

# ***Recreation Advisory Board***

## ***Agenda***

**Monday, July 24, 2023**

**Recreation Center**

**900 West Via Appia**

**6:30 PM**

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
6. Staff Updates
  - Golf Update-David Baril and David Dean
  - City Council Boards and Commissions Update
  - CIP Requests

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7. Board Updates
  - Decarbonization memo
8. Discussion of items for next meeting
9. Adjourn

# ***Recreation Advisory Board***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

**June 26, 2023  
Recreation Center  
900 West Via Appia  
6:30 PM**

**Call to Order** – Chairperson Norgard called the meeting to order at 6:30.

**Roll Call** was taken and the following members were present:

Board Members Present: Dick Friedson, Angie Layton, Gene Kutscher, Lisa Norgard, Mary O'Brien

Board Members Absent: Michele Van Pelt

Staff Members Present: Adam Blackmore, Kayla Betzold, David Dean

City Council Members Present: none

Public Members Present: none

Presenters Present: Brian Goldcrump, Ashley Brasovan

**Approval of Agenda** – The agenda was approved by all members.

Motion: Gene Kutscher

Second: Dick Friedson

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** – The minutes from the May 22 meeting were approved as written.

Motion: Dick Friedson

Second: Lisa Norgard

**Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda** – None

**City of Louisville Internal Decarbonization Plan Presentation – McKinstry Team**

Kayla Betzold, the Sustainability Manager for the City of Louisville, reported that the City sent out an RFP for a sustainability study and chose McKinstry. McKinstry employees were charged with examining the building, facilities, fleet, and equipment to provide a strategic roadmap for sustainability. They are presenting information to relevant boards and commissions, and will present the information to City Council in August. At that time, the RAB may choose to submit a memo with any comments and recommendations.

Brian Goldcrump and Ashley Brasovan from McKinstry presented information about the energy usage at the Rec Center and the Coal Creek Golf Course clubhouse, looking at annual energy per square foot (EUI). The rec center uses a lot of energy, which is common for rec centers with pools. The clubhouse also has a high EUI, caused partly by the kitchen equipment.

Brian presented the Internal Decarbonization Plan, which includes the following recommendations:

- replacement of current equipment with electric alternatives when the equipment is due for replacement,
- checking and updating the controls in the buildings,
- adding solar arrays in both locations,
- adding electric chargers for cars,
- installation of a heat pump HVAC system at the clubhouse,
- electrification of cooking equipment in the clubhouse kitchen, and
- continuing to purchase electric equipment for golf course maintenance.

The consultants advocated replacing equipment at the end of its useful life. For the rec center, much equipment would be scheduled for replacement in 2034-2036. A hybrid system at the rec center is more cost-effective than an entirely electric system, because the high load on cold winter days would result in utility penalties.

Dick Friedson asked if the consultants were aware that another consulting team hired by the City had concluded that the clubhouse is inefficient, inadequate, and needs to be replaced. Sustainability retrofits in the current facility would be a waste of money, if a new net-zero building could be built.

Grant funding is available to offset the cost of many of the sustainability recommendations. Kayla has already applied or is in the middle of applying for some of these. A grant from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) can provide a 25%-30% reduction in cost. RAB members would like to know which grants would be applicable and available for building a net-zero clubhouse and who would be available to write the grants. Ashley suggested contacting the Colorado Energy Office and advocated acting soon, while the IRA is in effect.

RAB members support the goal of sustainability, but have concerns and questions about some of the proposals and timelines.

- RAB members strongly support rebuilding a net-zero golf clubhouse, rather than retrofitting an old, inefficient building. If the clubhouse is going to be competitive with neighboring clubhouses, it needs to be replaced. RAB members believe that it would be a waste of money to retrofit this old building when a new net-zero building should be a priority.
- Members asked questions about the life span and warranties of solar panels. With the current increase in storms with large hail, will the insurance companies continue to cover damage?
- Electric heating for municipal pools may not be currently viable, and it may be prudent to wait for the technology to improve.
- RAB members wonder if passive sustainability ideas could be incorporated, such as shade trees or windows with interior blinds that help manage thermal heating.
- If Xcel is still using carbon sources to provide electricity, the City is spending substantial sums without actual carbon reduction. The consultants acknowledged that Xcel does not plan to become carbon zero until 2050.

Dick and Gene will work on a memo to summarize RAB comments about the sustainability presentation. Their memo will be on agenda of the next RAB meeting for discussion and approval.

## **Staff Updates**

### Tennis Court Repairs Update

Adam relayed a report from Abby McNeal that the cracks on the Pirates Park tennis courts have been repaired. Two courts at the Centennial Park were repaired, but the repairs have not yet been accepted, as they continue to crack. The Rec Center courts will be redone by a different company, two at a time. The two east courts at Centennial Park will be redone in the spring of 2024. The court at Mission Green will be considered for work in 2024.

### Golf Update

Adam shared information from David Baril. The Golf Course is doing well, with numerous programs and leagues. A better payment system for snacks on the course is now available. Revenues and rounds are still above budget, even though the spring was unusually stormy and rainy.

Gene asked how the Golf Course is advertising Top Tracer outside our area. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

David Dean reported that the golf course hired a part-time horticulturalist, and he is already seeing positive results. There are two open full-time positions. Almost all of the new equipment has arrived, and the new robotic 4G mower has been installed.

#### City Council Boards and Commissions Update

Adam reported that the ballot issue took most of the City Council time.

On the agenda item related to Boards and Commissions, Council decided that all boards and commissions will have 7 members. There will be term limits on chairs. City Council will meet with the boards and commissions annually, although the format for the meeting has not been formalized.

#### **Board Updates**

Outdoor Rec Amenities - tabled

#### **Discussion Items for Next Meeting**

Staff Updates

Golf Course Update – Top Tracer Update

Draft Memo about Internal Decarbonization Plan

Boards and Commissions Update

Board Updates

**Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:27.

Motion: Lisa Norgard

Second: Dick Friedson