



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes
September 11, 2013

Meeting Summary

Kathryn Bergh, project manager from the Capital Improvement Projects division, presented the McKay Lake Phase I Concept Plan to the group for review prior to the joint OSTAC Meeting on September 18.

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, September 11, 2013, in the Aspen Conference Room at the Paul Derda Recreation Center (PDRC).

Present: Doug Errett, Dick Miller, Larry Crawford, Mike Moroze, Judy Shuster, (Dave Peterson via telecon)

Absent: April Muir

Others in Attendance: Nancy Harrold, Director of Recreation Services
Martha Derda, Alternate ex Officio
Angela Kochevar, Recording Secretary

Agenda Minutes

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

None present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Dick to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2013 regular meeting passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Joint meeting with Public Art Committee. The Public Art Committee presented City Council with the eight pieces of art to be displayed at Broomfield County Commons. Council was in favor of displaying the art along the sidewalk between the temporary dog park and the Yellow Pod playground. Council expressed concerns about security and lighting the art. Pictures of the art were reviewed by the PRAC. All agreed that the location of the art was a good choice and would attract more people to that side of the park. Once the art is in place, the Public Art Committee will probably arrange a dedication. A joint meeting between PRAC and the Public Art Committee was set for October 9.

DISCUSSION ON MCKAY LAKE PARK PHASE I PLANS

McKay Lake Park Phase I Concept Plans. Kathryn Bergh displayed the "joint OSTAC/PRAC" concept plan to the group. The plan has been presented to City Council, who accepted the plan but felt some improvements needed to be made but were not specific about those improvements. There is \$1.38 million set aside for the plan. Kathryn considered PRAC's and the Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee's (OSTAC) desires and developed a "cost menu" to show the cost of specific items. The subtotal is the base cost of the design. Items can be added or adjusted. The design included the trees

and shrubs, trails, an Adventure Playground, and Adaptive Sports area. It also included a Nature Play Wetland for children to interact, get in the water, and walk along stepping stones in a safe environment. This wetland area will be completely separate from the McKay Wetlands. Kathryn noted that OSTAC indicated in a recent meeting that a bike pump track is high on the list of desired items. She also noted that there is a very good chance Broomfield could apply and receive up to \$200,000 in grant money to assist with the project. The City of Westminster shares jurisdiction over the area, but is not willing to help fund the project. Westminster has expressed support for it, however, which will help with the grant writing.

Members of the PRAC expressed concerns with the parking included in the design and the location of the Nature Wetland being so far from the parking lot. Some felt that they would like to see basketball and pickle ball courts included for more active users. Kathryn added that the trails and paths were all ADA compliant.

In summary, after listening to the group's concerns and ideas, Kathryn felt that all amenities could be incorporated into the plan with the \$1.38 million and \$200,000 grant money. Some adjustments, including scaling back, may have to happen, but it is possible. Amenities would include the bike pump track, basketball and pickle ball courts, Adventure Playground/Adaptive Sports Area, and the interactive Nature Play Wetland. If the plan is approved by City Council, it should be on course for the summer of 2014. The joint meeting with OSTAC to further discuss the plan will be on September 18 at 6 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

Recreation fees. Nancy provided a summary of proposed fee increases to the PRAC members. A City Council study session will be held on Tuesday, September 17. Increases for admittance fees, passes, and rentals must be approved by City Council, while program fees do not. She explained that she felt she was conservative with her proposal and that the fee proposals would increase revenue by approximately \$130,000, which goes directly into the General Fund helping to offset any subsidy. After reviewing the increases, PRAC members felt that they were fair and affordable.

Mike asked if Recreation Services offers active duty military discounts. Nancy responded that military personnel are given a 10% discount on drop-in admission for themselves and family. Mike stated that as a government facility, he felt more should be offered to members of the military.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Judy asked if a park could be built in Eagle Trace on corner of 14th Avenue. Nancy said that she thought that the site was owned by the homeowners' association or Eagle Trace Golf Course, but will check to make sure.

Judy asked if there were plans for another Recreation Center to be built in the future with all the new housing going up. Nancy explained that an additional facility is on a CIP list but wouldn't happen for about 20 years. BCC renovations are also on that list.

Dick commented on how wonderful the parks in Broomfield look. Judy commented on the potted plants on the corners and how beautiful they were also. Nancy will pass their comments along to Park Services.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: DATE/AGENDA ITEMS

Date. A joint meeting with the Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee (OSTAC) will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 6 p.m., at the George Di Ciero City and County Building.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Approved by PRAC November 20, 2013.