

Berthoud PORT Facility Subcommittee  
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Minutes

Members present: Maureen Dower, Bruce Fickel, Wesley Joy, Kelsey Roberts, Sunny Tartaglia, Barbara Ver Steeg, Jane Vielehr

- General Discussion
  - Because the Berthoud area was declared a disaster area following the 2013 flood, we may be eligible for Colorado Department of Local Area (DOLA) funds; this funding mechanism could potentially be integrated in PORT project funding.
  - One possible recommendation could be a “modular” approach to community and/or recreation center development for Berthoud. I.e., build separate parts of the vision for a site like Wagener Farm Park (WFP) as funding becomes available; components might include a community center, recreation center, aquatic center, sports fields, etc., but they would be added individually as resources allows.
  - A recreation center that includes ballparks can impact nearby residents with noise and bright lights at night. Consider this in proposing location for such facilities.
  - Sports fields can help maintain a view corridor to the west/mountains; consider this in proposing location for such facilities.
  - Consider existing facilities such as the current community center and outdoor swimming pool and how those can/should be integrated into the future PORT vision. Future splash park option at outdoor pool location?
  - Thompson School District (TSD) Board will decide at their 8/24/16 meeting which items will be included in Thompson Reinvented, a proposed upcoming bond and mill levy.
    - If TSD funds a pool in Berthoud, it is clearly leaning towards locating the pool at Berthoud High School, but welcomes input from and possibly partnering with the Berthoud community regarding design features. Location at Turner Middle School is unlikely.
  - WFP could be a good location for the Berthoud Farmers Market.
  - Current Berthoud town residents seem keen on having a facility developed in town, e.g. at WFP; such a location would also bring increased traffic to existing local businesses.
  - This subcommittee’s focus should be: short-term recommendation to town board regarding building a new Berthoud Facility – (1) What Kind (Community Center? Recreation Center? Boys and Girls Club/La Familia partner component?), (2) Where, and (3) When?
- Erie Community Center Tour and Discussion
  - Online facility information is available at: <http://www.erieco.gov/188/Facility-Information>
  - Erie has grown from roughly 6,000 residents in 2008 to approximately 23,000 currently, and is projected to go to 40,000.
  - Community Center was built in stages – center was built in 2007, fields/park opened in 2010, skate park opened in 2012. Funding sources included developer fees, impact fees, user fees.
  - Features viewed included staff offices, storage areas, child care and indoor/outdoor play area, spin class room, cardio and weight areas, party room, aquatic facility, active adult

lounge (the only public senior facility available in Erie), indoor track, multipurpose community rooms, racquetball courts, locker rooms and family cabanas, fitness studio, and gymnasium. The community rooms are rented to the public and are available as a single large room or divided into 4 smaller rooms; catering kitchen, screens, small stage available.

- Programming discussed included classes for parents and young children (e.g., stroller classes), summer camps, teen programs, pilates, spin classes, pickleball.
- Facility has been adapted since its inception: many carpeted areas have been converted to alternative flooring; a teen gaming area was converted to spin room. Staff mentioned that a conference room would be useful and recommended some other alternatives/changes in the aquatic facility and locker rooms. Storage is always in short supply.
- Windsor Community Recreation Center Tour and Discussion
  - Recreation Manager Tara Fotsch led the tour and provided a great deal of useful printed information as well, including regarding the expansion proposal and process. She recommended that Berthoud staff consulting facility manager and other subgroups of the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association for advice during a facility development process.
  - Online facility information is available at <http://www.windsorgov.com/189/Community-Recreation-Center>
  - Windsor population grew from 10,000 in 2003 to over 20,000 today.
  - Original facility was primarily a community center, with multipurpose community rooms and a gym. Expansion, including indoor recreation facilities and opportunities and an aquatic center began in 2014 and is nearly complete. Open public discussion took 4 years and included 20 public meetings; funding is primarily through an increase in sales tax. Unanticipated obstacles in the process included an expected large retailer that ended up not coming to town, and town changes resulting from a large tornado.
  - Complete updated facility includes indoor track, auxiliary gym, fitness and yoga/dance class rooms, aquatic facility, large kitchen, large basement for storage, staff offices, staff conference room, class/party rooms, expanded locker rooms.
  - Updated programming includes childcare, fitness classes, senior lunch program, teen programming, pickleball, summer day camp; Windsor recreation department runs all local youth sports programs (as opposed to sports clubs).
- Next Meeting: Wednesday 8/24/16, 6:30 pm at Bruce Fickel's office (343 Mountain); hopefully this will include a presentation by the Boys and Girls Club and/or La Familia. Meetings will generally occur every 2 weeks.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Ver Steeg