

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

A special meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at the Community Center, 715 E Main Street and remotely via Google Hangouts. Mckenzie Lyle called the meeting to order at 7:33 am.

Roll Call

Members in attendance were Marcus Trusty, Mckenzie Lyle, Jan Johnson, Gary Crowder, Casey Martin, & Rick Bieterman. Luke Urbine & Danielle Ryan (virtually). Also in attendance were Recreation Special Projects Manager Earl Richmond, Recreation Supervisor Shane Basford, Recreation Facilities Assistant Annie Carlson, Trustee Devin Rowe and Brandon Sockwell from The Homestead.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Luke Urbine motioned to approve the agenda. Danielle Ryan seconds and motion passes unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Jan Johnson motioned to approve March minutes. Gary Crowder seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Public Comment

Nothing brought forward in public comment.

New Business

- I. Homestead Subdivision Review – Brandon Sockwell from The Homestead
 - a. The Homestead, based on the needs of the town, are focusing on rentals and affordable housing. They also wanted to provide tons of green space that is currently lacking in the neighborhoods East and West of the new subdivision.
 - b. The Homestead development plans currently include 4.5 Acres of green space when only 1.85 acres is required. This is 250% more open space than is required by code.
 - c. The types of open spaces seen on the site plans:
 - i. Pocket Parks – intimate gathering spaces. These keep kids off the roads and allow kids to walk out their front doors to accessible green space. This will serve as many of the resident’s “front yard”
 - ii. Millie Crimble Park (Phase 1 project) – Currently zoned R-1, the plan is to expand, update and rezone the park. This is currently a highly trafficked park and the only one in town that is fenced in, but the equipment is extremely dated/at the end of its life and needs some attention. Sockwell mentioned they would look to the Rec department for guidance on overall park needs/design and mentioned grants would be a funding source. The plans also show a large green space adjacent to Millie Crimble managed by the HOA.
 - iii. 2 Acre Park (South of Apartment Building) – The intent is to dedicate this to the town, which would be a huge asset to larger community (rec programming space, events, etc.) The hope with the HOA managing the green space would be to take some of the workload off Parks and Town.

- a. We have been recommended for full funding for the GOCO grant! The next step is an interview on May 11th and the final vote will come June 14th. Several other smaller grants were contingent on receiving the GOCO grant so this is good news for approval on those as well. The Billy Cordova Memorial Park 5K is being organized by One Love Endurance. The elementary school is working on a t shirt which will be an additional fundraising opportunity.

III. Board Pulse

- a. Marcus: Spoke about his experience and overall concern navigating special events as the town grows and there are more event inquiries/larger events. Thinks it would be worth looking into multi-year permit/agreement. This would streamline the process and hopefully avoid another Burro situation in the future.
- b. Jan: There has been a string of recent vandalism out at the Rodeo Grounds including bonfires and destruction of the grounds in the ring. The board is working w/ PD and they are looking at installing cameras, or other security measures.
- c. McKenzie: The Civics Bee, put on by the Chamber was a very cool program and the first year it's been run in BV. The top students will go to 'State' in Denver in May.
- d. Gary: The Legacy Stage construction is going great; lots of positive local feedback on the project. Some questions from locals about what all is going on there: Electrical was first big step, next up is irrigation and landscaping. The "Legacy Bricks" will create the dance floor in front of the stage. Parking spaces have been taken out to add more green space. Work has been done to restructure the parking lot and add rocks to create structure for the story-walk.
- e. Devin: We received a 1.6 Million dollar grant for Carbonate St. project. Joseph Teipel who has been very involved in this project is sadly resigning, Town is working on transition plan for that. Devin also accepted a new job and will be managing Forage Cannabis Store.
- f. Rick:
 - i. McPhelemy Park Story Walk has received \$7500 for funding, we are currently waiting for Common Ground grant, which would make the funding total \$12,000. A volunteer work crew is coming in May, the hope is to get an outline of the project before so that they can help with the construction. The loop around Town Lake utilizes the bridge and will be a great addition to the park and the overall revamp.
 - ii. The McGinnis Gym restoration is currently waiting on \$1,000,000 grant. Once received the hope is to start between 7/1-8/1. It's projected to take one year to complete.
 - iii. The BGCCC currently has \$4 million committed for their new building. That does not include the land donation from the town. Their goal is approx. 8 million dollars. Concerns were raised about the proposed location and how that will affect the Town's master plan in the future. The BGCCC campaign is advertising this as a town partnership, but the community usage/accessibility is still unclear. Also concerns on how this would affect the logistics/plausibility of a Rec Center in the future. Several concerns were raised, and the RAB has decided to reach out to Lisa Parnell-Rowe for further discussion and further involvement.

Next Meeting May 17, 2023

ADJOURNMENT: *Mckenzie Lyle* motioned to adjourn at 9:20am.

Respectfully submitted:

Mckenzie Lyle, Chair

Annie Carlson, Recreation Department


