



## **Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**

April 18, 2017

5:30pm

Outdoor Recreation Meeting Room

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 5:28 pm
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Patty McConnell, Rafe Kossak, Allen Dehoff, Lee Silbert, Colton Lyons, Dan Rummel, Jess Adkisson, Nan Lu, Barbara Bogner, Eric Laufer, Scott Schubert, Gabirel Ezcurra, Diba Mani, Joseph Soto, Spencer Murphy, John Lurquin, David Schofield, Ryan Coval, Molly Dignan, Boneth Ahaneku
- III. Changes/Approval of 4/18/2017 Agenda Items
  - a. Molly Dignan: Motion to approve the agenda for April 18, 2017.
  - b. Allen Dehoff: Second.
  - c. John Lurquin Discussion.
  - d. Eric Laufer: Call to question?
  - e. Spencer Murphy: Acclamation.
  - f. John Lurquin: Motion passes. The agenda is approved.
- IV. Reading & Approval of 4/4/2017 Minutes
  - a. Eric Laufer: I was present at the last meeting but not included in the roll call. Please add my name to the roll call for April 4, 2017.
  - b. Molly Dignan: Thank you.
  - c. Eric Laufer: Motion to approve the amended minutes from April 4, 2017.
  - d. Spencer Murphy: Second.

- e. Joseph Soto: Discussion.
  - f. Diba Mani: Call to question?
  - g. Molly Dignan: Acclamation.
  - h. John Lurquin: Motion passes. The minutes are approved.
- V. Public Forum (15 minutes)
  - a. None.
- VI. Old Business
  - a. None.
- VII. New Business: Student veterans Rec membership over the summer (Allen Dehoff)
  - a. John Lurquin: Allen Dehoff is going to start us off with a proposal about student veterans having access to the Rec over the summer.
  - b. Allen Dehoff: Thank you. The proposal I am presenting today is for student veterans that are not taking classes over the summer and would like to be able to have access to the Rec Center without paying a fee. Most of the student veterans have been awarded the G.I. Bill to receive funding for their education, but if veterans are not taking classes over the summer, they do not get access to the Rec. I am proposing that the student vets that are taking classes in the Spring and the following Fall semester receive access to the Rec during the summer for free, if they are not registered for summer classes. Veteran Services estimates that there are around 100 students veterans that are taking classes this Spring and next Fall and not enrolled in summer courses. The funding is being requested for approximately 100 vets to use the Rec Center during the summer. One of the most important issues to approve this proposal is that mental health is a huge concern in the veteran community. There are on average, 22 suicides a day among veterans. We all know that exercise is a great way to combat negative mental illness symptoms. Passing this proposal would assist the Veteran Services Office because it would encourage vets

to benefit from the Rec during the summer. Two questions need to be answered, how would the vets be given access and the other issue is price. The Veteran's Service office has discussed the option of potentially requesting outside funding for this proposal and have heard the possibility of the Chancellor's Office being open to consideration. Questions?

- c. Nan Lu: So are you asking for a discount?
- d. Allen Dehoff: This proposal is to request free access for veteran students to the Rec over summer.
- e. Nan Lu: So you're asking the Rec Board to consider waiving the \$13/week summer fee for the student vets?
- f. Allen Dehoff: Yes, and since the students are enrolled in the Fall and Spring and paying full fees, the proposal is to accommodate the student veterans not taking summer classes only.
- g. Nan Lu: Are securing grants a possibility?
- h. Allen Dehoff: Yes and that is why we need to determine the dollar amount needed for veteran students using the Rec during the summer so a specific dollar request can be made for a grant or sponsorship.
- i. Patty McConnell: Graduation is May 12th and all students have access to the Rec through May, regardless if they are taking a class Maymester and students also receive access to the Rec during Augmester which are the two weeks before fall semester begins. You're looking at \$130 per veteran for the summer since 100 vets at \$13 per/week equals \$13,000 for all vets during the summer.
- j. Diba Mani: I think this is a great proposal and I am not trying to say that veterans are not a special group, but the only problem I foresee is that once this argument gets out about waiving the fee, then any group can use the same argument to get their fees waived.

