



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes
March 19, 2014

Meeting Summary

Staff provided updates on several park/recreation-related matters.

Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) was called to order by Chair Dick Miller at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, in the Aspen Conference Room at the Paul Derda Recreation Center (PDRC).

Present: Dick Miller, Mike Moroze, Dave Peterson, Judy Shuster, Doug Errett

Absent: Larry Crawford, April Muir

Others in Attendance: Nancy Harrold, Director of Recreation Services
Angela Delier, Recreation Services
Aaron Stewart, Recreation Services
Gary Shearer, Public Art Committee
Fran Milner, Public Art Committee
John Ball, President, Broomfield Soccer Club
Martha Derda, City Council
Liz Law-Evans, City Council
Ellen Cancino, Recording Secretary

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RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

John Ball, President of Broomfield Soccer Club, was present to observe.

STATUS UPDATE ON ARTWALK

Gary Shearer of the Public Art Committee (PAC) thanked the Committee and staff for their ongoing support of placing art in parks. All but one of the Artwalk sculptures are in place near the temporary dog park in Broomfield County Commons (Commons). Informative plaques have been ordered.

He went on to say the art has generated positive comments from residents. An additional piece may eventually be added. The PAC would like to have a ribbon-cutting ceremony and asked staff if doing so during the Great American Picnic activities would be suitable. Several of the Committee commented that it would be a good idea, and staff agreed. A time will be selected and advertisements will include the information.

Liz Law-Evans commented that it may be good to add QR codes to the art, with perhaps a narrative of the piece.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Judy to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2014 regular meeting passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Allocation of athletic fields. Angela Delier and Aaron Stewart provided a PowerPoint presentation on how staff allocates athletic fields. Based on the number of residents, there is currently a sufficient number of athletic fields in Broomfield.

Other comments included:

Two small baseball fields may be added at Emerald School.

The Yellow Pod at the Commons may be developed in the near future.

Mike: suggests that staff perform due diligence to determine the most cost-effective way to complete the Yellow Pod (artificial turf versus grass)

Mike: Should look into partnering with corporations, organizations to fund completion of the pod.

Mike: Was there verbiage in the original agreement with Boulder Valley School District regarding the District providing periodic improvements to school fields? (regarding field improvements at Emerald Elementary)

Athletic field use and demand analysis. Staff is in the process of hiring a consultant to do this analysis. The selected firm will eventually meet with user groups and PRAC. The purpose of the study is to determine future needs for new fields.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) request from resident. Broomfield Baseball League/HIT Club submitted a request to add four small baseball/softball fields in Community Park. The request will go through the typical CIP process.

STAFF REPORTS

Boards and commissions dinner. The volunteer appreciation dinner will be on Thursday, May 15, at the Chateaux. All are invited.

CIP - list of parks/recreation-related projects. Nancy listed CIP items that have been proposed.

She said that the indoor playground will soon be replaced. The items currently in the space no longer meet codes.

Dave mentioned that PRAC should continue to pursue the memorial or founders' park discussed several times. It is felt that the Civic Center might be the best location for this and should be included in future planning.

Recreation fees update. Staff prepared and presented a proposal to increase user and rental fees to City Council at a study session on March 18. Council asked that staff develop three different scenarios for possible increases and return for another study session.

Goals and objectives. Martha said that Broomfield Health and Human Services has announced a health improvement program with the first target being obesity. Discussion will continue regarding how Recreation Services can be involved in this effort.

OLD BUSINESS

Military discounts. Mike had proposed discounting use fees for current and retired military personnel as a way of honoring them and appreciating their service. A 10% discount is currently in place; Mike is proposing 15%. Liz suggested giving free passes or similar rather than, or along with, discounts.

After further discussion, Mike made a motion recommending staff include a discounted user fee for active and retired military personnel in proposals for upcoming fee revisions. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

A dedication of the Al Lange field at Broomfield Industrial Park has been set for May 17.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: DATE/AGENDA ITEMS

Date. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2014.

Agenda Items: Election of Chair and Co-Chair
 Goals and objectives
 Fees update

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved by PRAC on May 7, 2014.