

**DOUGLAS COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2024, PUBLIC MEETING
100 THIRD STREET, CASTLE ROCK, CO 80104**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Members Present

Jerrod Taylor, Chair
Karen Hickman, Vice-Chair
Steven Atkinson
Larry Ziegler

Members Absent

Hunter Richards

Lynne Wilson, Staff Liaison
Samantha Hutchison, Staff Liaison
Luke Thornton, Parks Program Coordinator
Nick Giauque, Parks Program Manager
Steve Shoultz, CRPR, Assistant Director, PT&BG
Jay Sage, Chair of COSAC
Brian O'Malley, COSAC member

b. Approval of the Agenda

**Larry Ziegler, PAB Member, motioned to approve the May 8, 2024, Regular Agenda.
Karen Hickman, Vice-Chair, seconded the motion.**

**All stated "aye".
The motion passed 4-0.**

2. Citizen Comment

There was no citizen comment.

3. Discussion and Action Items

a. Playground Conversation

Kyson Reiman, a resident of Parker, Colorado, provided a presentation regarding the importance of inclusive and innovative playground equipment to the PAB members.

The Board asked a variety of questions regarding inclusive playground equipment and Kyson Reiman provided feedback.

b. Parks Historical User Group - Raptors

Mark Steinke, President of Raptors Athletics, provided an overview of the Raptors Athletics detailing their participation levels and challenges they face within the organization.

He emphasized that due to an already present shortage of fields, the reduction of any fields will hurt the program.

The Board had a question-answers session. Mark Steinke shared that their organization has had to turn away enough participants to account for seven teams due to insufficient playing space. He stated they would need three to four more fields to be able to accommodate everyone that wants to participate. He noted that turf is generally preferred over grass depending on the time of year and type of sport, and that multi-use fields are the most ideal for what they use them for.

c. South Suburban Parks and Recreation

Brad Stafford with South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR) provided a presentation of Pickleball Outreach with SSPR. He provided details on the sport, such as the growing interest among all age groups due to low cost, versatile set up, being generally accessible, etc. He addressed the challenges and complaints they have faced while attempting to cater to the growing demand for pickleball courts in the area.

The Board had a question-answers session. Brad Stafford provided information regarding rates and fees associated with the opening of new pickleball facilities. He stated they do have a site picked out for this project at County Line and Broadway. The facilities will be located outdoors.

d. Pickleball Park at Meridian Presentation

John Kilrow with Shea Properties provided a presentation on the proposed Pickleball Park at Meridian. The proposed location is in northern Douglas County and will feature six covered courts, four open air courts, and other amenities.

The Board had a question-answers session. John Kilrow stated they have not thoroughly discussed the fee structure, but it will most likely be a resident and non-resident price structure. They have addressed several noise concerns.

The Board ranked the criteria and scored the project proposal.

e. COSAC's Updates

Jay Sage, Chair of COSAC, and Brian O'Malley, COSAC member, updated the Board on the COSAC's recent activities.

f. Parks, Trails and Rueter-Hess Reservoir Activity Reports

Nick Giauque, Parks Program Manager shared an update on Parks, Trails, and Reuter-Hess Reservoir activities. He reported they are busy with spring sports and maintenance, and the volunteer program is up and running.

4. Other Business/Discussion

The Board discussed the upcoming PAB Filed Trip, and a date was tentatively set for June 7.

5. Adjournment

**Larry Ziegler, PAB member, motioned to adjourn.
Steven Atkinson, PAB member, seconded the motion.**

**All stated “aye”
The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.**