



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes
March 17, 2010

Meeting Summary

Citizens representing disc golf and adult swimming were present. Discussion began on youth sports league ball field usage.

Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) was called to order by Chair Wynn Eberhard at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, in the Aspen Conference Room at the Paul Derda Recreation Center (PDRC).

Present: Dick Miller, Wynn Eberhard, Jini Bates, Doug Malcolm, Sarah Davenport, Jaci Gould

Absent: Kathy Dolan

Others in Attendance: Joe Haman, Resident
Lisa Hamilton, Broomfield Baseball League
Alfonso Ramirez, Broomfield Masters Swimming
Greg Stokes, alternate ex officio
Nancy Harrold, Facilities Manager
Matt Gulley, Facility Coordinator
John Ferraro, Director of Recreation Services
Ellen Cancino, Recording Secretary

Agenda Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Joe Haman. Joe Haman attended the meeting to discuss Broomfield's disc golf courses. There are currently two small courses—one at north Midway Park and one at East Park.

Joe belongs to the Mile High Disc Golf organization. He said that there are approximately 300 to 400 members and was not certain of the number of Broomfield members. He feels that neither of the existing courses is very user-friendly and was wondering if there could possibly be improvements made to the existing courses or if a better course could be established. He added that if there was a well-designed course in Broomfield, tournaments could be hosted, drawing people to the area.

Jini asked if Mile High Disc Golf could assist financially with the development of a course. Joe responded that the group does perform some maintenance functions on other courses. Jini

suggested that the group identify sites in Broomfield that would be appropriate for a course and then return to PRAC with specific recommendations.

Wynn asked how much land is necessary for a good course. Joe said that it usually amounts to one acre per hole, and the courses are either nine or eighteen holes. Concrete tee pads measuring 10' by 7' are required. Wynn said that it might be easier to consider a course within a developing area.

Joe suggested removing the equipment (baskets) from the two existing courses and establishing one good 18-hole course. He added that users prefer courses with trees, water, and a variety of elevations.

Alfonso Ramirez. Al had attended several meetings in the past. He is an active member of the Broomfield Masters Swim Team. The Team is made up of swimmers varying in age from 20 to 50, and 75% are Broomfield residents. The Team placed 1st at the state meet last year.

Al wanted to reiterate that it is very important to the Team that they be able to keep their allotted practice times at the Community Center. John assured him that staff has no intention of taking away their pool time.

Lisa Hamilton. Lisa does the scheduling for the Broomfield Baseball League (BBL) and was attending to observe.

NEW BUSINESS

Allocating athletic fields to youth sports leagues. The discussion began in January regarding how fields should be allocated by staff to youth sports leagues. As background, Ellen had sent PRAC members the following information for review prior to the meeting:

- Chapter 7 of the Open Space, Parks, Recreation, and Trails (OSPRT) Master Plan – “Recommendations for Parks and Recreation Facilities”
- Notes from the December 1, 2009 City Council Study Session regarding athletic field availability
- Excerpts from PRAC minutes dating back to July 16, 2003 regarding the establishment of the “Rules for League Use of Ball Fields.”

John provided these handouts:

- Youth Association Residency Verification Numbers – 2005-2009
- Comparative Analysis - National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) standards for recreational amenities
- Notes prepared by John Ferraro regarding the establishment of the Rules for League Use of Ball Fields
- Recap of Parks Standards/OSPRT Master Plan
- 2010 Spring/Summer Youth Sports Field Allocations
- Weekday Field (Allocation) Chart
- 2010 Park Acreage Maintenance Summary

John summarized by saying that in developing the OSPRT Master Plan, Wenk Associates tried to develop standards for recreational amenities, finding that Broomfield was already well ahead of the U. S. norm. He noted that standards vary by a community's age and other factors. John added that the driving force behind setting a field allocation policy is that the City Manager wants to ensure that all Broomfield residents have a place to play.

Discussion of the various handouts followed. Greg suggested that a column be added to the "2010 Spring/Summer Youth Sports Field Allocations" sheet showing numbers of unused fields at any given time.

When asked if Broomfield has enough fields to accommodate all needs, John said that with community growth and growth in the number of non-residents in programs, there will come a time when there is a field shortage.

Wynn asked what the next step for the Committee would be, noting that staff must respond to City Council's request to provide clarification regarding field use, availability, and fees. Staff suggested that if at some point Broomfield does not have enough fields, it should be the leagues' responsibility to find fields to use elsewhere. Nancy added that a number of fields are routinely allocated to a league. If the league grows, it must bear the responsibility of finding other fields.

The next step for the Committee and staff is to consider alternatives and return to discussion in the next meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

PROJECT UPDATES

Skate park renovation. Construction documents are being developed. The park is set to close on April 1 for demolition. The intent is to reopen before the Fireworks Softball Tournament at the end of June.

Anthem Community Park. John said it would probably be spring 2011 before any soccer fields are ready for use.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Jini said that Holli Campbell's family wishes to plant a tree in a park in memory of their infant son. The family will work with Park Division's Forestry staff to determine a location and type of tree.

Wynn said that the Sustainable Community Task Force's draft Plan has been reviewed. There are no items of note pertaining specifically to PRAC functions.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: DATE/AGENDA ITEMS

Date. The next meeting of the PRAC will be on Wednesday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Aspen Conference Room at the Paul Derda Recreation Center.

Agenda Items.

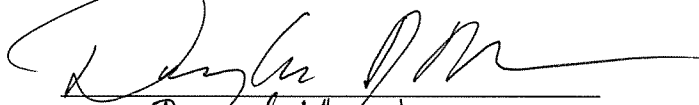
- Project updates
- Discussion of Rules for League Use of Ball Fields and allocation of fields
- Chair and Vice-Chair election

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Approved:



Chair Board Member

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Date