



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes
April 20, 2011

Meeting Summary

There was a staff presentation about Broomfield's aquatic programs. An overview of a master plan for future improvements for The Bay was presented. Information on upcoming events as well as pending projects was provided.

Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) was called to order by Chair Jaci Gould at 6:40 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, in the Aspen Conference Room at the Paul Derda Recreation Center (PDRC).

Present: Jaci Gould, Doug Malcolm, Dick Miller

Absent: Sarah Davenport, Kathy Dolan, Larry Crawford, April Muir

Others in Attendance: Dawn Rachjaibun, Recreation Coordinator - Aquatics
Martha Derda, ex officio
Nancy Harrold, Acting Director of Recreation Services
Ellen Cancino, Recording Secretary

Agenda Minutes

SPECIAL REPORT

Ronda Jo Ackerman-Alford of the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) division attended the meeting. She provided details of a master plan that has been developed for future growth of The Bay aquatic park. None of the improvements is budgeted at this time, but some minor repairs and renovation will be accomplished soon. Some will make amenities compliant with current code, and others will provide more up-to-date features.

Some drawings were presented. Staff prefers "Option B," the smaller of the two plans. Some of the current features would be relocated, and the option includes the addition of a 'lazy river' and family changing rooms.

Jaci suggested adding outdoor showers, as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

As there was not a quorum present, the approval of the January 2011 minutes was postponed.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No citizens attended.

NEW BUSINESS

Aquatics division presentation. Dawn Rachjaibun, Aquatics Program Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Recreation Services' aquatic programs, including staffing, lesson and fitness programs, and the various facilities.

Playful City USA. Nancy explained that "Playful City USA" is a recognition for which Broomfield could apply if it meets certain criteria. She feels that Broomfield would be a good candidate. One of the requirements would be the formation of a board or task force that would meet periodically. Nancy hopes that PRAC members can also serve as the task force members. A playscape audit would be performed and an action plan would be developed. If Broomfield is designated as a Playful City, there would be an annual "Play Day." She will provide additional information when all members are present.

STAFF REPORTS

2011 City Council priorities. City Council set their 2011 priorities at a meeting in February. Nancy noted that there are several recreation facilities (upgrades) on their list. The CIP division is putting together a plan of action.

Need for a cool water swimming pool (citizen concern). Many times in the past, citizens have come to PRAC and Recreation Services staff stressing the need for a cool water lap pool for fitness swimmers. All agreed that it is desirable, and it was noted that probably the only way to accomplish this would be an expansion of the Community Center pool.

Baseball field allocations. The second youth baseball league greatly expanded this season. It has been a challenge to accommodate all of the needs for baseball fields.

PDRC and BCC maintenance closures. The Paul Derda Recreation Center will be closed August 22-28 and the Community Center will close August 29-31 for maintenance.

4th of July and 50th anniversary celebration. The celebration will be held on Monday, July 4, with a rain date of July 5. The fireworks from last year have been stored and will be combined with this year's allocation. Combined with the 4th of July celebration will be events commemorating Broomfield's 50th anniversary.

Easter events. This weekend will feature Easter egg hunts for children and dogs.

Broomfield Brawler. Nancy explained that this event, to be held on May 1, is a team event that combines a scavenger hunt with running, biking, and walking. Sixteen teams have signed up.

Recreation pass sales update. The change in marketing the facility passes resulted in the highest March sales ever. There are now 4,000 active pass holders.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PROJECT UPDATES

Northmoor Park. The reconstruction of the shelter is under contract, and it is hoped that it will be complete in time to utilize for late May rentals.

Westlake School tennis and basketball courts. The tennis and basketball courts are being redone. The facilities will be closed all summer.

Nancy noted that the basketball courts will also be striped for pickle ball. The tennis courts will accommodate the “quick start” program, offering a smaller playing area for novice players.

Mountain View Estates. This is a new development in the Wildgrass area. It includes only one small park area.

Shepsfield Park. This is the large park in Arista. Part of it will be a dog park. There is a shelter planned and the location is within 75 feet of the nearest residence, which could present a noise problem.

Partridge Court. This is an existing apartment complex that has an area originally planned for creation of a park. The owners no longer wish to do so. Broomfield may try to acquire the area and create a park.

Palisade Park. This is a development of single family and duplex homes north of Highway 7 and near I-25. There is a historic barn on the site that will remain. Children’s Hospital will expand and be adjacent to Palisade Park. One concern is that there is no elementary school or play area to accommodate potential residents.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Martha talked about the petition brought to City Council regarding naming the PDRC gym and gymnastics area after John Ferraro and Bob Prince, respectively. City Council discussed a policy for naming facilities and has asked the City Attorney’s office to develop one.

PRAC may be submitting a letter of recommendation to City Council in support of the Ferraro and Prince namings.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: DATE/AGENDA ITEMS

Date. The next meeting of the PRAC will be on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Aspen Conference Room at the Paul Derda Recreation Center.

Agenda Items.

- Presentation by staff
- Project updates
- Staff reports

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved:

Recording Secretary

Chair

Date