- k. Spencer Murphy: I know from talking to Gary that CAPS wanted to get free membership passes for students in a depression group to use as a treatment center, so where do you draw that line?
- l. Patty McConnell: The Rec denied CAPS request.
- m. Scott Schubert: Has the Rec had any other requests like the one from CAPS?
- n. Nan Lu: In the 15 years that I've been working at the Rec, we have not approved any waiver fee like this.
- o. Eric Laufer: What about discounts like the elderly discounts?
- p. Nan Lu: The Rec has a senior citizen discount.
- q. Eric Laufer: Maybe we could have a veteran's discount?
- r. Lee Silbert: I think it is important to recognize that anybody could use mental health as a reason why they should get free or reduced access to the Rec for a certain amount of time, but I also think it is important to consider the veterans group, which is a very special group.
- s. Rafe Kossak: Is it possible to implement a discount that would subsidize the cost of the grant?
- t. Nan Lu: We are really only talking about \$13,000 or much less.
- u. Dave Schofield: There are a couple of options as far as tracking usage. A roster from the Veteran's Office can be requested and one from the Registrar and we could have the names imported into our system.
- v. Allen Dehoff: The question I have is about pricing. How much comes out of my summer tuition for Rec Center fees? That number seems like it would be a more realistic price point than the \$13 per week fee.
- w. Nan Lu: The student fee is calculate by the "per week fee" every year for summer student fees.
- x. Allen Dehoff: If you are a student in the summer than \$13 per/week goes to the Rec?

- y. Nan Lu: Correct.
- z. Patty McConnell: If you request funding from the President's Office, do you know what the dollar amount is that you would like to request?
- aa. Allen Dehoff: I do not. I haven't explored that yet. But I will.
- bb. Nan Lu: The Rec has never tracked veteran's Rec usage during the summer. Some veterans might be taking summer classes and others may not be in Boulder for the summer. I think \$5000 would be more than enough to cover it the cost of summer memberships for veterans.
- cc. John Lurquin: It sounds like there are three options. One, the proposal could be funded internally. Two, exclusive external funding or three, somewhere in between, maybe a split.
- dd. Lee Silbert: I say we waive the fee for summer membership and then track the veteran's usage.
- ee. John Lurquin: The benefit of finding external funding is not having to explain why certain student groups are receiving a special membership discount or waived treatment while others, like CAPS, are not.
- ff. Eric Laufer: It could be framed as a donation. I also agree with Lee about waiving the fee just this summer and tracking usage. Remember that the Rec is mostly student fee funded. I think we should table this issue until next meeting, come back with some more numbers and then we should be able to come to a more informed decision.
- gg. John Lurquin: What numbers are you asking for?
- hh. Eric Laufer: The numbers of students paying weekly for a summer membership versus those that have membership because of taking summer classes.

- ii. Patty McConnell: Allen, you could send out a survey to the enrolled veterans to see how many would actually be utilizing the Rec and how often?
- jj. Allen Dehoff: Yeah, I could probably get a list of the student veterans from the office.
- kk. Molly Dignan: The list does not need to be all 1,000 veterans, you can get a list and send the survey 100 student veterans that said they are coming back in the Fall.
- ll. John Lurquin: When it comes to pursuing external funding and other options, what does the board think would be a good number for them to pursue? If we were to talk to the Presidents Office or the Chancellors Office, what number would we be comfortable with?
- mm. Nan Lu: That's hard to say. The operating cost is pretty negligible.
- nn. Allen Dehoff: What would be an approximation for now, say a maximum of 100 for 10 weeks?
- oo. Lee Silbert: We can't really pull a number like this.
- pp. Colton Lyons: How much is the senior citizen discount?
- qq. Nan Lu: 50%
- rr. Colton Lyons: What if we gave the veterans a 50% discount and then looked for external funding for the other 50%?
- ss. Joseph Soto: It is difficult to make a decision for the Rec Board without all of the numbers. It is hard to know the unknown without the totality of it all. When we are forecasting our different funding options, it would be nice to have all the numbers.
- tt. Eric Laufer: Let's table this proposal.
- uu. Colton Lyons: I think tabling until the next meeting will be best in order for a survey to be sent to see how many of the 100 would actually utilize the Rec during the summer.

