



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes
January 19, 2011

Meeting Summary

There was a staff presentation about the therapeutic programs. 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 6:35 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2011, in the Aspen Conference Room at the Paul Derda Recreation Center (PDRC).

Present: Jaci Gould, Sarah Davenport, Dick Miller, Kathy Dolan, Larry Crawford

Absent: Doug Malcolm, April Muir

Others in Attendance: Mike King, Guest
Rachel Robbins, Recreation Coordinator - Therapeutic Recreation
Martha Derda, ex officio
Nancy Harrold, Facilities Manager
John Ferraro, Director of Recreation Services
Ellen Cancino, Recording Secretary

Agenda Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mike King, newly appointed Executive Director of Broomfield Soccer Club, was in attendance to observe.

NEW BUSINESS

Jaci said that she had asked John if various staff members could attend future meetings in order to familiarize the Committee with the programs available, especially those that don't typically interface much with the community.

STAFF REPORTS

Therapeutic recreation programs. Rachel Robbins, Coordinator for Therapeutic Recreation, attended the meeting to provide an overview of her program. She noted that in her role she interacts with all areas of Recreation Services. Boulder and Broomfield are the only entities in the metro area with a specific therapeutic recreation program.

Rachel said that her staff works very hard to accommodate all interested parties. There are specialized programs and programs where those with special needs can be included.

Jaci asked if there are legal mandates to provide these services. Rachel said that Broomfield is required to provide "reasonable accommodation." There are times when it does not work due to shortage of trained staff.

She added that one thing that works well in the program is the hiring of para-educators in the summer that often continue relationships with the same children they work with during the school year.

New recreation pass – update on sales and success. John provided a handout that shows revenue from pass sales for 2006 through present. He said even though the actual cost of the passes have not changed, marketing them as 'month-to-month' brought sales to an all-time high in December 2010. Statistics showed that 43% of the purchases were by people new to the system or returning pass holders. Of the 2,360 passes sold, 412 were for children.

Basketball special event at 1stBank Center on January 8. On January 8, there were girls' and boys' basketball games between Legacy and Broomfield High Schools sponsored by Sill Terhar Ford. Prior to the double-header, a clinic was held for 3rd to 6th grade youth. High school players and others were utilized as instructors. The day was capped off by a Harlem Globetrotters game.

BCC locker room renovation. Staff was notified in November that there were funds that needed to be used in 2010 to replace the floors in the locker rooms at the Broomfield Community Center (BCC). They quickly made arrangements to accommodate classes and schedule closures. The work was done but left some drainage issues. The contractor is returning on 1/30 to address those.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PROJECT UPDATES

Broomfield Center Park. This project is in a 374-apartment complex located north of Flatirons Crossing. The complex is required by the Open Space Parks Recreation and Trails Master Plan to provide eight acres of open lands. The developer is offering 3.5 acres. Staff is urging the developer to increase that amount to at least 5 acres. John noted that additional practice fields are desperately needed, and this space could provide some.

The developer has spoken of including a dog park on the site. Staff does not want to lose the capability to use some of the open lands for additional sports fields. Negotiations continue.

Anthem Community Park fields. John said that the developer, Pulte Homes, has built two soccer fields, which have been sodded and may be ready for use in the fall. In order for restrooms to be included, a monitoring system for the wastewater must be installed, and Pulte is reluctant to provide that. Negotiations continue.

Martha added that the Public Art Committee is planning to install an art piece on that site.

Children’s Hospital Sensory Park. Children’s Hospital is planning to build a facility in the center of the Arista development. Near that building, the developer would like to build a sensory park, which would eventually become the city’s responsibility to maintain.

Northmoor Park shelter status. John provided drawings of the proposed shelter reconstruction, which will be presented for City Council approval on January 25. The shelter was destroyed by fire in 2010. If the plan is approved, completion is hoped to be by Memorial Day.

The tennis and basketball courts are also being redone. The playground is being redone through a partnership with Bal Swan School, Broomfield, Two Angels Foundation, and the use of Great Outdoors Colorado grants.

Update on The Bay improvements. The facility is over 20 years old, and staff wishes to remain competitive in the market. Nancy explained that a master plan for expansion and renovation for The Bay was done in 2007. Due to a weak economy, funds have not been available for the project, although some minor repairs have been completed.

It is hoped that now a phased master plan can be developed. Staff wishes to keep the facility geared to the under 12 years of age population. The Committee will be kept apprised of the plans as they develop.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

- John announced that he will be retiring in March.
- Martha said that City Council is reviewing the boards and commissions appointment process. The Committee feels there should be some sort of screening process included, rather than selecting by a lottery process.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: DATE/AGENDA ITEMS

Date. The next meeting of the PRAC will be on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Aspen Conference Room at the Paul Derda Recreation Center.

Agenda Items.

- Presentation by staff
- Project updates

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Approved:

Chair

Date