



## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes  
October 21, 2009

### Meeting Summary

Staff provided several updates on recreation-related issues.

### 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., Wednesday, October 21, 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  
Randy Ahrens, alternate ex officio  
Ronda Jo Ackerman-Alford, CIP Manager  
Dawn Rachjaibun, Aquatics Program Manager  
Nancy Harrold, Facilities Manager  
Ellen Cancino, Recording Secretary

### Agenda Minutes

#### CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No citizens were present.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

Randy provided information on some issues with youth sports leagues that are not complying with the Rules for League Use of Ball Fields. Also, several teams that were in the Broomfield Baseball League have broken away and formed a second competitive league, Thunder Academy. It is planned to have a report about these issues on the October 27 City Council agenda.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Broomfield Days. Nancy reported that Broomfield Days was well-attended. 95% of the vendor spaces were sold.

The attempt to make the day a zero-waste event was successful, as well. Waste stations were manned by 150 volunteers who attended a training session prior to the event.

Skate Park Remodel update. The skate park, located near Community Park, was built in 1999. Up until recently, the park was supervised and a use fee was charged. Attendance has increased since those changes were made.

Improvements to the facility are budgeted. The existing modular ramps are difficult to maintain, and the park is dated. Some of the current materials can be recycled for reuse.

Staff researched the newest features for skate parks and involved local skaters to get their perspective. An agreement for the design/build contractor will go to City Council on 10/27 for its approval. If approved, completion of the project is set for May 2010.

Community Center Boiler project update. Dawn provided background on the pool equipment at the Broomfield Community Center (BCC). The facility is 35 years old and the pool equipment frequently fails.

The pool equipment is currently below grade in a hard-to-reach location. An addition to the east of BCC will be constructed for the new equipment. The boiler and filter units will be replaced. There will be short closure near year end to complete the project.

The Bay projects. An update and maintenance of The Bay aquatic park are also budgeted. A new slide will be installed and improvements will be made to existing slides. This project will hopefully be complete by the Memorial Day 2010.

Event Center. A new managing agent has been approved for the Broomfield Event Center. It is a new joint venture named Peak Entertainment formed specifically to manage the Center. The new group will focus on entertainment rather than sports.

Recreation Services will partner with the group to provide reciprocal marketing. A campaign is underway that offers complimentary Avalanche tickets with the purchase of passes for the PDRC. Similar offers are planned for the future.

The City and County will also be able to use the Center ten times per year for large events.

Budget 2009/2010 update. Nancy reported that two Recreation Services vacant positions have been 'frozen' and will not be filled. Revenues are down at the PDRC (approximately 13%), while programs remain strong at BCC. Memberships are down 24%. Staff feels competition from new facilities is the primary reason for the decrease.

## **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, January 20, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Aspen Conference Room at the Paul Derda Recreation Center.

Agenda Items.

Project updates

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Recording Secretary

Approved:

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Chair

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Date