

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

Thursday, July 16th, 2009
7:00 pm
Nederland Community Center

Members Present: Lee, Masters, Wight, Harrison, Lindseth, Harrison, Nowicki

Guests Present: Paul Turnburke, Joe Gierlach, Scott Hammers, Sue Churches

1. Approval of Minutes from May 28th: Minutes unanimously approved
2. Introduction of new PROSAB members Keith Nowicki and Brad Lindseth in place of Steve Taormina and Scott Hammers.

3. Trails Project;

CC connector and fiber optic line update: Paul Turnburke. Investigative digging has revealed fifty feet in the middle of the work area that needs to be relocated. This is scheduled to happen in the next 2-3 weeks. In the interim, low walls will be built along the rough trail. The walls will be shorter than planned and there will be no seating areas built at this time. There is a contractor bid for \$8-9K for this work. There is potential for asphalt to be delivered in collaboration with the DDA sidewalk project by the end of the summer.

Trustee Masters mentioned the idea of removing the chain link fence at the top of the trail and replacing with boulders or buck and rail fence.

Finishing touches for the CC connector will be fill for the crossing from Navajo trail to the community center and the potential for a crosswalk with lights. These will be determined in the future.

Jow Gierlach mentioned that recycled asphalt from the elementary school could be used to connect the community center trail to Navajo and be added to the community center parking lot.

4. Gateway Park update: Randy Lee

Delays in the sewer treatment plant mean that pressure for design and implementation is lessened. The survey results are in, and the next step is to have a public meeting. Member Lee passed out a tally of the survey results for members to see. Lee will email results to all members and plans to create a presentation for a public meeting.

Nedsk8 has time to put into a new project.

Paul Turnburke mentioned that the fishermans parking lot needs the promised bathroom built by the City of Boulder.

Joe Gierlach mentioned Learning Landscapes, a CU Masters program that facilitates meetings to collect ideas and data and helps in planning, decisions, drawings for GOCO grants. The contact is the Director for Children, Youth and Environments. Randy, Joe and Paul will connect on this. The GOCO planning grant is due August 20th for the second attempt, Paul Turnburke will resubmit the last proposal.

5. Interpretive Signs: Scott Hammers, Sue Churches

Dallas will contact Jill Dreves and Katrina Harms about content editing. Sue churches passed out drafts of the interpretive signs for discussion. Massive feedback session. Locations for signs must be solidified.

Marker signs were ordered. Content for trail signs must be to Scott by next week so ordering can take place.

Trustee Masters will work on getting 6x6 posts for mounting. At the next meeting, a date will be set for volunteers to install signs.

6. Boating on Barker: Brad Lindseth

Last month, Members Lindseth and Wilkening met with Al Nelson to discuss this project. A question came up: Would a staff member or volunteer be monitoring the boating or would an at your own risk honor system be in place? Perhaps a permit system through the hardware store could be a possibility?

Brad asked if any boating has ever happened on Barker Res? Trustee Masters will contact Katrina Harms at the Historical Society.

Town insurance question: As a comparison, Brad contacted Estes Park who has a boating program on a Lake Estes of similar elevation, temperature, etc. They pay \$500 per year for insurance. Member Lindseth will follow up to find out more.

7. Open space acquisition request discussion

This is a yearly request for projects that need to be prioritized for the creation of open space in Boulder County. Ideas are a trail to the high school along the road to Eldora, an escape route from big springs to the west in case of fire, and the creation of an upstream corridor from the bridge to town owned land along Middle Boulder Creek. All agreed we should seek the same requests from Boulder County this year.

Trustee Masters brought up the question of the Mary Wingate property--why is the town paying to purchase this property? Is it a buffer for town? Is it a connector to Forest land? Is it to preserve hilltop property from development? Can it be utilized in a better way since it is being purchased? This discussion will continue at a later time.

8. Meeting Adjourned:

Next Meeting August 20th, 7:00 PM Nederland Community Center