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PORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Town Board Room
807 Mountain Avenue
Town of Berthoud, Colorado
Wednesday, April 3, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

This is an IN-PERSON meeting at the location and time noted above

You may also join virtually using Zoom

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Use this Meeting ID: 602 408 1190

A. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

B. Roll Call

- Lauren Roth – Chair – Here – Here
- Carolyn Hobson – Vice Chair – Here
- Anna Murphy – Secretary – Here (via Zoom)
- Tim Grover – Here
- Callie West – Here
- Kristle White – Not Here
- Sean Henry – Here
- Audrey Roth, BYAC Liaison – Here
- Karl Ayers, Trustee Liaison – Here
- Keith Knoll, Staff Representative – Here

Lauren Roth
5/1/2024

C. Approval of Minutes – Wednesday, March 6, 2024

- T. Grover motioned to approve minutes from the previous PORT committee meeting. C. Hobson seconded. No discussion. All in favor.

D. Public Comment – Non-Discussion Items

- Sarah Lincoln (Newell Farm) asked that music and arts be included in the survey, noting recreation is what you do when you're not working. She said the original vision of Newell Farm was to create another stage, possibly an indoor performing arts center. Sculptures and pavilions were also mentioned. She noted Greeley hosts

an event called “Arts in the Park”, where they bring in different bands and arts and crafts vendors for families.

- The co-chairs and treasurer of the Berthoud Youth Advisory Committee (BYAC) expressed support for the idea of having an outdoor swimming pool for the town. They noted the youth look forward to being outside, and an outdoor swimming pool would provide a local option where transportation (car) may not be necessary. It also may be possible to use this pool for Berthoud H.S. swim meets. They noted that there’s a YMCA in Lafayette, CO that puts a “bubble” up over the outdoor pool so it can be used in the winter. PORT asked how often the youth would use the pool, and the representatives responded that while some high school students may be more likely to drive to Carter Lake, it would be a great option especially for younger h.s. students and youth. They noted it’s important to have a grassy area at the pool to hang out, relax, possibly have a club meeting (e.g., Boy Scouts), athletic parties (e.g., softball), etc... PORT committee members expressed appreciation for having BYAC reps come out and share their perspective and thoughts.
- Mike Grace, Berthoud Trustee, noted that they are getting feedback on the outdoor pool and thanked the PORT committee for their time volunteering and working to figure this out.

E. Discussion Items

a) 2024 PORT Community Survey – Keith Knoll, Public Works Operations Manager

- The Town has met with RRC Associates to begin drafting a new PORT survey. Kailyn Haskovec, an associate for RRC, led a discussion on the 2024 PORT community survey. RRC plans to mail out a ~4-page paper survey (one per household) to collect a quality, statistically valid sample without overburdening respondents. A publicly available survey will also be sent out online and will be analyzed separately from the “mailed” survey. RRC will compare some of the data over time (between 2016 and 2024 surveys), when possible. K. Haskovec noted this survey is an opportunity to point out new or lesser-known facilities/parks that the Town may not be aware of. K. Haskovec also said both the importance and the needs of the community will be highlighted in this survey and that open-ended questions are good to gather creative information, but we need to be thoughtful about where to put them.
- The PORT committee discussed details of every question from the 2016 survey, including the wording, the current relevance, whether to add additional information, whether to allow for a follow-up written response, etc...S. Henry asked that the survey be kept as concise as possible.
- PORT extensively discussed concerns that there was no aquatics-specific survey question and recommended a separate question focused on aquatics. They also noted the term “aquatics” is very general and all-encompassing, and further work needs to be done to define “aquatics”. PORT asked A. Roth what an outdoor pool could look like, and she noted many of the features at the old Town Park pool, with more of a lap/training pool feel vs. a resort-style pool. A. Roth also noted she will work with BYAC on an informal survey for the youth (separate from the Town’s survey) with a focus on the pool needs to provide additional information and a comparison to the Town survey results. L. Roth suggested there doesn’t

have to be a separation between resort-style pool or a training pool; rather, she suggested a survey question asking what features are important in an outdoor pool facility (possibly rank them; examples included lap lanes, splash features, diving board, kids area, etc...). Another piece is to see how important an outdoor pool facility is to the community.

- Suggestion by PORT to place the question on familiarity with parks and rec in Berthoud toward the beginning of the survey.
- Recommendation to break down “indoor gymnasium” into athletic courts and weight training and to distinguish between indoor vs. outdoor athletics courts.
- Recommendation that when there are lists, they be kept as consistent as possible across questions.
- The draft survey included a question about “Richardson”, as well as future parks/properties. K. Knoll noted staff would compile an information sheet and/or a web link to help inform survey respondents; however, PORT members said this may raise more questions than the value of the data produced. Question about whether the data gathered from this survey would impact phasing decisions for Richardson. K. Ayers noted phasing of the park is near completion and priorities will dictate when construction at Richardson begins.
- PORT agreed the purpose of the survey should be to understand what the community’s priorities and needs are for different amenities/activities and not to focus on the different properties available to address these priorities/needs.
- K. Haskovec noted the information in the demographics portion of the survey is used only to ensure an accurate representation of the town. Older and female are more likely to respond. All questions are optional.
- C. Hobson shared a 2018 mailer she received on the 1% sales tax supporting parks and recreation, noting images on the mailer show outdoor pools.

b) Our Lands Our Future Survey Update – Keith Knoll, Public Works Operations Manager

- This county survey began last summer, and K. Knoll shared some preliminary results with PORT, and he noted more data is forthcoming. There were approximately 1,000 respondents. The most important needs of the county appeared to be met. Wildfire risk/mitigation/drought as well as conserved open space for recreation were priorities from survey respondents.

F. Staff updates – Parks, Open Space, Recreation, Trails

- K. Knoll said pickleball courts will get surfaced on April 15 and will be closed for one week.
- A. Gustafson said summer registration started April 1. The Spring craft fair is coming up this Saturday and Skate-a-palooza is on April 27.

G. Committee updates

- C. West – Bike lanes are blocked opposite Berthoud HS, as there are cars parked in this area, even though there are “no parking” signs. A. Roth noted students have always been allowed to park there (blocks bike lanes). Question on whether parking at BHS is adequate. A. Roth said parking is not adequate, and it’s dangerous to park in the parking lot due to people or cars getting hit and vandalism. Bus routes aren’t running anymore, and it’s sometimes safer to park on the street. Question about

what will happen when Spartan becomes a through road to Nebraska if the Ludlow development moves forward. This is a school issue and it is not part of the next bond/school levy. C. Hobson also noted that because of the trees, 20 mph signs are hard to see on Spartan. K. Knoll to follow-up on these topics.

- K. Ayers – Rocky Mountain Conservancy presented at a recent Town Board meeting. He asked for any suggestions for how local communities could partner with the Conservancy, as Berthoud is considered a gateway community to Rocky Mountain National Park. Question on whether Rocky Mountain Conservancy has a presence/booth on Berthoud Day? Didn't think so.

H. Adjourn

- C. West motioned to adjourn meeting; T. Grover seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:27PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 - 6:00 pm. If you require a special accommodation, please contact the Town Clerk 24 hours in advance at (970) 532-2643.