

**Town of Nederland, Colorado**  
**Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Monday July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
7:00 pm  
Nederland Community Center

**1. Call to Order**

Members Present: Trustee Masters and Members Lee, Hammers, Harrison, Taormina.

Trustee Masters suggested starting with the Nederland Ice and Racquet Park (NIRP) discussion (item 4), as members of the public were present to comment.

**2. Update on the Nederland Ice and Racquet Park and discussion of potential building project**

Board Member Harrison gave an update of activities at the park during the summer tennis season. The season is going well, and vacationers visiting Nederland are finding and using the park. The RINK board has determined that lights and tennis divider nets are “needed,” while a permanent building is “desired.” RINK is pursuing lighting with donation of utility poles and their installation from Xcel.

Trustee Masters suggested that RINK get professional help in the lighting design and engineering before going too far down the path with the Xcel utility poles, as there may be issues of setting poles in the disturbed earth around the slab. He also suggested working with Jim Stevens on any code requirements.

Board Member Harrison discussed a potential project partnering RINK and Caribou Companies to build a permanent structure at the park. This idea was initiated by Caribou Companies, which asked a local architect to develop an initial rough design. RINK also had some input on the design.

Jeff Fruth, local builder and RINK volunteer, was present and discussed that he had given a rough estimate of the project costs to Caribou Companies.

Trustee Masters suggested that RINK and Caribou Companies work together to find out what is feasible, how much each partner would raise/donate, and then bring back to the PROSAB a more detailed proposal. Building design should involve the PROSAB.

Paul Turnburke, local landscape architect and RINK/PROSAB volunteer suggested that the Town not scare off any potential volunteers, such as Jeff Fruth, who would discount work on such projects. He feels that the Town has not been working well with volunteers on various projects.

Trustee Masters agreed and said he would report this to the BOT.

**3. GOCO Trails Project update**

Board Member Hammers gave an update on the GOCO Trails Project. Town Public Works has done most of the work on the upper school trail. It should be finished in a week or so. The School-

Sundance Circle trail has been flagged and is ready to be built. He said that Mike Wight, a prospective PROSAB member, has experience building trails and could lead the Mountain Youth Corps once school starts. There are some big rocks to move, so we need other volunteers too.

Trustee Masters suggested that the local Americorps group could be contacted about helping with this trail. Trustee Masters, Board Member Hammers and Mike Wight will work on scheduling this trail building in August before school starts.

Paul Turnburke asked if the Trails Project Manager could communicate more with the PROSAB volunteers so that the project keeps moving forward. He inquired where we were at with respect to CC connector trail design.

Board Member Hammers also suggested that the Trail Project Manager should help volunteers and understand that they need guidance from management when working on these projects.

Board Member Harrison echoed these comments that she has found Town management difficult to work with on volunteer projects.

Paul Turnburke suggested that the Town should review policy on how volunteers and local businesses are included on these type of projects and also suggested that the Town streamline the process so that projects move forward. He feels that we are a small town and cannot have all of the formalities of a large town in contracting out small projects.

Trustee Masters said that he would check with the Trails Project Manager on where we are at with the CC connector design contract. He would also bring these issues of Town/volunteer relations to the BOT.

#### **4. NedSk8 Skatepark rules and construction update**

Board Member Lee gave an update on skatepark construction progress. He reported that some initial problems were overcome with a quick redesign that uses construction blocks. NedSk8's engineer in Oregon approved these changes, but the work needs to be inspected. The Town's inspection contractor, Safebuilt, informed the contractor, only after the first inspection was requested, that the contractor's engineer would have to perform the inspections. So NedSk8 is needing to find a local engineer to inspect the blocks, but NedSk8 is worried about the delay.

Trustee Masters asked if there were any recommendations to the skatepark rules as drafted by Board Member Lee.

Board Member Hammers inquired about the location of a phone since the rules suggest calling 911 in an emergency. The members agreed that we should look into placing a phone or emergency call box near the park.

Trustee Masters made a motion to approve the rules as written and recommend their approval by the BOT, seconded by Board Member Harrison, and passed unanimously.

Board Member Lee also reported that the railing issue was still unresolved. SafeBuilt was insisting that the safety rail conform to the 4" sphere rule, whereby no opening can be large enough for a sphere 4" in diameter to pass through. NedSk8 thought this was costly and potentially strange, given that three feet

inside the railing was a large drop-off into a concrete bowl—part of the design of the park. He reported that the Boulder Parks inspector said he would require that openings be 3 ½” or less or greater than 9” (the range of opening sizes in which a human head could get stuck), and that the skatepark rails, as designed, had openings greater than 9”. Board Member Lee also expressed frustration that communication with the Town project manager is slow or unresponsive. He was worried that lagging issues will delay construction and jeopardize the park.

Trustee Masters said he would report these concerns to the BOT to make sure construction problems are solved quickly.

## **5. GOCO proposal to study recreation district**

Board Member Lee reported on his efforts on behalf of NedSk8 and the PROSAB to get a feasibility study for a Nederland-area parks and recreation district. His goal was to submit a proposal to GOCO for a \$30-\$40K feasibility study, of which GOCO would fund 75 percent. He asked several companies for quotes. One company responded with a proposal, making a total of two received, as one proposal was received before an RFP was issued. Board Member Lee would continue talks with GOCO to know if the idea would fit their grant request.

Trustee Masters made a motion to recommend that the BOT support a proposal to GOCO for a feasibility study for a Nederland-area recreation district, seconded by Board Member Harrison, and approved unanimously.

## **6. Other business**

### *Big Springs Trails*

Trustee Masters asked about the status of the Big Springs trail.

Board Member Taormina reported that it’s still in the works and the last discussion with Planning Commission Liaison Martin was over property lines and trail routing.

Trustee Masters said he would contact Planning Commission Liaison Martin and make sure he still wanted to be involved with the PROSAB projects. PROSAB also members expressed their desire that he remain involved.

### *Forest management issues*

Trustee Masters brought up the recent controversy when Boulder County wanted to locate a slash site near Nederland. He reported that the County is looking at alternative sites and wants to partner with the PROSAB, the newly-formed Indian Peaks Forest Alliance (IPFA) non-profit, and citizens. He suggested that this issue would become a large one for the PROSAB and that we should recruit volunteers to help since there are now many interested citizens.

## **7. Meeting adjourned**

Trustee Masters adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

The next PROSAB meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 25 in the Community Center all-

purpose room.