



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Castle Rock Parks And Recreation Commission

January 17, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on January 17, 2018 at the Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park, 1381 W. Plum Creek Parkway. Brian Glotzbach called the meeting to order at approximately 5 p.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Aaron Nagel (Chair) (late)	Joe Thielen
Brian Glotzbach (Vice Chair)	Sarah Grider
Michael Waggoner	Inger Hiller

COUNCIL LIAISONS:

Mayor Jennifer Green

STAFF MEMBERS:

Jeff Brauer	Jeff Smullen
Jennifer Martin	Brian Peterson
Mike Kilman	Bob Maloney
Maia Aman	

GUESTS:

Dennis Carnahan	Ron Claussen
Brian O'Malley	Jay Sage

I. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

No modifications.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Carnahan, Crew Leader from Keepers of the Rock, provided the Parks and Recreation Commission an overview of the organization's 2017 report. This all-volunteer group is committed to sustaining Rock Park through monthly restoration outings in partnership with the Town's Teen Court program.

Usage at Rock Park increased with over 50,000 visits. 2017 was devoted to sustainably maintaining Rock Park's trails. Throughout the year, volunteers applied 11 loads of crusher fines to 1,400-feet of trail in 10 project segments on eight work days. While designated trails remain in excellent condition, some erosion now exists on east side of the property due to high use extending from Sunset Drive. Volunteers contributed 781 hours, equating to \$18,853 in labor.





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Since the group's 2004 inception, volunteers have contributed 12,624 hours equating to \$304,743.36 in labor.

Keepers of the Rock also received the 2017 Community Champion award from the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association. This award recognizes individuals and groups dedicated to positively influencing and improving the quality of community through parks, recreation and service.

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

- ACTION:** Approve the minutes from the December 20, 2017 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting as transcribed.
- MOTION:** Joe Thielen
- SECOND:** Michael Waggoner
Motion passes 5-0

IV. WELCOME NEW COMMISSION MEMBER INGER HILLER

Presented By Jeff Brauer, Director of Parks and Recreation

Jeff Brauer welcomed new Commission member, Inger Hiller. Inger moved to Castle Rock in 2009 and is a very active community member. Inger manages Castle Rock Hikes!, a hiking meet-up group with over 700 followers. Department staff and Commission members look forward to working with Inger in the coming months.

V. RECOMMENDED DATE CHANGE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2018 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Presented By Maia Aman, Administrative Supervisor

Staff suggested rescheduling the Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018 due to Thanksgiving.

- MOTION:** Michael Waggoner
- SECOND:** Joe Thielen
Motion passes 5-0



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VI. DOUGLAS COUNTY OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Presented By Ron Claussen, Castle Rock Representative from the Douglas County Open Space Advisory Committee

The Douglas County Open Space and Natural Resource Division manages properties such as Greenland Ranch and Spruce Mountain Open Space and works to safeguard additional open space through acquisition. The Douglas County Open Space program was created in 1994 through the passage of a sixth-of-a-cent sales and use tax. This tax is scheduled to sunset in 2023.

Additional conservation efforts of this Division include:

- Preservation of important wildlife habitat and movement corridors
- Perpetuation of the County's rural landscape and agricultural heritage
- Promote smart urban planning through open space community buffers
- Protection of scenic views, historic properties and archaeological resources
- Enhancement of passive recreational opportunities
- Educate through interpretive programs, guided hikes and outdoor experiences
- Contribute to positive economic development

VII. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMENTS

Presented By Parks and Recreation Staff

Planning for the new neighborhood park in The Meadows neighborhood adjacent to Aspen View Academy is underway. Design consultant, Norris Design, is working on preliminary concepts for the purpose of gaining public feedback on the direction for the park. Staff and Norris Design will present these concepts at a public meeting in early February at Aspen View Academy. An online survey will also be posted to the Town's website.

Planning for the Central Service Center is also underway. Staff anticipate receiving the second round of drawings from architect HB&A in the coming week. Current building plans include maintenance bays, indoor storage, a training facility, office space, a break room and a storage yard for equipment and material. The project will go out to public for bid by the end of the month.

The Department hired a new Aquatics Supervisor, Janice Weed. Janice will bring almost 15 years of experience to the position and was recognized as the Aquatics Professional of the Year by the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association.



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The 2018 Winter/Spring Recreation Guide was delivered to residents the end of December with a new design and style. Staff hope it proves to be more engaging for residents.

A draft of the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan is almost complete. The draft will be emailed to Commission members in the coming weeks for review. The Department will garner feedback from Commission members and the general public prior to seeking Council approval later this spring.

As part of The Meadows neighborhood, Castle Rock Development Company began the construction of 1.3 miles of 8-foot wide concrete trail to connect the Native Legend and the East Plum Creek trails near the Town Center.

This year's Daddy Daughter Ball will be held on Friday, Feb. 9 at the Douglas County Events Center, featuring *A Night in Paris* theme. The Ball is one of the Departments most well attended events and staff anticipate nearly 2,000 participants. The event also functions as an economic catalyst, driving business to local restaurants.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at roughly 6:15 p.m.

MOTION: Aaron Nagel
SECOND: Sarah Grider
Motion passes 6-0

