

MEETINGNOTES
PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE June 21, 2017, 7:00 P.M., TownHall

Members Present: Peter Bottomley (Chair), Ron Sommer, Corey Ochsner (Vice Chair), Corbett Hoenninger, Susan Stanish, Jacques LaFleur, and Kelly Watt
Liaisons: Trustee Sandie Hammerly, Board of Trustees; Allison James, Staff
Absent: Narea Basterra (excused), George Kupfner

1. Public Comment

- Kathy Carty-Mullen of 1250 Bolero Ct in Superior would like to thank PROSTAC for advocacy on Hodgson-Harris Reservoir area and its thriving ecosystem. Wanted to relay a message from Susan Bauer let PROSTAC know Boulder County Audubon bird breeding study from May-June, logging animals that are seen in the area. Since observation began the area is now a thriving ecosystem including nests. Susan would like to present an educational program about the area in August once the study is published. Last week Kathy and her husband saw a mink swimming in HHR that was eating prairie dogs on Zaharias property. Kathy showed a pictures and video of the mink. Experts quoted: Steve Jones Boulder County Audubon, "This is great news for documentation of wildlife study in the area", Susan Spaulding Sr. Wildlife Biologist from Boulder County, "Unmistakable indeed, mink it is".
- Matthew, a 5th grade resident in Town, is interested in the half pipe completion at the skate park. He gave feedback on other features and is interested in bowls, spines and hips.

2. 2018 Budget Discussion. The group continued to develop initial budget recommendations for 2018. The Committee members present recommend unanimously the following projects in order:

- Pirate Park embankment slide and connecting trail - \$70,000 (if not built in 2017)
- New concrete skate park at the South Pool - \$350,000
- Recreation Center consultant - \$100,000

3. Community Recreation Center. The Committee reviewed previous discussions regarding indoor space and those members in attendance made the following recommendation unanimously to the Board for the construction of a community/recreation center:

PROSTAC recognizes that the residents of the Town of Superior desire to have a Community Recreation Center within Town limits. The Committee is firmly committed to the design and construction of such a facility in the Town of Superior to promote and encourage year-round recreation opportunities and provide space for community gathering and events.

As part of the Committee's review process of the 2014 Superior Recreation & Indoor Facilities Survey we found the following findings important to our decision making:

- Over half of respondents indicated that indoor recreation facilities (58%) and indoor aquatic facilities (57%) in the area fail to meet their needs.
- The top three recreation priorities to be added or improved were Indoor Recreation Facilities (69%), Indoor Aquatic Facilities (54%), and Trails (29%).
- The top three indoor recreation facility priorities to be added or improved were

Weight/Fitness Room (35%), Leisure Pool w/ Lap Lanes (29%), and Aerobic/Group Exercise/Dance Room (26%).

- When asked to allocate dollars to facilities, respondents on average put the most money towards indoor recreation facilities followed by indoor aquatic facilities.
- Open-ended comments mirror quantitative results, with indoor recreation facilities mentioned most frequently as a priority, followed by indoor aquatic facilities.
- Almost 3 of 4 respondents (73%) currently use some type of public or private indoor recreational facilities. Frequency of use is quite high with 82% using a facility more than 12 times per year.
- Overall, 73% of respondents indicated that they would support a recreational partnership with Louisville. However, 53% of those who support a partnership would still support the development of indoor facilities in Superior.
- The overwhelming majority (86%) indicated that their household would use a public indoor recreational facility if one were constructed in Superior. Of those respondents 90% currently use either Lakeshore Athletic Club or the Louisville Rec Center.

The above findings strongly indicate that there is a strong interest for a public indoor recreational facility in Superior.

The Committee strongly encourages the Town Board to actively move forward with the next steps to accomplish this goal. Next steps should include working with experienced recreation professionals to provide input on the public process necessary to evaluate the design, construction and operation of a community recreation center as well as meeting with representatives of existing recreation facilities in neighboring communities.

Based on the best information available at this time, PROSTAC envisions that the community recreation center will contain, among other amenities, an indoor aquatics area that includes competitive lap lanes and a leisure pool, a gymnasium, an indoor jog/walk track, a weight/fitness room, aerobic/dance classrooms, a wet classroom/party room, a climbing wall, a multi-purpose event room with warming kitchen, a child watch area, a cafe and a senior adult lounge. The needs assessment provided by Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture in 2013 estimates that these amenities will likely amount to a 66,000-square-foot building with a cost estimate of \$20 million. Once further public engagement is conducted the Town should anticipate the need to retain an architect and request construction bids from contractors to more accurately estimate the physical and financial details for the recreation center.

It should be noted that for the purpose of this recommendation the Committee is focusing on recreational amenities. As such this recommendation does not include indoor facilities such as library, meeting rooms or teen space. There is a current design concept for the Town Center civic space that includes library and meeting facilities, however as currently outlined such a facility can only include light recreation amenities (i.e. dance room) and not the highest priority indoor recreation amenities (i.e. pool). If the Town Center civic space is not expected to include any of the desired non-recreation amenities than the design process of the community recreation center could easily be amended to include the addition of amenities such as library, performance space, study rooms, teen space, etc.

In order to transform these plans into reality, it should be expected that the Town will

need to put forth ballot issues to raise taxes for both the construction of the community recreation center and to sustain the general operations and maintenance of the facility. Should these initiatives be placed on a ballot in November 2018 the Community Recreation Center could reasonably be constructed and open to the public as early as 2020.

PROSTAC supports and is prepared to undertake the necessary tasks to see a successful community recreation center constructed in the Town of Superior in the near future.

4. Update Items

- Tract H Open Space the Board has approved the final development plan that includes a trail and the lot has been staked
- Pirate Park Embankment Slide presentation – Town Board meeting on 8/14
- Committee member Corbett Hoenninger has been working with the owner of Velo Stop to host community bike rides, the details are still being determined
- Board review of Zaharias development concept – Work Session on 6/26
- 4th of July Booth – members will continue the South Pool Skate Park engagement process during the event

Next Meeting:

Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at TownHall (PROSTAC meets on the third Wednesday of the month.)