



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes
August 19, 2009

Meeting Summary

Kristan Pritz, Director of Open Space & Trails, attended the meeting to obtain Committee input on the Draft Wildlife Management Plan. Several issues pertaining to parks and recreation were discussed, as well.

Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) was called to order by Chair Wynn Eberhard at 6:35 p.m., Wednesday, August 19, 2009, in the Aspen Conference Room at the Paul Derda Recreation Center (PDRC).

Present: Jini Bates, Dick Miller, Wynn Eberhard, Kathy Dolan, Doug Malcolm, Sarah Davenport

Absent: Jaci Gould

Others in Attendance: Brian Kenyon, ex officio
Kristan Pritz, Director of Open Space and Trails
Nancy Harrold, Facilities Manager
John Ferraro, Director of Recreation Services
Ellen Cancino, Recording Secretary

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CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No citizens were present.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN

To provide some background, Kristan explained that the Open Space Division was asked by City Council to work on a wildlife policy. The initial request came after a coyote attack on a citizen was reported and several coyotes had to be shot. City Council wanted to record on paper how to handle coyotes and other wildlife. Randy Ahrens had asked that PRAC have an opportunity to provide input, as well.

Discussion followed regarding the draft. Comments/questions included:

Jini: Asked that Kristan obtain information from the CSU Extension Office regarding plants that may deter various wildlife species.

Doug: Asked if possibly Boulder has a similar policy in place.

Dick: Asked if the draft contained any verbiage regarding lethal force against coyotes. Kristan responded that the topic is covered on page 15.

Dick: Suggested that the policy should mention that any use of lethal force may mean that an entire den (of coyotes) may have to be put down if an aggressive coyote cannot be identified.

Doug: Asked if there is a penalty for citizens who feed wildlife and if it could be reinforced in the document. Kristan responded that the penalty for doing so is covered by State law.

Wynn: Asked if the penalty for feeding wildlife is strict enough and what the enforcement procedures are. He felt that it should be very clearly stated in the document what the consequences could be for feeding wildlife.

Kristan asked that PRAC members email any questions they may have to her as soon as possible, copying Wynn. Kristan explained that she would incorporate any PRAC comments. The next steps would include a public meeting and perhaps a Council Study Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 17, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation for park signage standardization. At several past meetings, park signage was discussed in terms of appearance and standardization. At the June meeting, staff said they would work on recommendations to present to the Community Development Department that they, in turn, would include in signage standards used by developers.

Nancy wrote a draft list of those items that PRAC wanted addressed—primarily inclusion of the city logo on signage for any park that would eventually be owned and maintained by Broomfield. PRAC does not necessarily want to dictate what signs would look like, but would like to review the designs before finalization.

Additional discussion included a consensus that the logo should be the one for the city and county, including the verbiage encircling the “B”, as shown below.



STAFF REPORTS

Artificial turf costs. As a follow-up to an inquiry from the youth soccer group, John requested a 10-Year Cost Analysis of artificial turf versus natural grass from Sprinturf, the company that did the installation on the Championship Field at Broomfield County Commons. Review confirmed that artificial turf is more cost-effective over a 10-year period, but more costly to install. John noted that an additional benefit is that artificial can be used nearly year-round.

Youth soccer update (use of BHS field during winter). Broomfield Youth Soccer representatives had asked Recreation Services to find out if it would be possible for them to use the artificial turf field at Broomfield High School for practices during winter months. The group is currently paying

to use an indoor facility in Westminster. John spoke with the school principal and has obtained permission for youth soccer to use the field.

Broomfield Days. 2009 Broomfield Days will be on September 18-19 in Midway Park. While the event is a substantial expense for the city, it is also a good opportunity for local businesses to advertise and for non-profits to raise money for their organizations.

Budget update. John noted that overall revenue for Recreation facilities is down 2.8%. He added that usage by the Silver Sneakers senior program has increased considerably—revenue year-to-date is close to \$1 million.

Fireworks Softball Tournament event review. John said that the event was very successful again, with 81 teams participating. He provided a handout with additional statistics.

Skate Park. Staff requested approval from City Council three weeks ago to upgrade the existing skate park. The request was approved and staff will now solicit bids from contractors. There will be several teens advising on the design, and PRAC will have input, as well. Completion is planned for spring 2010.

Update on Sustainability Task Force. Jini is PRAC's representative to the Task Force. She noted that while the process is still in the developmental stages, five subcommittees have been formed and there are several meetings to attend.

Zero Waste Station volunteers. Broomfield Days will be a "Zero Waste" event, meaning there will be efforts to ensure that as much waste as possible will be either recycled or composted. PRAC members were asked to volunteer to "man" one of the 18 Zero Waste stations.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: DATE/AGENDA ITEMS

Date. The next meeting of the PRAC will be on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Aspen Conference Room at the Paul Derda Recreation Center.

Agenda Items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Approved:

Chair

Date