

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – April 2, 2026

Meeting Location: Lincoln Park, Hospitality Suite

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Cindy Enos-Martinez
William Findlay
Kyle Gardner
Chandler Smith
Nancy Strippel
Josh Travers
Anna Stout

Board Members Absent: Lisa Whalin
Bryon Wiehe

City Staff Present: Ken Sherbenou, Director of Parks and Recreation
Emily Krause, Recreation Superintendent
Allison Little, Customer Service Supervisor
Anna Wirth, Administrative Specialist

Meeting called to order by Kyle Gardner at 12:04 p.m.

Approve Minutes from the March 5, 2026 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Bill Findlay made a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting. The motion was seconded by Cindy Enos Martinez and carried unanimously.

Yes 7 No 0

Introductions

Ken Sherbenou introduced Anna Wirth to the Board. Anna is the new Administrative Specialist for the Parks Department and will be taking over the administration of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Ali Little is transitioning to her role at the CRC and Ken thanked her for her years of service to the board and presented her with a pen commemorating her years of minute taking and packet preparation for the board.

Matchett Bike Park

Ken Sherbenou talked with the board about a survey for the Matchett bike park. Ken would like to collect surveys from the board. Chandler noted that COPMOBA will send out the survey to its members. The survey will be open through mid-May and then there will be a public meeting where the results will be shared with anyone who is interested.

The Matchett bike park has been created by citizens who have built it over time without any input or guidance from any official organization. There are beginning to be conflicts with the

established disc golf course, hikers, and other users of the park. Ken invited board members to take the survey. Board members wonder if the watershed affects decision making. Currently the watershed is dry because the Matchett acreage is not being farmed or irrigated, though it is a natural flood way. Board members wondered if they would see responses from the public in advance of the public meeting. Ken reminded the board that there is signage indicating this is an unsanctioned bike park “use at your own risk”. This bike park could evolve into a more formal situation similar to the lease that exists with COPMOBA at Lunch Loops, with specific improvements or features if that is something that this survey identifies.

Lunch Loops

Ken Sherbenou talked with board about Lunch Loops. COPMOBA approached council for the renewal so that they could work on refurbishing/improving the bike park and it was renewed in late 2024. Work is scheduled to begin next week. The dual slalom element will take about a week. There are other areas based on skill level for less-skilled riders. The City is involved and will contribute some blocks from the Doug Jones Sawmill site. (These same blocks have been used at Canyon View to calm traffic and reduce the number of doughnuts/excessive speed.) Board members asked some questions about the dual slalom placement next to paved path where there could be interference from dogs running off the path; wondering if less experienced riders would fall off their bikes on their route into the dual slalom. Will parents have to cross the dual slalom return route to get to the easy riding areas?

Letter of support GOCO Grant for Riverfront Trail Completion

Ken Sherbenou reminded the board about the history of the Riverfront Trail and the gap that exists in current iteration of the trail in the city limits. Over 30 years, GOCO has invested significant dollars in completing the trail. The 1.5 mile at C.5 Road is the last remaining gap. A number of land acquisitions have needed to happen to make a trail alignment possible. The project cost is \$3.7M, and the alignment will protect an eagles nest that is visible from the river. Construction documents will be paid for by a grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Cindy Enos Martinez made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board write a letter of support for a GOCO grant to help fund the completion of the Riverfront Trail. The motion was seconded by Josh Travers and carried unanimously.

Yes 6 No 0
(Bill Findlay left the meeting before this vote)

Org Chart Review

Ken shared the most recent organizational chart with the board explaining recent shifts in duties and staffing. Emily supervises Recreation, with two supervisors (Jonathan Wheatley and Larry Manchester), who oversee coordinators for recreation and aquatic program areas, a CRC Manager (Nicole Reeves) who oversees another Supervisor (Ali) and three Coordinators; one who oversees aquatics and one who oversees fitness, and one who is overseeing climbing wall, the gymnasium and child watch. The CRC Manager will also oversee three full-time custodians

will be hired to cover daytime hours. Additionally we have a partnership with General Services for the maintenance of the facility and overnight custodians. In addition to the partnership with General Services, we have a partnership with Communications. Cameron Walters who produces our activity guide, and our promotional materials is a Communications employee who spends some time each week in the Parks and Recreation Admin office. The Recreation Admin office is rounded out with administrative staff Jennifer Howard who supports the whole department and our RSRs Melissa Gerson and Jennifer Ingram who will be moving to the CRC when it opens.

A new supervisor has been added in parks who will take on open space and horticulture, Rob Davis is handling forestry and weed abatement, Cody Wright is handling facilities and equipment, Jeff Anderson, sports and event facilities, and John Steuble, turf, irrigation and cemetery (which is very turf and irrigation intensive). Anna is the Administrative Specialist supporting Parks, primarily, but also the department and Rachel Seiff continues to be at the Cemetery and handle administrative duties for that location.

For The Good of the Community

The newest Activity Guide is out and is being mailed to 5,000 addresses. CRC memberships will be on sale June 8.

Board members shared that signs in parks where water conservation efforts are underway could go a long way to helping the community understand the way the city is trying to save water. Work is already being done at WestLake park and there isn't any signage in the park to help people understand that these improvements are grant funded and aimed at saving water. Board members feel it will be important to tell the story of the turf conversion at Lilac park as it happens so that people know efforts are underway.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:21pm.

Next meeting May 7, 2026 – CRC Site Tour

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Little, Customer Service Supervisor