vv. Nan Lu: The piece about losing money isn't the critical factor in this discussion, it's more critical to talk about what sort of precedent we want to set. We are not talking about revenue lost, we are talking about is it fair to waive or subsidize student fees for Rec summer usage? Give that some thought.

ww. Dan Rummel: A scholarship fund could be established to hire vets to take down the dome/bubble or something like this to pay for their help, like a work-study job.

xx. John Lurquin: Let's table this request for the next meeting and come back with survey results from Veteran Services and explore funding possibilities.

yy. Rafe Kossak: Motion to postpone the Student Veterans Summer Rec Usage Proposal to the next meeting May 2, 2017.

zz. Molly Dignan: Second.

aaa. Spencer Murphy: Discussion.

bbb. Allen Dehoff: Call to question?

ccc. Joseph Soto: Acclamation.

ddd. John Lurquin: Motion passes. The topic is tabled.

#### VIII. New Business: Increasing fee for skate sharpening

a. Barb Bogner: I'm here today to ask for a fee increase for skate sharpening services provided by the ice rink. We charge \$3 for skate sharpening right now and we want to increase to \$4. Skate sharpening has a very extensive training process and we did benchmarking with other local skate facilities. The benchmark findings show that other facilities in the area are charging \$6, \$7, \$10, so everyone is above the \$5 mark. We have definitely increased our skate sharpening reputation so I would like to increase from \$3 to \$4 because of the demand.

b. Lee Silbert: Why just one dollar increase?

- c. Dan Rummel: Well, I think we don't want to shock people too much. Starting with a one dollar increase and see how it is accepted.
- d. John Lurquin: How long has it been \$3?
- e. Barb Bogner: Since the 1970s.
- f. Dan Rummel: How often do people have to get their skates sharpened?
- g. Barb Bogner: That depends, but the industry standard says three times on the ice and then get skates sharpened, so either once a week or every two weeks.
- h. John Lurquin: Any other questions for Barb?
- i. Eric Laufer: When will this start? The Fall?
- j. Barb Bogner: I want to start the increase July 1, 2017 so it is consistent with the fiscal year.
- k. Colton Lyons: I think \$4 is a great deal.
- l. Joseph Soto: Motion to hand-vote to approve the change in the skate sharpening fee from \$3 to \$4, effective July 1, 2017.
- m. Colton Lyons: Second.
- n. Spencer Murphy: Discussion.
- o. Rafe Kossak: Call to question?
- p. Joseph Soto: Acclamation.
- q. John Lurquin: We will solidify with a hand vote from the voting members. All those in favor please raise your hand. Now, all those opposed please raise your hand. All those that abstain? The vote is 5-0-1. The motion passes.
- r. Barb Bogner: Thank you guys!

IX. New Business: Rec Center building hours

- a. Patty McConnell: This is the Guest Services Manager, Dave Schofield. Today we are here to propose standardizing the Rec Center hours to establish consistency. We will be looking at the hours for Fall Semester, Winter Break, Spring Semester,



Maymester, and Summer Semester. We benchmarked other schools and most rec centers have the same hours Monday through Friday during their main semesters and most schools are open the same time on weekdays and over breaks. We are proposing to change the hours of operation for the Rec during the Fall and Spring semesters to 6am-11:30pm Monday through Friday, which close 30 minutes earlier than right now during the week, but an additional 30 minutes on Friday and then for Saturday and Sunday to 9am-11pm, which would be an added hour on Sunday morning. For summer, the proposed summer semester hour changes would be Monday through Friday from 7am-10pm, which would be an hour later in the mornings and 10am-9pm on Saturday and Sunday, which would include an hour later.

- b. Dave Schofield: The numbers shown are the from the benchmarking conducted from 5-6 other universities. The graphs show benchmarking numbers and then facility headcounts and swipes. It shows the busiest peak hours from 3pm-9pm during the school year and during the week. We also looked at breaks and saw that it is mostly faculty and staff coming in the morning. We found most schools had the same hours Monday through Friday. Summer participation numbers are really low until 10am and faculty and staff use the Rec mainly from 7-8am. We also have data from Catie Gibson on hourly headcounts from before and after Spring Break and after the remodel.
- c. Patty McConnell: With these headcounts, it looks like we have re-dispersed people throughout the building while spreading out participation in the strength and cardio spaces more equally.
- d. Lee Silbert: So really the question is how many people are we going to piss off with changing the Rec hours? How much are the added hours going to cost?

