

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – November 6, 2025

Meeting Location: CRC Construction Site

Roll Call

Board Members Present: William Findlay
Kyle Gardner
Chandler Smith (after minutes)
Nancy Strippel
Josh Travers
Lisa Whalin
Byron Wiehe

Board Members Absent: Cindy Enos-Martinez
Anna Stout

City Staff Present: Ken Sherbenou, Director of Parks and Recreation
Emily Krause, Recreation Superintendent
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

Meeting called to order by Nancy Strippel at 12:01 p.m.

Approve minutes from the October 2025 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Bill Findlay made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting. The motion was seconded by Josh Travers and carried unanimously.

Yes – 7

No – 0

(Chandler Smith arrived just after the vote on the minutes.)

CRC Outdoor Facilities Phase

Ken Sherbenou shared an update on the Outdoor Facility Phase of the CRC construction. He shared a visual of He shared a visual of the current site plan and appreciated the support from PRAB in advance of the presentation at the last Council meeting. A very generous donation has been received so some additional add alternates have been included. Ken reiterated that the work PRAB had already done prioritizing alternates was helpful in determining additions. For the outdoor facilities and Burkey Pavilion all of the subs, with the exception of the sports turf vendor, are working on the project and mobilized already. The guaranteed maximum price on the outdoor facilities phase is \$3.8 million dollars. Included in the project are the concrete fire lane, monument sign, native seed border and fencing on the north and south sides of the upgraded artificial turf sports field, pump house, and 1% for the arts. Not yet funded are an additional shade structure, berm for field seating, and moving the lateral to the western side of the park for irrigation.

Staff are pleased to be able to add the outdoor fitness area as an expansion of the square footage available for fitness and the ability to accommodate large classes. Board members wondered if there has been push back from private centers on the competition with private fitness. Ken shared that staff have been sensitive in developing pricing to make sure that the CRC is a feeder facility and that folks who are serious weightlifters are going to be drawn more to a private facility where the busyness of a rec center may be less appealing. Additionally, the CRC is never going to be able to compete with the number of cardio machines available at a private center like Mesa Fitness. Ken shared a story about how Durango's number of private fitness facilities grew from three before the rec center opened to seven in addition to the rec center now.

Ken Sherbenou reviewed the amenities that the board had previously prioritized. Included amenities include the Zip line tower, second slide flume, some bench seating in circulation areas, interlock control for pool chemicals, outdoor fitness turf, pump house, maintenance building, monument sign, and the concrete fire lane. Items that are no longer under consideration are community room patio fan, lobby fire place (one remains near the community partner space), and decorative pavers. Items that may be added in the future include the actual zip line portion (it would terminate at the jump tower), the slide timer, window shades in the natatorium and cardio areas, lap pool video boards, natural play outside areas, outdoor pathways and a concrete area around the irrigation pond as well as an outdoor spa and outdoor climbing wall.

Board members wondered what projected participation was expected. Staff anticipate average daily participation of 1100 folks and 6300 total memberships. Additionally, staff have negotiated new contracts with both Silver Sneakers and Renew Active. These passes can be set up as early as January 2026 (because they are good for other fitness items the Parks and Recreation department offers). The CRC building is still slated to open in late 2026.

Board members wondered about the Barn CRC proposal. It is evolving. Ken shared with the board that it's a strong priority for CMU and City Manager Mike Bennett and Deputy City Manager Kimberly Bullen are leading the discussions with them. The City would like to continue to meet the community's needs around the stadium.

Chandler Smith shared with the board that the Outdoor Recreation Coalition is hosting a summit on Thursday and awards on Friday. The Monument Connect Trail received several nominations for awards.

Adjourn to the construction tour. 12:35
Next Meeting – December 4, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Ali Little, Administrative Specialist