



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting minutes of April 5th, 2023

1. Call to Order

Cory Moul called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum:

There were sufficient members for a quorum.

A. Members Present:

Cory Moul, Jeremy Hammen, Lisa Snyder, Lois Remely, Stephanie Brown, David McWilliams, Jason Robbins, Charles Flores

B. Members Absent:

Jan Pawlowski, Mary Ellen Pollack

C. Staff Present:

Travis Haines, Mark Heidt, Kyle Sylvester, Jeffery Hulett, Rhiannon Natali and Veronyka Gonzalez

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Cory Moul led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Stephanie Brown motioned that the minutes of the April 5, 2023, meeting be approved as presented, Jeremy Hammen seconded. Motion Passed.

5. Additions to Agenda:

None

6. Guest(s):

Jac Cuney and Julie Ratliff

Guest Julie Ratliff spoke about pickle ball and the need of dedicated pickle ball courts inside and outside. Guest Jac Cuney was there and spoke about the need of pickle ball courts as well.

7. Report of Bike Brighton Sub-committee:

Jeremy Hammen motioned to accept the April 6th, 2023, Bike Brighton Sub-committee minutes, Jason Robbins seconded. Motion passed.

David McWilliams Bike Brighton Rep reported on the sub-committee. He mentioned that some of their members have been attending different events that Fher and Peers have been setting up for the Brighton Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Multimodal Plan. Few of them attended the downtown walking audit. Reminded everyone that their will be a Bike Audit with Fher and Peers as well on April 12th. First full moon bike ride on April 4th was cancelled due to the weather. Next ride will be the Bike and Brewery being held on April 22nd. David mentioned a couple of members would be joining the Ride of Silence in Fort Collins in remembrance for anyone who has lost their life while riding.

Mark Heidt mentioned the Bike to Work day event happening on Wednesday, June 28th, 2023 from 6:30AM to 8:30AM

Veronyka Gonzalez mentioned to the group about the updated that have happen on the City of Brighton's website and all the bike ride schedules and maps are on the website now. They can be found under the Bike Brighton Sub Committee Webpage.

<https://www.brightonco.gov/606/Bike-Brighton-Sub-Committee>

8. Bromley Farm Presentation

Anna from Boots and Shorty presented on what they have done at the Bromley Farm in 2022 and what is to come in 2023. Veronyka attached their presentation to the May 3, 2023 agenda.

9. Report of District Plan Commission:

Kyle Sylvester reported on the District Plan Commission. He talked about the Splendid Valley signage replacement they should be completed in the next two months. Kyle also reported on the Wagner Mayhew closing happening on April 13th, 2023.

10. Tree Board:

Kyle Sylvester introduced Patrick Laphillip our City Forester who did an update he mentioned that they put in a Purchase order to order a Wood chipper. They've been awarded a grant through the Colorado Tree Collation that will be dedicated towards implementing a more row bust treatment program. He mentioned that the City of Brighton was just recognized for 37 years of Tree City USA status. Upcoming events happening are the in person pick up for the tree sale will be on Friday April 14th from 8:00am to 2:00pm and Saturday April 15th. The Highschool Beautification Project will be on May 6th, 2023 at Carmichael Park. Patrick asked the group to stick around at the end to vote on their favorite poster from the 2023 Arbor Day Tree Contest.

11. Cemetery:

Rhiannon Natali reported on the Cemetery. She said that they had 46 services in Quarter 1. She reported that she set up a date with Margaret Wallace for the Bill Wallace memorial dedication happening on May 6th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. They will be starting the irrigation system at Elmwood Cemetery later in April and then Fairview will be next. She is working with Open Space about their Tree needs and different projects that they have for this season. She mentioned that they will be revamping the Memorial Tree Program where people can buying a tree and planting at the cemetery. They have only had 2 seasonal applications and she will have 2 interns this year as well.

12. Reports:

Chairperson Cory Moul: Had nothing to report.

Members: No one had anything to report.

School District Charles Flores: Reported that they are gearing up for the Spring getting everything cleaned up and ready to get turned on. The Brighton High School construction is still going and in line to open in August 2023. They are getting their seasonals hired and getting everyone retrained.

Staff:

- **Jeffery Hulett** talked about getting ready for the summer season and summer registration stating this weekend. Soccer has started as well for the season. They started to prep Oasis they painted and resurfaced the children's part of the pool, got new picnic tables and re-did the climbing wall. They hired a new fitness supervisor her name is Catherine Majors, she comes to us from the YMCA.



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- **Kyle Sylvester** talked about getting the basketball courts completed at both Motoya Park and Brighton Park, the weather had them held up on getting them completed. The irrigation project at Brighton Park is getting completed in a couple weeks. They had their pre-construction meeting to get the Musco lights up at the Adult Sport Complex. He spoke about the project going on at Water Tower Park.
- **Mark Heidt** talked about organizations that the Parks and Rec department works with occasionally one of them is for the Sister Cities. They wanted to express their appreciation on anyone who donated last year at the beginning of the Ukrainian war and those who attended their benefit at the begging of February. BJJ group will be celebrating their 75th year anniversary this year. Benedict Park Improvements grant was submitted last week to Adams County, we wont until June or July if we get the grant. Speer Canal Trail will get one section completed by Bromley Charter. Mark announced his retirement on June 9th, 2023.
- **Travis Haines** talked about Mark's position getting posted they changed the title from Assistant Director to a Parks Planning, Development and Grant Manager. They've already received applications. He mentioned if anyone wants anything in the future presented at our meetings to let us know and we will get it added to the agenda, updates or presentations. Travis mentioned that he spoke to the Parks Director from Commence City and they would like to do a joint meeting with the PRAB. Travis will get it planned for the fall.

13. Future Agenda Items:

14. Dates to remember:

Jason Robbins added the Historic Presevation Gala is happening next month, reach out to him if anyone has any questions about it.

- May 20th, 2023 – Historic Preservation Gala at the Armory

15. Adjournment:

Jeremy Hammen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m., Jason Robbins seconded. Motion passed.