- e. Patty McConnell: It's an additional cost of \$1,500 for student employees for one year.
- f. John Lurquin: Where do we see the most problematic time change?
- g. Patty McConnell: The 6am-7am summer hours.
- h. John Lurquin: So can you just summarize real quick?
- i. Dave Schofield: For fall and spring semesters we are matching Saturday and Sunday hours and matching the closing time Monday-Friday at 11:30pm.
- j. John Lurquin: Any objections to the proposed changes for weekend hours?
- k. Barb Bogner: Is there going to be an issue with intramurals?
- l. Patty McConnell: We will not be scheduling Boulder Hockey Club during the weekdays any longer so IM's can start earlier.
- m. Rafe Kossak: When would this start?
- n. Patty McConnell: We would like to start this summer.
- o. Colton Lyons: I think an earlier opening on Sunday is a great tradeoff for thirty minutes earlier during the week.
- p. Dave Schofield: For summer we are opening an hour later, so instead of 6am, opening at 7am and closing at 10pm. For weekends during the summer we are looking to open an hour earlier on Saturday and Sunday, 10am and 9pm close.
- q. Molly Dignan: The other thing you have to keep in mind with these numbers is that student staff are swiping in too, so that means that these numbers are probably 10 higher than shown during the opening shifts.
- r. Eric Laufer: Motion to bundle the proposed facility hour adjustments for the main Rec Center for Fall, Spring and Summer semesters and breaks, effective Summer 2017.
- s. Spencer Murphy: Second.
- t. John Lurquin: Discussion.

- u. Rafe Kossak: Call to question?
- v. Joseph Soto: Acclamation.
- w. John Lurquin: Motion passes. The proposed hours are bundled.
- x. Eric Laufer: Motion to approve the bundled proposed facility hour adjustments for the main Rec Center for Fall, Spring and Summer semesters and breaks, effective Summer 2017, by hand vote:
- y. Joseph Soto: Second. Discussion.
- z. Rafe Kossak: Call to question?
- aa. Eric Laufer: Acclamation.
- bb. John Lurquin: We will solidify with a hand vote from the voting members. All those in favor please raise your hand. Now, all those opposed please raise your hand. All those that abstain? The vote is 5-0-1. The proposed facility hours are approved.

X. Chair's Report

- a. None.

XI. Director's Report

- a. None.

XII. Executive Team Reports

- a. Patty McConnell: In honor of Eric Laufer I am presenting participation numbers for weight and cardio spaces prior to the repurpose and the two weeks following the opening on April 2, 2017.
- b. Eric Laufer: This is awesome since we've increased our usage and we've been able to include more people in the weight spaces.
- c. Patty McConnell: We have spread people throughout the Rec in the weight and cardio spaces so it seems more spacious. We are hearing a lot of good things and everyone is really pleased. Participants love the Annex and state everything looks and feels good, and the functional space on the third floor seems bigger with more openness since we need larger spaces for functional workouts.

- d. John Lurquin: The comments have been really positive overall.
- e. Lee Silbert: So are there more people coming in?
- f. David Schofield: Yes, the facility access numbers don't reflect an increase, but weight space numbers have definitely increased.
- g. Lee Silbert: That's wonderful.
- h. Dan Rummel: Nothing to report.
- i. Jess Adkisson: Nothing to report.
- j. Nan Lu: Nothing to report.

XIII. Announcements

- a. George Hoey: Tomorrow is the "Just in Time" Career Fair in the UMC Ballroom from 1-4pm.
- b. John Lurquin: An email will be sent out tomorrow with details for meeting with Rec Center Director candidates. May 2, 2017 we are having the annual barbeque after the meeting. The location is the pool patio! Rain back-up is the Outdoor Program Classroom.

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Into executive session: 7:35pm.