



## Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting minutes of June 7, 2023

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**1. Call to Order**

Cory Moul called the meeting to order at 5:37 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, David McWilliams, Jason Robbins, Jan Pawlowski and Charles Flores.

**B. Members Absent:**

Stephanie Brown and Mary Ellen Pollack.

**C. Staff Present:**

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

**3. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Cory Moul led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

Jeremy Hammen motioned that the minutes of the May 3, 2023, meeting be approved as presented, Jason Robbins seconded. Motion Passed.

**5. Additions to Agenda:**

**6. Guest(s):** *Traci McLean Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Brighton  
Pearce Miller Management Analyst I for the City of Brighton*

**7. Sustainability Update**

Traci McLean gave a presentation on Sustainability. She gave an update on the single hauler, grants that are in the process, Led Street light conversion, Sustainability Plan and establishing a Sustainability Advisory Board.

**8. Boards and Commissions Experience Survey**

Pearce Miller gave a presentation on a Board and Commissions Experience Survey. He is wanting feedback from current Board members and value the impact of the survey and how to help recruit more residents to participate in our City Board and Commissions.

**9. Open Space Presentation:**

Bob Woods gave a presentation on Open Space Department. The department takes care of 800 acres of open space, 51 miles of roadside mowing, 50 miles of trails that they maintain and over 6,000 trees in the city. One of the exciting things they are doing this year is phasing in their gas operating equipment and starting to use battery operated equipment this will be a 2-year phase to convert over. Another exciting equipment that the department that they just purchased is a weed steam machine it uses low pressure steam to kill weeds vs. the department spraying pesticides around town to kill the weeds. Grazing goats that will be coming into the city to help weed control at Ken Mitchell due to

all the rain the goats have been postponed until September. Another exciting program coming to the City of Brighton for the summer is called Agents of Discovery. This is a new augmented reality game played on your phone that gets people engaged in learning about our parks, nature, and the environment. Another exiting program they are working on is getting more people out on the trails by working with Kathy's Karts. They help get people that have mobility issues on golf carts get around. They have been working in Thornton and Adams County assisting with programs and rides. The team has installed 4 new trail counters as well.

#### **10. Report of Bike Brighton Sub-committee:**

Jeremy Hammen motioned to accept the May 4th, 2023, Bike Brighton Sub-committee minutes, Jason Robbins seconded. Motion passed.

David McWilliams reported on behalf of the Bike Brighton Sub-committee they were able to finally have their first full moon bike ride on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. 52 people attended this ride. They had folks there from Barr Lake handing out treats to the kids and participants. May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, four of the BB members went up to Fort Collins for the Ride in Silence event. The committee is in the planning stages to bring the same ride to the City of Brighton community to honor the fallen bike riders. Lois added that she would encourage members to plan this ride to bring awareness about sharing the road and the safety of bike riders. Summer fest was this past weekend, and the weather didn't cooperate with the event, they had about 160 people they spoke to at the event, Annie Rice from Fehr and Peers was there as well discussing to the community about the Brighton Bicycle, Pedestrian and Multimodal Plan. They as well gave away 6 prizes during the event. The weather did clear up after summer fest and had about 40 riders attended the ride. Prepping for our next event which is Bike to workday. David thanked Mark Heidt for all his hard work on bringing the Biking to our community and all your work on the committee.

#### **11. Report of District Plan Commission:**

Kyle Sylvester reported on the planning commission. He talked to the group about the directional signage being in motion on getting done. The signage along sable and 144<sup>th</sup> will point you in the right direction where the berry patch farm is and others. They are hoping it will be done in the next month but there has been a lot of planning that has been put in place to get them done.

#### **12. Cemetery:**

Rhiannon Natali reported on the Cemetery. She reported that they have had 70 burials so far this year. She said that 57 graves were sodded. The area that they repaired and tilted up, raked it and seeded it and. They did some stump grinding with the open space department they were able to get rid of one of the big stumps from last years storms. They are working on irrigation issues all the sprinkler heads have been replaced at the Fairview cemetery. Memorial Day went well the Boy scouts put out flags on all the veteran's gravesite on the Saturday before. This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cemetery walk.

#### **13. Reports:**

##### **Chairperson Cory Moul:**

- **Nothing to report.**

##### **Youth Representative**

- N/A



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### School District Rep Charles Flores:

- School out for the summer and they have been able to get into the fields and finish up the spring weed control turf around the buildings. With the mowing crew they are between 13 to 17 days in-between mows. Native properties are included in the mow schedules as well. Working on parking lot repairs inside of Brighton the two biggest ones are for Overland Trail Middle School and Southeast Elementary school are scheduled to be tore up and repaired this summer. Brighton High School expansion is still in the works and expected to open in August 2023 for the next school year.

### Staff:

- **Jefferey Hulett** reported that they had a successful Kids to Park Day and move with the mayor at the Brighton Park. They also celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rec center. Oasis is up and running and the splash pads. Summer camp started on Monday and are filled to the max with 60. Capital project updates they had their mandatory pre-bid for the gym expansion with more offices for staff. The big slide at the rec center has been challenging and looking at date of September 2024 before it re-opening.
- **Kyle Sylvester** reported that the playground at the Recreation center is getting completed they just finished doing the pour in place. Donldson playground is getting started next week and should be done in a month. Our tennis court and basketball court are mostly done, only Colorado Park is delayed, and we are working with the contractor to get it corrected. Adult Complex led lights are in process and should be done quickly. MSC building will be breaking ground at the end of this month are we are excited to get the new building that will be shared by Parks and Open Space, Streets, and utilities departments. The Adams County grant committee approved our grant funding for Benedict Park Improvements, it was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> out of 15 projects \$1,750,00.00 was awarded to the City for the grant.
- **Mark Heidt** reported that if you are interested in the wall mural that is going up at the Wells Fargo wall, he has a picture he can show you of what the art committee selected after the interviews. The Speer Canal trail has a signed agreement and it's moving along in the procurement office. Mark thanked everyone for their time and being on the PRAB committee. This was his last meeting because he is retiring.
- **Travis Haines** Jan Pawlowski and Travis Haines let the board know that Jan is no longer a voting member for the PRAB. She is our City Council representative and liaison. Travis thanked Mark for his years of service working for the city and his commitment to the PRAB and Bike Brighton and all his work on the grant funding that he has secured for all the projects around the city.
- **Veronyka Gonzalez** reminded the group about Mark's retirement party being held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Rec center from 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

**14. Future Agenda Items:**

- **Joint meeting with Fehr and Peers on August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**15. Dates to remember:**

**16. Adjournment:**

Jeremy Hammen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m., Stephanie Brown seconded. Motion passed.