



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Castle Rock Parks And Recreation Commission

July 16, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on July 16, 2014 at the Castle Rock Recreation Center, Castle Rock, CO. Tim Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Tim Miller (interim chair)

Aaron Nagel

Christi Hilgenkamp (absent)

Gabriel Quintana

Kevin Cochran

Rebecca Erickson

Michael Brumbaugh

COUNCIL LIAISONS:

Mark Heath (absent)

Jennifer Green

STAFF MEMBERS:

Rob Hanna

Jeff Brauer

Kristen Trbovich

Curt Williams

Jennifer Martin

Eileen Matheson

Jeff Smullen

I. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Addition of TAG update by Gabriel Quintana to follow the Update on Strategic Master Plan Data.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Axmacher, Castle Rock resident for 20 years, had comments on the public's perception of where the rates go for public golf for Castle Rock residents. Mr. Axmacher referenced the original goal of affordable golf in Castle Rock. He wanted to know if once the debt was reduced on the on the golf course if the rates per round would significantly reduce for residents. He thinks the rates at Red Hawk are comparable to other courses. The second part of his comments were that he has spoken to the proposed operators of the public private partnerships for zip lines and Snowflex and he hopes that their businesses thrive on the regional draw of these adventure based amenities. Mr. Axmacher wants to urge the Town and the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider their pricing structure and hopes that the residents receive a screaming deal for participating in these amenities. He proposed a two-tier system where maybe sometimes the rates were 60% off for residents them maybe another time 80-90% off.





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Rob Hanna acknowledged that while affordable golf was initially discussed, the design, terrain/landscape and maintenance requirements quickly dictated the current structure.

The debt for the Course is up for refinancing in 2015 and the goal is to lower the interest rate and issue additional funds to improve capital throughout the course to extend the life of the golf course.

The funding that was used for Philip S. Miller Park and Fieldhouse comes from an impact fee fund that is utilized for new growth. This funding is different from what the golf course utilizes. If council were interested, they could subsidize golf through the General Fund up to 10%.

The public private partnerships will only be leasing party from the Town. They are responsible as the owner/operator for their business plan. The Town was successful in negotiating a 5% return for reinvestment for the zip line tours. The lease and operation plan will be presented to Town Council on for first reading on July 22. The Council Agenda packet will be posted online at crgov.com by July 18 if interested in reviewing.

III. WELCOME NEW COMMISSION MEMBER, MICHAEL BRUMBAUGH

Commission members welcomed, Michael, for his two-year term.

IV. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (REVIEW / APPROVAL)

ACTION: Approve the minutes from the April 16, 2014 meeting as transcribed.

MOTION: Aaron Nagel

SECOND: Kevin Cochran
Motion passes 6-0

V. ELECT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2014-2015 TERM

ACTION: Elected Tim Miller as Chair for the Parks and Recreation Commission for 2014-2015 terms.

MOTION: Aaron Nagel

SECOND: Kevin Cochran
Motion passes 6-0





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- ACTION:** Elected Aaron Nagel as Vice Chair for the Parks and Recreation Commission for 2014-2015 terms.
- MOTION:** Tim Miller
- SECOND:** Kevin Cochran
Motion passes 6-0

VI. CASTLE ROCK PARKS AND TRAILS FOUNDATION UPDATE

Presented by Kristen Trbovich, Business Analyst

The Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation has gained momentum in 2014 with their fundraising projects. Currently, the Foundation has raised over \$20,000 for Philip S. Miller Park with the sale of engraved bricks and stones (*bricks can be purchased through the Foundation's website*). In addition, they have secured an offer for \$500,000 for a proposed amphitheater in Miller Park.

They are continuing to work on these two projects along with organizing ways to engage the community with other project ideas, board member expansion and overall growth.

The Foundation now has a website (www.CRPTFoundation.org), online donation options and a board of eleven community leaders and continues to recruit new members.

The Foundation's first project was to enhance the park pavilions at Miller Park by adding a fireplace and enhanced seating. The total cost of the improvements was \$20,000. Starting in the fall of 2013, the Foundation quickly raised over \$20,000 through the sale of engraved bricks (Legacy Brick) and stones (Corporate Parks Stone/Family Park Stone). These funds will be held until the park pavilions are built and the fire and seating amenities can be added. Assisting in reaching their goal, IREA donated half of the funds (\$10,000) to this project. The Foundation will continue with the brick and stone programs to raise money to support the organization's operations. The engraved bricks and stone will be placed in the patio of the park pavilion as they are sold. The parks division will develop a schedule to place new engraved stones in the patio on an annual or bi-annual basis. The initial group of bricks and stones will be displayed at the grand opening of the Park for everyone to see – along with marketing information so that others may purchase a brick or stone before the park pavilions are built.

With the first project complete and a sustainable program for ongoing funding established, the Foundation switched its sights to a larger project, the proposed amphitheater at Miller Park. Foundation Board members have approached various contacts they have regarding a large donation to the project. The





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Meadows District 1 Metropolitan Board approached the Foundation with interest in Miller Park. Because Miller Park is located within the boundaries of The Meadows, The District wanted to know if there were any projects, with which they could assist. The Foundation made a presentation to the Meadows District Board regarding the amphitheater project. They were very interested and a formal District Board meeting was called in order for them to vote on funding. They have initially committed \$500,000 to the project. Estimates for the project came in around \$1.5 million, so the contribution would be 1/3 of the total cost. The Foundation is continuing to search for possible donors or companies interested in purchasing naming rights for the amphitheater, which are still available. They plan to approach Town Council with their progress toward the amphitheater and ask that they take that into consideration when determining the next park priorities for the department.

