

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2009
CASTLE ROCK PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on February 18, 2009 at Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course, 2156 Red Hawk Ridge Drive, Castle Rock, CO. Ron Claussen, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Claussen (Chair)	Rebecca Erickson (absent)
Dee Morgenthaler	Caryn Johnson
Nyle Miller	
Lindsey Stluka (TAG)	

COMMISSION LIAISON PRESENT:

Mitch Dulleck (absent)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Hanna	Jennifer Martin
Jeff Brauer	Eileen Matheson
Kristen Trbovich	Curt Williams

II. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

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

ACTION: Approve the January 21, 2009 minutes as transcribed.
MOTION: Dee Morgenthaler
SECOND: Nyle Miller
Motion passes 5-0.

IV. FESTIVAL PARK UPDATES

Town staff has been working with Design Concepts to provide different concept models for creating a pedestrian friendly environment along Second Street next to Festival Park. This information has been provided to the Downtown Advisory Commission who was able to review and make comments and will also be presented to the Downtown Development Authority for input.

Staff will work cooperatively with business owners and the DDA to ensure that the needs of the community are met. Business owners would prefer that parking be nearby enabling the convenience of the local shopper to their preferred destination.

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These concept models (Current, Slalom and Melodies) were shown to Parks and Recreation Commission for their input and feedback on each individual design. Some general comments from Commission members were:

- They would prefer to see a restroom facility
- Cars and pedestrians shouldn't coexist; therefore, they like the idea of closing Second Street completely to vehicles. Currently, the parking on Second Street is underutilized.
- Second Street would be a nice area to have sidewalk sales and a place to set up eating areas.
- It wouldn't make sense to move forward with any of three concepts models presented unless it had a water feature to draw visitors to the area. (Dee Morgenthaler)

V. BURGESS POOL DISCUSSIONS

Commission was engaged in a discussion to determine the feasibility of opening Burgess Pool at Centennial Park this summer based on the repair and maintenance required and the amount of money needed to operate the facility from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Staff will continue to have these discussions with Commission and Council members before determining the best solution for the residents.

VI. STRATEGIC PLAN PARKS AND RECREATION DECISION MAKING MODEL

At the February 17, 2009, Council meeting, Jeff Brauer provided an update to Town Council on the timeline and process for this strategic plan. The Council memo outlined three strategic objectives of the Decision Making Model 2009-2014 of what the staff and Commission will accomplish with input from the citizens:

1. Provide park and recreation amenities, programs and services that will promote the overall health, wellness and quality of life of Castle Rock citizens.
2. Develop and maintain program components that serve the recreational demands and needs of Castle Rock citizens through a balanced system of passive and active recreation opportunity and direct resources to specialized activities for community benefit.
3. Provide park and recreational facilities that remain consistent with the mission described in the Comprehensive Master Plan and Vision 2020 Plan, and growth of the Town of Castle Rock.

This is a public process with the community designed to identify and prioritize what can be accomplished in the Parks and Recreation Department with the financial resources available. The process will be presented to the citizens, user groups, environmental advocates and other potentially affected interests through

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meetings with Park and Recreation Commission; special hearings, and contact points with Town Council. Through the Master Plan Update process, the public input identified needs and wants of the community. This process will analyze additional recreation facilities, park development, open space preservation, trail connections and a baseline five-year plan for all Park and Recreation improvements.

With that being said, Jeff Brauer, provided an overview of how the Parks and Recreation Department (including golf) are funded. He explained the different types of revenue sources for each division and/or fund as well as the types of expenditures that can be utilized through each fund. This overview will be used as a guideline for Parks and Recreation Commission members when trying to prioritize projects within the Parks and Recreation Department. Based on this funding information as well as information received from the Community Survey and as outlined in the DRAFT version of the 2007 Master Plan Update, Commission will need to make a recommendation on the 5-year CIP for the Parks and Recreation Department. This recommendation should encompass what we want, location, when this project is to occur, how it will occur and the criteria used to make this decision. Staff will be conducting these public sessions at the next 3-4 Parks and Recreation Commission meetings and will provide a brief update to Town Council in April. A few items that Commission was reminded to think of, based on previous Town Council or Parks and Recreation Commission discussions/meetings, are the requests for:

- Lights at Rhyolite Regional Park
 - Park in Castle Oaks
 - Joint project with Douglas County/Parker for ice or pool facilities (Town Council is still having these conversations with both entities).
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Jeff also informed Commission that Council member Paul Donahue, praised the Parks and Recreation amenities that are available for the citizens as he hears nothing but great things from the community.

VII. UPDATE FROM TAG- PROVIDED BY LINDSEY STLUKA

TAG has been given the opportunity to conduct the raffle for the Daddy Daughter Ball, therefore, creating TAG's first fundraising efforts. TAG members will also be assisting with the Daddy Daughter Ball event on Saturday, February 21 at Castle View High School.

In March, the group will be conducting a food drive.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE DIRECTOR-ROB HANNA

Town Council approved the purchase of land from private property owners for the completion of the East Plum Creek Trail on February 10. Council approved the

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first reading of the ordinance for the appropriations of funds for this purchase on February 17 and the second reading will occur on February 24.

The RFP for the golf cart lease as well as the resolution supporting a GOCO grant for the planning of the Castle Rock Regional Park Project in The Meadows South property will be on the February 24 Council agenda.

Arbor Day will be on Friday, April 17 at Bison Park in The Meadows. Youth from Clear Sky Elementary will be invited to plant trees.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Carnahan, Crew Leader from Keepers of the Rock, wanted to thank staff for the new trailhead signs that were placed at the three access points to the park. He said, "A picture is worth a thousand words." He also liked the new sidewalks along Canyon Street saying that they were well needed and are utilized by park visitors and neighbors. Keepers of the Rock will be working on Wildland restoration and knapweed abatement in 2009 and have a created a "Weed Warrior" program. In addition, Keepers is looking for crew leaders for 2009. Interested parties can contact Dennis Carnahan.

X. COMMISSION COMMENTS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Caryn Johnson

SECOND: Nyle Miller

Motion passes 5-0