

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
October 19, 2011
CASTLE ROCK PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on October 19, 2011 at the Castle Rock Recreation Center, Castle Rock, CO. Ron Claussen, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Claussen (Chair)	Kenzie Dulleck (absent)
Caryn Johnson	Rebecca Erickson
Rich Ward	Carla Collinge (absent)

COMMISSION LIAISONS PRESENT:

Brian Logan (absent)	Jennifer Green
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

I. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

ACTION: Cancel the November and December 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission meetings.

MOTION: Caryn Johnson
SECOND: Rebecca Erickson
Motion passes 4-0.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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

ACTION: Approve the September 12, 2011 meeting minutes as transcribed including the joint meeting minutes from Douglas County Parks Advisory Board.

MOTION: Rich Ward
SECOND: Rebecca Erickson
Motion passes 4-0.

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IV. OIL AND GAS DRILLING WITHIN TOWN LIMITS, JEFF BRAUER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Jeff Brauer provided an update based on Development Services staff report. The purpose and intent of their report is to update the Parks and Recreation Commission on oil and gas drilling potential within the Town limits and on Town Council's direction to staff regarding preparation of an ordinance addressing the issues outlined in this staff report.

Although most of the drilling activity in Colorado is currently occurring in Weld and Garfield Counties, oil companies are investigating mineral rights ownership in Elbert and Douglas Counties. So far the Town has had one inquiry about drilling within the Town's boundaries and the County has had at least one inquiry for drilling adjacent to the Town's boundary.

Staff is seeking input from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding issues to be considered in drafting oil and gas regulations.

Ron Claussen wants to be sure that open space and parks are protected and that the Town has input on where the wells would be located. He is concerned about the visual impact to our lands and is also concerned about the existing habitat.

Commission encourages language that prohibits developing on parks and trails.

V. HANGMAN'S GULCH TRAIL DESIGN UPDATE, RICH HAVEL, TRAILS PLANNER

Rich Havel provided an update on Phase 1 and 2 of the Hangman's Gulch Trail project that is part of the 5-year Capital Improvement Project for 2011 and 2012.

The Hangman's Gulch Trail is the Town's main east/west multi-use recreational trail located near the Douglas County High School and the Castle Rock Recreation Center along the Hangman's Gulch Channel.

This critical project will link the East Plum Creek Trail system to the Woodlands Trail system. Once completed, this multi-use trail will be a destination for recreational use along the Hangman's Gulch, while providing a vital but scenic commuter connection to downtown businesses, shops, restaurant, schools, parks, community centers and other attractions.

Regionally, this trail segment is crucial in forming the crossroads of the Colorado Front Range Trail between Chatfield State Park to the north/west and the Cherry Creek State Park to the north/east and has been identified by the State's Colorado Front Range Trail Plan as high priority for completion.

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VI. UPDATE FROM TAG - KENZIE DULLECK

None.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE DIRECTOR, ROB HANNA, DIRECTOR

Council approved the guaranteed maximum price construction contract for Burgess Pool. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Tuesday, October 4 at the pool, of which, pictures and an article will be in the next Outlook magazine. Demolition and construction has begun and the project is currently on schedule.

Staff presented funding options for Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course to Town Council on October 4. Some of the key findings from the report prepared by staff included information from the Front Range Golf Admin meetings that showed Castle Rock as one of the top three locations that is seeing an increase with rounds and revenue. This is very encouraging information. General direction was to continue our current course understanding that continued analysis would be on the horizon given economic conditions and meeting debt and service obligations. Council expressed interest and support for continued volunteer opportunities to offset costs.

Council voted to support the Town Hall Downtown LED signage proposal and directed staff to finalize and implement the signage program. The LED sign replaces the old banner pole along Wilcox Street.

Staff will seek endorsement from Council for a resolution supporting a \$200,000 state trails grant request for Hangman's Gulch Trail (Phase 2) on October 25.

Staff will seek direction from Town Council on November 8 for funding options / priorities for Philip S. Miller Park.

Ridgeline Open Space will be closed on October 30 for the Ridgeline Rally Colorado high school mountain bike championships. Event promoters are expecting 100-300 racers for the event.

Rhyolite Bike Park will be hosting the Cyclocross cup race on Sunday, November 20. Event promoters are expecting between 300-500 racers for the event.

Staff received ten bids for the design of Philip S. Miller Park and is currently reviewing the packets received. Construction is expected to begin in 2013.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commission would like to receive e-mail updates on the status of Castle North Park construction as well as other current projects (Burgess Pool, Hangman's Gulch and Philip S. Miller Park) since we will not be meeting in November and December.

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Caryn Johnson
SECOND: Rich Ward
Motion passes 4-0.