



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

*Wednesday, September 1, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.*

WebEx Meeting

**MINUTES**

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shannon Crouthers, Chair; Bobbie McClure, Vice-Chair; Rick Eriksen, Marty Tessmer, Mike Ely, Angela Zbikowski, Andre Hickman, Sydney Futrell, Bryan Taylor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tracy Young, Manager of Parks, Planning, Design and Construction; Joe Sack, Manager of Recreation Services; John Perkins, Senior Project Manager of Public Works; Haven Cassidy, Principle Engineer of Public Works; Trina Rodriquez, Facilities Project Delivery Manager of Public Works; and Suzie Jaquith, Administrative Supervisor

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Brooke Bell, Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** By Parks & Recreation Board Chair Crouthers at 5:05 p.m.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS:** None

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The Agenda for the September 1, 2021 meeting was approved after a motion was made by Member Eriksen and seconded by Member Zbikowksi.

**IV. ADOPTION OF PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES –**  
The July 7, 2021 meeting Minutes were approved after a motion was made by Member Zbikowksi and seconded by Member Tessmer.

**V. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS/REMINDERS**

A. Public Works Construction Team gave an update on Southeast Recreation Center Project.

- The site for Southeast Recreation Center is located at 25400 E. Alexander Drive, Aurora, CO 80016, off Harvest Road, just south of Infinity Middle School. A site plan was shared with board members.
- Current permitted square footage of 74,042 make up the recreation center with fieldhouse addition adding another 2,750 sq. ft. for a total of 76,792 sq. ft.
- Exterior renderings were shared showing locations of the gymnasium on the left and the natatorium on the right from the vantage point of looking at the front entrance. On the west side of the building is a two-storied glassed section that will house the fitness area with multi-purpose rooms to the left.
- The lower level features an indoor pool, field house, and fitness area.
- The upper level features an elevation changing indoor fitness track that runs along the perimeter of the fitness and gymnasium areas.
- Outdoor lightening through windows will be controlled by louvers mounted outside the building and automatic window shade coverings.
- Structural steel of building will be completed in September 2021.

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- Substantial completion is schedule for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2022 with grand opening scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023.
- Member McClure asked how the fieldhouse was funded. Joe Sack replied no additional funding was needed to add the fieldhouse. The budget for the project was realigned to cover the cost.
- Member McClure asked if there was highway access to the recreation center. Joe Sack replied E-470 is in close proximity as well as the major roads of Quincy, Hampden and Gun Club making the recreation center easily accessible for visitors near and far.
- Member McClure asked if the pool design will include any special features. Joe Sack replied there will be a modest lazy river area; a large indoor/outdoor winding slide; a smaller slide for younger children; a water table where children can manipulate water flow; seating inside the pool; and four lap lanes.

B. PROS Update – Joe Sack, Recreation Services Manager

- PROS Update – Joe Sack, Recreation Services Manager reported on upcoming events.
- Marketing and Special Events Team is holding the first event in a series called “Park Lights and Movie Nights” on September 1<sup>st</sup> at Spencer Garrett park. There are 6 movie events scheduled at various parks on Thursday evenings through September.
- Member Crouthers asked how parks are chosen for “Park Lights and Movie Nights”. Joe replied staff chooses parks located all throughout Aurora and take into consideration parking, restrooms, and topography of the park.
- Meadow Hills Golf Course is hosting the Aurora Amateur Golf Championship Tournament on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Joe asked board members to review the updated member roster and report any corrections that need to be made to staff.
- Member McClure asked for an update on Parklane pool renovations. Joe Sack replied due to some product shipping delays and subcontractors’ difficulties keeping a labor force, project completion has been delayed to the end of September. Grand opening is scheduled for approximately 2 weeks following Memorial Day Weekend of 2022.
- Member McClure asked if a fence will be installed on either side of the basketball court at Hoffman park. Tracy Young, Manager of Parks, Planning, Design and Construction replied fencing will be added as part of the larger construction project which includes playground renovation and replacement and additional walks. Construction is scheduled to start this fall and finish in spring.

## VI. BOARD MEMBERS REMARKS

A. Comments from Board Members

- Member Tessmer shared a website called [Climateparkchange.net](http://Climateparkchange.net). It gives recommendations based on county to suggests ways parks can accommodate climate change for that geographical area. Tracy Young commented staff is

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proposing a system master plan be included in the 2022 capital budget. Social and environmental issues will also be a part of the master plan.

- Member Crouthers thanked staff for responding to report of teenagers entering Aqua Vista pool outside pool hours. Staff found a gate that was left unlocked.
- Member McClure asked why track was not offered as one of the Recreation Sports programs this year. Joe Sack replied the track program is ran through CARA (Colorado Parks and Recreation Association) and due to Covid restrictions, Recreation was not able to participate. Joe is hopeful to have the track program back for spring and summer of 2022.

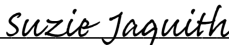
**VII. FUTURE MEETINGS**

A. Wednesday, October 6, 2021 – Virtual meeting – Webex

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** – Member Zbikowski made a motion to adjourn and Member Eriksen seconded. The motion passed at 6:02 p.m.

  
 Shannon Crouthers (Oct 13, 2021 08:39 MDT)  
 Shannon Crouthers, Chair;  
 Parks & Recreation Board

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 Suzie Jaquith, Administrative Supervisor

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