



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes
February 18, 2009

Meeting Summary

Several issues pertaining to parks and recreation were discussed.

Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) was called to order by Chair Wynn Eberhard at 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2009, in the Lobby Conference Room of the City and County Building.

Present: Jini Bates, Doug Malcolm, Kathy Dolan, Wynn Eberhard, Jaci Gould

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Brian Kenyon, ex officio
Randy Ahrens, Alternate ex officio
John Ferraro, Director of Recreation Services
Ellen Cancino, Recording Secretary

Agenda Minutes

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No citizens were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Request to name a ball field after a longtime Lion's' Club member. Randy had received an email from a son of Jim Clapper requesting that Broomfield consider naming a ball field after his father. Mr. Clapper is a long-time resident and was extremely instrumental in the founding and development of youth baseball in Broomfield in the 1950's, when the program was managed by the Lions' Club. The Lions' Club continued to manage the program until the late 1980's.

PRAC finalized a recommendation to proceed with the naming of Field 1 at Broomfield Industrial Park at its January meeting. Approval of the item is on the City Council agenda for February 24. If approved, the sign will be created and a ceremony will be planned.

Additionally, Randy suggested having the senior baseball game on July 4 at the field.

Park amenities inventory. John had earlier provided a spreadsheet detailing the amenities in city parks. For analysis purposes, he had divided Broomfield into 11 geographical areas.

The Committee had further comments:

Jini: Include pools and tennis courts.

Doug: The Broadlands amenities should not be included since they are private.

Wynn: If included on the list, identify as private.

John: If an amenity serves the community, it perhaps should be included as the city would not want to add a similar amenity in the same area.

Signage Bronco Park. Staff received a request from a Westlake resident to replace the park sign.

Several pictures of park signage from around Broomfield were provided in a handout. The wide variety of styles was noted. The Committee felt it would be best to standardize the signage to provide a visual identity for Broomfield.

Regarding Westlake, Jini suggested that the resident be informed that there are not funds to replace the sign currently. Wynn suggested that perhaps the sign could be refurbished.

Staff agreed that they would research the pricing of some of the newer existing signs and report back.

Budget update. John provided spreadsheets showing the final 2008 attendance figures, noting again that the opening of Lifetime Fitness has had a definite impact on the Paul Derda Recreation Center.

Doug inquired as to why the skate park does not generate more revenue. John stated that the fees are quite low and it is supervised. He added that there are plans to remodel the skate park.

OLD BUSINESS

Designee for Sustainable Broomfield Task Force. After discussion, Jini volunteered to serve on the Task Force.

Great Outdoors Colorado. John mentioned that Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) is recruiting citizen members for its board.

PROJECT UPDATES

Broomfield MXD (McWhinney). This is the area that is being developed by the McWhinney Corp. in the Anthem community.

The Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee (OSTAC) sent a letter to the Land Use Review Commission regarding the small tract of land that was originally going to be open space—possibly a spot for prairie dog colonies. The developer wishes to make the area mixed use—

retail, residential, and business. OSTAC is opposed. Wynn said that he could certainly understand why McWhinney would want the mixed use as the tract is very visible to traffic.

Officially, PRAC had no comments for or against the proposal.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Kathy said that due to a work assignment, she would not be able to attend PRAC meetings through June. Staff will keep her informed in her absence.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: DATE/AGENDA ITEMS

Date. The next meeting of the PRAC will be on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Aspen Conference Room at the Paul Derda Recreation Center.

Agenda Items.

- Project updates
- Update on Clapper Field

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Approved:

Chair

Date