



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Minutes
June 17, 2009**

Meeting Summary

Two representatives from Broomfield Youth Soccer Association attended to discuss lighting the Championship Field at Broomfield County Commons (BCC). The election of 2009-2010 officers was held. 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 6:35 p.m., Wednesday, June 17, 2009, in the Aspen Conference Room at the Paul Derda Recreation Center (PDRC).

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

Absent: Kathy Dolan, Doug Malcolm

Others in Attendance: Robyn Donnellan, Broomfield Youth Soccer Association
James Davies, Broomfield Youth Soccer Association
Brian Kenyon, ex officio
Randy Ahrens, Alternate ex officio
Nancy Harrold, Facilities Manager
John Ferraro, Director of Recreation Services
Ellen Cancino, Recording Secretary

Agenda Minutes

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Robyn Donnellan and James Davies of the Broomfield Youth Soccer Association (BYSA) were in attendance. James stated that they were addressing PRAC with regards to possibly lighting the Championship Field at BCC. He said that Broomfield youth soccer currently has approximately 2,500 participants (1,700 in the recreational portion). The league utilizes 28 different fields for practices. There are issues with having fields for practices in the fall and winter due to it getting dark so early.

The league currently uses two indoor soccer facilities in Westminster at a rate of \$100 per hour. James asked if it would be possible to install lighting at the BCC Championship Field so that it could be used after dark. He added that the league could potentially get financial assistance for the lighting from the Colorado Youth Soccer Association.

Randy responded that promises were made to neighborhoods adjacent to BCC during its development that lighting would never be installed. Doing so would require changes to the Site Development Plan, which would be a Council issue.

Other points of discussion were:

Wynn: Could Anthem be asked put artificial turf on their proposed lighted field?

John: Lighting the Championship Field would also create traffic issues. Could be a possibility of allowing portable light towers (floodlights).

James: Field would be used approximately four nights per week, until around 7 p.m., for three months.

Jini: BYSA should do their "homework"—obtain pricing for rental lighting, get signatures from adjacent residents, and return to PRAC.

John: Will check with Boulder Valley School District to see if use of Broomfield High School football field would be allowed as an alternative.

Jini: Anthem is probably the only location available to place an artificial turf, lighted field.

Jini asked John to bring construction and maintenance costs of an artificial turf field to the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 15, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of officers. Wynn was re-elected Chair and Jini was re-elected as Vice-Chair for one-year terms.

2010 fees. John provided recreation fee comparisons (Broomfield and surrounding communities). These were reviewed and Broomfield fees were determined to be in line with others. John felt that fees should remain the same, especially with the recently-developed competition. The Committee does not recommend any increase in fees at this time.

Signage costs. Broomfield currently has a wide range of styles for park signage. John had been asked to get some sample pricing from the Park Maintenance division for PRAC to review. He distributed copies of the pricing.

The Committee had varying opinions about standardizing all park signage, but PRAC recommends that all park signage, whether installed by developers or the city, should have the Broomfield logo for easy identification.

John will develop a written recommendation and present it at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Jim Clapper field dedication. This event was held on May 28, with approximately 100 attending. Mr. Clapper and his family were very appreciative.

2010 budget preparation. City departments are being asked to cut an additional 3% in their 2010 budgets. Recreation Services will need to cut 3% from their subsidized amount. John confirmed that the current hiring freeze will continue through 2010.

Event update. The "Great American Picnic" (July 4 celebration) will again be at BCC. The event will include two live bands, several food vendors, and the fireworks display on Saturday, July 4.

The MiniHaHa triathlon was held June 14. The event is very popular; 550 available spots were filled in two hours.

The end-of-year music event for teenagers, Broomstock, was moved to BCC this year, and as always, was well attended.

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, August 19, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Aspen Conference Room at the Paul Derda Recreation Center.

Agenda Items.

- Artificial turf field expenses

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