

Attendees: Kevin Linebarger, Jodi Enderlin, Frank Mencin, Matt Main, Paul Anderson, Commissioner Sarah Mudge, and Recreation Director Amber Magee (Called to order at 6:04 PM)

Public Attendees: Rich Naprestek

Action Items:

- Schedule work session in the spring to develop a standard procedure for preparing and making ice at Huck Finn Ice Rink – Kevin Linebarger
- Contact Mountain Snowcats and re-communicate the need for grooming to be completed with enough time for the track to set before people use it. – Paul Anderson

Next Meeting: March 12, 2020 @ 6:00 PM – Courthouse

New Business:

Rich Naprestek presented a letter of interest to join the board. After a short discussion, Frank Mencin moved to appoint Rich to the board, seconded by Paul Anderson; the vote was unanimous to have Rich join the board.

Water / Aquatics - Essenza Architecture has started the Aquatic Center audit. The walk through on December 20th went very well. There is some initial concern around the air handling unit as it may be causing issues with other parts of the building. Timeline for the project is as follows:

- January 21st, 1st draft of the report to the board. Amber will circulate the draft for comment. The comment period will last 1 week.
- February 21st, 2nd round of the draft will circulate, again for 1 week.
- Project completion and report presentation on March 12th.

Winter Trails – There was some discussion around routing of donations made through the QR codes on the posters for grooming and which account is used. The QR code on the new posters goes into an account controlled by Mark Burgess. It would be best to have these donations and the donations from the MTB website route directly to the PLCR account. We will have to update the link on the MBT webpage.

There were several posters with the QR codes that were taken down. Nobody knew why they were taken down, but they have been replaced.

There is a volunteer meeting for the Leadville Loppet on February 8th at 6:00 PM at the Senior Center for anyone wishing to volunteer.

There was discussion about the timing of the grooming. It is important that the contractor understands that it is best to groom late night/early morning so that the trail has time to set. Paul Anderson will contact Mountain Snowcats and have a discussion with them.

The county commissioners have allocated additional grooming funds in 2020, so our budget for the winter is \$25,000. The board would like to thank Commissioners Mudge, Glenn, and Marcella for allocating additional funding.

Ice Rink – There is a chili cook off and Glow Skate this Friday 1/10 at the ice rink. The Chili cook off starts at 5 PM and the Glow Skate will begin at 7 PM. The Curling club will be giving lessons on curling for anyone that is interested.

The Board of County Commissioners has allocated funding for the lighting project at the ice rink. Amber has requested updated pricing to switch over to LED lighting and for additional lighting for the curling ice.

We have struggled making quality ice this winter. We are not exactly sure why, but we made a transition this year to hire someone to maintain the ice instead of relying on volunteers and something may have been missed in the transition. The person hired to maintain the ice has resigned so we are using volunteers to help with the ice. A suggestion was made that after the ice season is over, maybe we can schedule a working session with the Recreation Department, the Board, and past volunteers to develop a preparation and maintenance procedure document for others to follow in the future.

There was discussion about the possibility of the Recreation Advisory Board advising the City on the best way to allocate the CTF funds distributed to the City. Both entities remain open to the possibility as discussions continue.

Other Business

Commissioner Sarah Mudge updated the Board on the following issues that may be relevant to Lake County Recreation:

- The county is adding a Facilities Manager to the county staff. This may help us in the future with ice at Huck Finn.
- A reporter Channel 7 wants to do a story on Camp Hale.
- On January 14th at the 9:00 AM Work session, the BLM and CWCB (Colorado Water Conservation Board) will be giving a presentation to the BOCC regarding in-stream flow right up East Fork of Arkansas River and Iowa Gulch.
- The Water Advisory Council needs members. Commissioner Mudge requested that we consider how we can spark interest in the Council as it pertains to water and recreation issues.
- Union Pacific is entertaining proposals from commercial railroads to make the railroad active. There are currently 7 railroad crossings. Safety and access considerations could be an issue in the future.
- Trout Unlimited gave an update on grants and projects. They finished the drainage project on east 7th.
- Central Colorado Conservancy is spearheading a parcel acquisition along the river in the south part of the county. Adam Beh is the new director.
- The BOCC will be attending a meeting on February 5th to discover opportunities and funding with RMRI.

- The BOCC will be reaching out to the Chaffee County Commissioners to learn how we can leverage ballot initiatives for various infrastructure, including recreation, on future ballot initiatives.

The commissioners met with the Golf Course Board last week. There will be more discussions going forward as there are concerns with the loan. The next meeting is 1/15/2020 at 5:30 PM at the Golf Course.

The BOCC allocated \$60K for the signage and wayfinding project. Installation for the recreation facilities is planned for this summer.

The Recreation Advisor Board is looking for one more board member.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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