

Town of Nederland, Colorado
Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 18th, 2009

7:00 pm

Nederland Community Center

1. Call to Order

Members Present: Trustee Masters, Members Lee, Wight, Wilkening, Harrison, Hammers

Guests Present: Marca Hagensted, Barry Bannett, Keith Lowicky, Lex Ivey, Katrina Harms

2. Approval of the minutes from February 15th, 2009

Unanimous approval

3. Forest Health Community Wildfire Protection Plann (CWPP)

Members of the Indian Peaks Forest Alliance (IPFA) were present to discuss the creation of the CWPP with PROSAB members. The purpose of the CWPP is to prioritize fire mitigation areas and get grants to complete the necessary work. Proposals and estimates need to go to planning firms. Jenny Rice of Gold Hill is a private consultant that has worked on a CWPP plan for the Gold Hill area. A CWPP must be approved from the State Forest Service.

So far for Nederland, the fire department has eight thousand dollars available but need a cost estimate for the creation of the CWPP. Phase 1 of this process will entail a cost proposal and an RFQ with a deadline of April 2009 in mind.

Fire Chief Rick Dirr asked if the town was backing this process? Trustee Masters said he would be in communication with Jim Stephens to see if money was available.

It is important that the CWPP is written correctly in order to receive matching funds from the state.

QUESTIONS: Can IPFA members write the CWPP?

Where does the money come from for mitigation and the writing of the CWPP?

Is the State Forester responsible for writing the CWPP?

At this point Jenny Rice and Lex Ivy will work together with Anchor Point- a wildfire consulting agency- to draft a proposal.

Trustee Masters mentioned the idea that there might be a possibility that the town could use the budget contingency from the town shop moving project and offer up that money for the CWPP as the shop project is stalled.

Can we use stimulus money for this project? This money is not yet available.

Rick Dirr mentioned that Nederland will be hiring three new paid staff that may have experience writing CWPPs, and that as a last resort, these positions could work on the CWPP. He also stated that he would rather use the available funds for mitigation and to get matching funding than to do planning for the CWPP. He brought up an important point of homeowner participation, education, mitigation and tax credits for this as an additional resource for this process. Neighborhood slash pick-up days have happened in the past and been successful.

Once the CWPP is in place, its purpose will be to identify 10-15 areas within forest boundaries that are important to mitigate in order to ensure the safety of the town of Nederland in the case of wildfire. If these areas are not practical to mitigate (i.e. too steep, challenging access) then signage will be written into the plan to help educate the public.

There is a 3-5 year renewal on the CWPP where towns and participants must reevaluate and re-prioritize. Money is needed for this after the formation of the initial CWPP. It would also be helpful to have GIS work for the CWPP area and the town.

SORT YARD: May 31st public hearing

4. Trails Project

The first and only bid on the CC connector trail came back very high above the proposed budget. There is 60 thousand dollars are left unspent. Will we need to re-adjust our priorities or carve out money so that we can make sure that the interpretive signs and trail signs? The interpretive signs are important, are they still going to happen? At the least the sign at the visitor center is priority. Unanimous decision to prioritize the signs and from there, figure out what to do with the existing budget on the CC connector after hearing more from Paul Turnburke. Perhaps we will have to simplify our goals or phase the project as the board has discussed in the past.

Mary Lou Harrison and Randy Lee showed their rough draft for the recreational interpretive sign. This included pictures with a center blurb about volunteer groups writing key captions about volunteerism and recreation in Nederland.

Katrina Harms presented her rough draft for the historical interpretive sign. The main idea is History: What makes a town? The sign will include a timeline with Boom and Bust tops, pictures etc...

SIGNS/LOGOS: Member Hammers presented costs for products.

Recycled plastic goes for 1.35 per 1 inch letter, \$5 for a logo. We will need 11 different signs with text and to figure out price.

Member Hammers presented logo samples. Extras such as coasters, ornaments and gifts for volunteers were discussed.

The directional arrows are made of the same material and set over the logo. Colors were discussed.

Six posts are needed for signs. Trustee Masters said he would work on procuring these.

With a budget of 60K, we will need to carve out roughly 5 thousand for signs.

5. Gateway Park Planning: Randy Lee

Member Lee presented the draft survey including a map and picture. The plan is to stuff these in the Mountain Ear newspaper, and distribute around town.

6. Boating on Barker

The next step in this process is to set up a meeting about safety with the police chief and fire chief, Ken Robinson and Rick Dirr.

7. Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting will be Thursday, April 16th, 7 PM Community Center.