event Cooperative (BVEC) board member**
  - a. BVEC working on sponsorships to financially support events
  - b. Chris presented RAB with a first draft (paper copy) of what they would like to add/install/purchase for around and on the Legacy Stage at McPhelemy Park
    - o Free Wi-Fi
    - o Rollings Recognition – commemorative plaque
    - o Handicap Parking on Sterling Street (towards Highway 24)
    - o Public & Performer Parking – Sterling towards the creek
    - o Landscaping – around the stage
    - o Landscaping – west of stage (existing round garden)
    - o Benches – 5-6 park benches (existing round garden)
    - o Shading – 4-post sun sail
    - o Stage Ramp – 48' x 15' ramp
    - o Performance Lights – will possibly be taken care of by BVEC
    - o Stage Gutter and Rain Capture
    - o Behind the Stage – Staging Area

**New Business:**

- I. **Future Meeting Schedule & Time**

- a. Shane will compare the numbers of attendance at morning versus evening meetings for more discussion.
- b. Continue to keep the meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. Allows Shane to provide any discussion topics and questions to the Board of Trustees the following Tuesday (BOT meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month).

## **Ongoing Business**

### **I. Recreation Staff Report Discussion**

- a. Shane spoke about putting out an RFP for the final design phase of Billy Cordova Memorial Park. One proposal was submitted by Valerian, and the Town went under contract with them. Continuing to seek grant funding for the remaining money needed for the entire project.
- b. Tucker highlighted the ongoing programs and upcoming programs. Discussed the new Women's Adult Basketball League, new Kindergarten camp-style youth basketball, and separating from BV Youth Football next year.
- c. Shane shared items from Earl's Special Projects section of the staff report. The highlights were the Pocket Wave Remodel postponement to next Fall and the Learning Loop at McPhelemy Park updates from Rick Bierterman (partnership with BV Public Library, etc.).
- d. Facilities Update: Office transitions for employees and long-term rental with Altitude Performing Arts for dance classes.
- e. Special Events Update: Three-year permit for certain events.

### **II. Boys & Girls Club Project Collaboration**

- a. **Update on BV Rec meeting with Town Staff & BGCCC**
  - o BGCCC is getting close to construction documents and is still fundraising. Want the facility to be used by the community as a whole and to be used by BV Rec. Hope to double the number of families reached through the new campus. Will continue to discuss these updates with their own board.
  - o BV Rec, Town of BV, and RAB will be able to consistently provide feedback throughout the planning process. Town of BV still needs to work out the Facility Use Agreement with BGCCC, develop a Construction Agreement, and a shared-use Parking Agreement. BGCCC open to having the facility be a joint project with the Town for a recreation facility.

### **III. Capital Improvement Projects for 2024 and Beyond/Future Financing**

- a. **Update on combined hire for Grant Writing Position?**
  - o Town is not planning to pursue this position. BV Rec is using a grant writing company in conjunction with the City of Salida, Town of Poncha Springs, and Chaffee County on projects that impact all entities.
- b. **County Funding in 2024**
  - o Shane provided the update that the County will not provide any funding in 2024 for our projects.
- c. **Survey Priorities**
  - o Shane showed everyone the results of the survey. 7 board members completed the survey.
  - o 2023 unfinished projects will be carried over into 2024.
  - o Shane provided an update on the partnership with BVEC in regard to updates

at McPhelemy Park and the budget for those improvements.

- Does the board want to add any of the improvements shared by BVEC during public comment to our 2024 CIP requests?
- Shane discussed what a Master Plan for Recreation, Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces would entail and how that differs from previous “Master Plans”.
- Funding Sources: McGinnis Gym Floor project out of General Fund. Rodeo Grounds Lighting out of CTF (lottery funds). Every other CIP will be General Fund requests.

**d. RAB Budget Presentation to BOT – October 10 or 24?**

- Ideally on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**IV. Billy Cordova Memorial Park Updates**

- a. Discussed the updates earlier in the meeting during the Staff Report discussion.

**V. Board Pulse**

- a. Rick – New pump track might be a little intense for younger children. Final days of removing lead and asbestos from McGinnis Gym. Project supposedly done at end of May. Open in June. Roof leakage from rainstorms.
- b. Jan – Groups using the Rodeo Grounds for gymkhanas (training exercises for riders and horses).
- c. Gary – American Legion thanks BV Rec for the \$82 donated to them from the Army Winds concert this summer. New displays and exhibits at the BV Heritage Museum.
- d. Danielle – Cordova Park project is making progress and things with that project are going well.

**Adjournment:**

Danielle Ryan adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

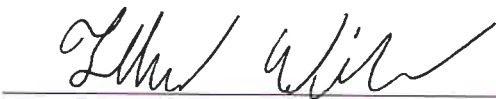
*Next RAB Meeting: Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 7:30-9:00am*

Respectfully submitted:

McKenzie Lyle, Chair

  
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Tucker Wildeson, Recreation Department

  
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