Moving forward, the Foundation is seeking new project ideas (outside of Miller Park) from the community along with people who are interested in serving on the board. They plan to expand marketing efforts, as well.

Michael asked whom the Foundation has contacted for possible sponsorships and naming rights and asked if they have contacted Dish Network or possibly CSU Global. Kristen advised that they had spoken with IREA and American Furniture Warehouse.

VII. UPDATE ON STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN DATA

Presented by Jeff Smullen, Parks Planning and Construction Manager

This is part 1 of 2 for updates on the strategic plan prior to going to Town Council on August 26 with a recommendation. Staff will be seeking input from Parks and Recreation Commission at the August 20 meeting to help endorse the recommendation after reviewing the information provided at these two consecutive meetings.

Jeff Smullen presented the data and mapping related to overall population densities within the Town. Population mapping is overlain with the current distribution of recreational amenities in relation to population. This information is important as it identifies current gaps in service. The second method is used to help establish needs, including an analysis of the current inventory of specific amenities, such as tennis courts and athletic fields, and compares the current level of service for these amenities against national standards.

The findings of both analysis is that past efforts in planning and construction of new facilities have kept pace with demand, both in the distribution of parks and in exceeding national averages for specific amenities. However, a few gaps do



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currently exist, particularly in the Liberty Village and Castlewood Ranch filing #2 neighborhoods. Both areas are not yet fully developed and do have reasonable access to schools or private recreational amenities although they may become high priorities in the future. In addition, demand is expected to grow in the Meadows Filing #18 and the Lanterns / Crystal Valley neighborhoods although the need for parks in these areas may be several years out.

The data within this memorandum does appear to support a recommendation to continue making Philip S. Miller the priority over the next year or two before initiating the next neighborhood park project. Park staff is requesting input from the Parks and Recreation Commission to determine what they have heard from their constituents and if this is the desired direction or if Commission supports another approach.

Some of the questions asked include:

- Are any properties undersized for population density? Additional analysis needs done. Typically, the public land dedication is based on population so property size typically tracks consistently
- What are the demographics? Information is derived from the single/multifamily homes factor, which is 3 for single and 1.9 for multi-family. Do we know what future and private plans are for development? Yes, usually we know based on the PD Plan
- What is our current population and population three years from now? Current population is roughly 56,000 and by 2019 should be 60,000+
- Are there plans for a large water park similar to Water World or a splash pad? No plans for large water park. However, there are future plans for a splash pad in the core plaza at Philip S. Miller Park

Comments from Commission:

- Aaron does not think we are missing any fields being in the sports industry. He drives by fields throughout Town and sees the utilization.
- Kevin comes from the Dolphins and he thinks there is a shortage of baseball fields available. He coaches t-ball and at Bison, there are six games on one field being used consecutively. This may be okay as its t-ball but as kids get older, there may not be enough baseball fields.

Comments from staff:

- Since schools are building charter schools, the Town is unable to collaborate with them. However, the Town may need to rethink gym





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space and what will be available in the future. Kevin suggested contacting other parks and recreation departments to see how they are adapting to these new circumstances.

- We build multi-purpose fields that are good for every type of user but not great for anyone.
- Liberty Village will have 168 acres of space available; not including open space.
- Another item to be aware of when reviewing the information is that we need to be aware of open space access. Cobblestone Ranch has the most with Gateway Mesa, Hidden Mesa and Cobblestone Ranch. The trails system and open space will be the next priorities to consider.

Items to review at the next meeting:

- Programming
- Gym Space
- Future Plans of Philip S. Miller Park
- Regional versus neighborhood parks
- Athletic / baseball fields(age groups/ rentals)
- Lacrosse
- Regional standards for new trends
- Trail system and open space

VIII. UPDATES FROM TAG REPRESENTATIVE

Presented by Gabriel Quintana

TAG will be working on the community gardens for schools and a reading camp at Clear Sky Elementary.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Presented by Rob Hanna, Director of Parks and Recreation

Boards and Commissions recognition dinner has been rescheduled to Thursday, August 21 at 6 p.m. at Plum Creek Community Church.

Rob asked that all Commission members try to be present at the August Commission meeting as staff will have several items that will need Commission's recommendation for the August 26, 2014 Council meeting.

Staff may need to reschedule the October Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, as there are several individuals out of town during this period.





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The first reading of the lease agreement and operational plan for the public private partnership of zip lines at Philip S. Miller Park will be presented to Town Council on July 22, 2014. The Council packet will be available online at crgov.com by Friday, July 18.

The following are updates from the June 18, 2014 Commission meeting on items that went to Town Council on July 1.

Use of contingency funds for Philip S. Miller Park and Fieldhouse was tabled for discussion and decision until after the August 26, 2014 Council meeting where the Parks and Recreation Department will be present their Strategic Plan.

Council directed staff to solicit additional public involvement and naming suggestions for the fieldhouse. Parks and Recreation staff is working with Community Relations to create a campaign to obtain the community's input. A recommendation is anticipated to be brought forward to the Commission at the August 20 meeting.

The side path projects that were presented at the last meeting were approved by Town Council to complete construction of all safety issues that were addressed along Founders Parkway, Crowfoot Valley Road and Ridge Road. Staff will utilize funds from 2015 to cover the additional cost of the work.

X. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Aaron asked what the outstanding debt was at Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course. Rob thought it was approximately \$8-9 million.

Kevin noticed in the monthly report that there was a drop off in youth programs from year to year and wondered what staff's thoughts were on this. Eileen advised that yes, we have noticed this and our researching new programs to implement and are working on a marketing campaign with Community Relations. Rebecca asked there could be a section dedicated to marketing in the next Recreation Guide.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Aaron Nagel
SECOND: Rebecca Erickson
Motion passes 6-0

