



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes - January 20, 2016

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Meeting Summary

Dave McMahon updated the Committee on the Comprehensive Plan Task Force work. Dave is serving as a member of the Open Space, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Working Group. Staff provided updates on parks and recreation-related matters.

Roll Call

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) was called to order by Chair Mike Moroze at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, in the Aspen Conference Room at the Paul Derda Recreation Center.

- Present: Doug Errett, Dave McMahon, Dick Miller, Mike Moroze, Judy Shuster, Kevin Skattum
- Absent: Dave Peterson
- Others in Attendance: Ray Churgovich and Tim Griffin, Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee
Nancy Harrold, Director of Recreation Services
Liz Law-Evans, City Councilmember
Martha Derda, City Councilmember
Ellen Cancino, Recording Secretary

Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT

No citizens were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes the September 16 and 30, 2015, were earlier approved via email. A motion by Dave McMahon to ratify the earlier approval as well as approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015, regular meeting was unanimously approved.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE STATUS

Dave provided a handout, "Working Group Report Back," that detailed the outcomes of the Comprehensive Plan sub-committee's discussions to date. The report was presented to the Task Force last week. A primary focus was, based on the results of last year's citizen survey, that Broomfield residents are currently very happy with open space/parks/recreation/trails. The need is to duplicate high-quality amenities in underserved areas of the city. Demographics indicate that the population is shifting toward older adults, and Broomfield must be cognizant of their needs/desires.

Dave displayed 'bubble maps' that showed existing parks with one-half and one-quarter-mile radii indicated (did not include private parks).

Dave went on to provide an overview of the entire handout (attached).

Dick reiterated that if land for parks and recreational amenities is not purchased soon, there potentially may not be any available.

The Committee agreed that the findings of the sub-committee align with their concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

PRAC 2016 goals:

- CIP review and prioritization - Nancy reviewed a spreadsheet showing potential CIP projects for 2017 and beyond. She said that she would send this electronically to the Committee. Members are asked to use the same method as used for a similar exercise in 2015: allocate points to the items in order of priority, using a pool of 100 points.
- Comprehensive Plan/OSPRT
 - PRAC recommendations for future P & R facilities
 - Land acquisition
 - Review PLD process
 - CIP requests
- Public use for private gain

Nancy stated that the primary need is for lighted rectangular fields. Having lighted fields that could be used beyond sunset would reduce the total number of fields needed.

The Committee was provided a sketch of plans for the Miller property, located north of Broomfield County Commons, along the western border, from several years ago. The 'temporary' dog park location will become permanent with the improvements being made to the Yellow Pod. Staff will be preparing a survey for residents to complete indicating their ideas for the permanent dog park. It was noted that plans will definitely not include water features or turf.

A joint meeting with the Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee will be planned for early 2016 to discuss the public process for the McKay/Lambertson Open Lands Phase 1 Improvements and the radio-controlled airfield on the Hoopes property. The airfield was opened in summer 2015. Discussion will be to determine if the field should remain and what improvements should be pursued.

STAFF REPORTS

Lac Amora Park. Plans for improvements to the park were discussed in 2015. The next step would be to take the master plan to City Council for approval. The project is not funded until 2019. Two youth from the Lac Amora neighborhood have requested the inclusion of an inline hockey rink.

Public Art Committee request for volunteers to plan the dedication of "Flight." Mike Moroze and Dave McMahon volunteer to serve on this subcommittee.

GOCO grant request. Prospect Ridge Academy (PRA) in north Broomfield had contacted PRAC last year requesting support of their application to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for a playground enhancement grant. The application went forward but PRA was not selected.

RTD parcels in Old Broomfield. Nancy reported that staff has begun conversations with RTD regarding a purchase by Broomfield of land near Broomfield Mobile Home Park and the Habitat for Humanity development. The land could be used for a park in an area that is currently underserved. Staff will keep PRAC updated.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONCEPT/PROJECT REVIEWS

The Bay, Phase III. Interviews have taken place for a Construction Manager/General Contractor for the project. Construction may begin in the spring.

Broomfield Community Center. Staff is currently working on design, and it is hoped that demolition can begin in the spring.

Broomfield County Commons field addition. Crews are working to complete the Yellow Pod fields. The process will include some reconfiguration of the current amenities.

Mountain Terrace. The developer has withdrawn his application.

Cityscapes at the Views - The Ridge. The developer of this multi-family community, located off of Highway 128, has included a small park in his plans, which would integrate with the park planned at The Ridge. There are many outstanding issues with this development.

Wadsworth Station. This multi-family development of 360 units will be reviewed by City Council at its February 16 Study Session.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Nancy noted that the terms on PRAC will expire on March 31 for Doug, Mike, and Dave Peterson and reminded them that reapplying would be necessary if they wish to remain on the Committee.

Nancy commented that affordable housing areas that may be developed need parks more than anyone, as most of those residents cannot afford fee-based recreation, but it is difficult for developers to provide park land while keeping the cost of their housing affordable.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: DATE/AGENDA ITEMS

February 17, 2016, 6:30 p.m., at the Paul Derda Recreation Center

- CIP review
- Comprehensive Plan update
- Recommendations for future facilities
- Concept reviews

ADJOURNMENT

With no other matters to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED BY PRAC ON FEBRUARY 18, 2016.