



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Rebecca Dunn, Chair
Michael Smith, Vice Chair
Dan Ahrens
Scott Dowis
Jessica Kallweit
Melissa Lindsay
Karly Morkes

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

5:00 PM

Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course
2156 Red Hawk Ridge Dr.
Castle Rock, CO 80109

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TIMES SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE AND MAY BE ADJUSTED DUE TO CHANGES TO THE AGENDA.

CALL TO ORDER

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rebecca Dunn at approximately 5 p.m. Staff in attendance included Jeff Brauer, Jeff Smullen, Brian Peterson, Bob Maloney and Jennifer Martin.

Present 4 - Chair Rebecca Dunn, Commissioner Michael Smith, Commissioner Scott Dowis, and Commissioner Jessica Kallweit

Not Present 3 - Commissioner Melissa Lindsay, Commissioner Karly Morkes, and Commissioner Dan Ahrens

PUBLIC COMMENT

DURING THIS TIME, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AND STAFF ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA. COMMENTS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN FOUR (4) MINUTES.

None.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

[PRC 2024-017](#) Approval of the Minutes

"I move to approve the minutes as presented."

Yes: 4 - Chair Dunn, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Dowis, and Commissioner Kallweit

Not Present: 3 - Commissioner Lindsay, Commissioner Morkes, and Commissioner Ahrens

RED HAWK RIDGE GOLF COURSE UPDATES

Jeff Brauer, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided an update on Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course to commission members. He shared that the course has experienced significant growth, increasing from 35,000 rounds and \$3.3 million in revenue in 2020 to 59,000 rounds and a record \$5 million in sales in 2024.

In 2024, the course completed \$220,000 in capital projects and is projected to contribute \$200,000 to the reserve fund, bringing the total reserve to \$3.9 million. Completed capital improvements included a new practice putting green, interior and exterior painting, new carpet, upgraded lighting, new restaurant furniture, an entry sign above the clubhouse door, and two new coolers in the restaurant.

Jeff praised the restaurant management team, Gabby and Spencer, who have significantly improved food quality, expanded menu options, and enhanced service since joining in 2022. They have also expanded operations by catering Town of Castle Rock functions and private events. The restaurant achieved record sales of \$830,000 this year. Jeff also thanked the team for providing dinner for the meeting.

The golf course continues to be in high demand, selling out daily from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM during peak season. All leagues are full, with healthy waitlists, and the course hosted 38 company tournaments throughout 2024.

Jeff also expressed appreciation for maintenance staff Jon Holland and Billy LaFleur, noting that the course receives numerous compliments each day for its excellent conditions.

Red Hawk Ridge also received two CAGGY awards from Colorado Avid Golfer magazine in 2024: Best Denver Region Course and Best Conditions.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Jeff Brauer reported that he, along with Justin Spring from The Conservation Fund and Dan Dertz from Douglas County Open Space, presented the Blue Grama Award to the Douglas County Commissioners the previous day. The Commissioners acknowledged the value of the region's open space preservation efforts and emphasized the importance of promoting health and wellness within the community.

Assistant Director Jeff Smullen shared that Confluence Companies would present the proposed Brickyard development to the Planning Commission on December 12. The company plans to seek approval from the Town Council in 2025. Town staff are currently reviewing the project's financing and development agreements, including setting the groundwork for the Sports Center which was estimated at \$73 million. If approved, both the Brickyard development and the accompanying Sports Center could begin construction in 2025.

Jeff Brauer closed staff comments by thanking the commission for their time, service and commitment throughout 2024.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN TO DINNER

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.