



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Rebecca Dunn, Chair
Cat Evans, Vice Chair
Scott Dowis
Craig Kinnunen
Douglas Mantelli
Derek Niehus
Erin Siesel

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

5:00 PM

Castle Rock Sports Center

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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, Brian Peterson, Jennifer Martin, Dan Wahl and Maia Yates. Council Liaison Tim Dietz was also present. No additions, deletions or modifications were made to the agenda.

Present 6 - Chair Rebecca Dunn, Vice-Chair Cat Evans, Commissioner Scott Dowis, Commissioner Craig Kinnunen, Commissioner Douglas Mantelli, and Commissioner Derek Niehus

Not Present 1 - Commissioner Erin Siesel

WELCOME TO NEW COMMISSIONERS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by those in attendance.

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.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

[PRC 2026-016](#) Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026-2027

Cat Evans moved to appoint Rebecca Dunn to continue serving as Chair. Douglas Mantelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Craig Kinnunen moved to appoint Cat Evans to continue serving as Vice Chair. Rebecca Dunn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 6 - Chair Dunn, Vice-Chair Evans, Commissioner Dowis, Commissioner Kinnunen, Commissioner Mantelli, and Commissioner Niehus

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Siesel

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

[PRC 2026-017](#) Approval of the Minutes

Craig Kinnunen moved to approve the minutes. Cat Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I move to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Yes: 6 - Chair Dunn, Vice-Chair Evans, Commissioner Dowis, Commissioner Kinnunen, Commissioner Mantelli, and Commissioner Niehus

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Siesel

TOUR OF CASTLE ROCK SPORTS CENTER

Staff led the Commission on a construction tour of the Castle Rock Sports Center. Design began in 2020, construction began Sept. 8, 2025 and completion is anticipated in July 2027. The approximately \$75 million project involves partnerships among the Town, Confluence Development and Saunders Construction. The project's financing and development structure includes certificates of participation, public land dedication and associated roadway and utility improvements.

Staff reviewed construction progress and described the facility's aquatic amenities, including a warm water program pool and a 25 yard by 25 meter competition pool. The competition pool will range from 6 feet to 12 feet, 6 inches deep and will accommodate diving and competitive swimming. The prefabricated pool system was manufactured in Italy and will be professionally surveyed after installation to confirm competition dimensions.

The tour included the competition courts, recreation gym, weight room, cardio area, spin studio, fitness rooms, indoor running tracks and outdoor training area. Staff described the facility's emphasis on flexible programming, including spaces that can serve fitness classes, camps, tournaments, aquatic events and community gatherings. The multiuse room can be divided into two sections accommodating approximately 150 people each and includes pool access, event viewing screens, storage and a limited food service area.

Staff also reviewed spectator seating, accessible viewing areas, locker rooms, family cabanas, administrative offices, building systems and maintenance areas. Construction features include precast concrete panels, exposed structural steel, acoustical treatments, diffused daylight systems, digital room schedules, card reader access and coordinated mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. Staff reported that the project recently transitioned from generators to permanent electrical power.

Operational planning is underway. Staff have developed preliminary program schedules to evaluate space use, program demand and scheduling conflicts. The schedule is expected to be finalized by the end of the year before being entered into the registration system. Membership planning, state licensing for camps and

recruitment of additional part time employees will begin before the facility opens. Staff anticipate a phased opening followed by expanded programming as staffing and operations are established.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Staff provided updates on potential recreation partnerships within the Dawson Trails development. The Town received a 44 acre parks and recreation land dedication and is exploring public private partnerships to deliver additional community amenities. Discussions include a potential Gold Crown Foundation basketball and volleyball facility and a possible multi-sheet ice facility offering hockey, skating and other community programs. No final agreements were presented.

Staff provided an update on The Big Drive public art installation planned at Rock Park Open Space. The installation will feature three large cattle sculptures created by New Mexico artists and will recognize the Town's Western heritage, Colorado's 150th anniversary and the nation's 250th anniversary. Installation is anticipated in July, pending permitting approval.

Staff announced the resignation of the special events senior supervisor and recognized her contributions to the Town. Existing staff will assume event responsibilities during the transition.

Upcoming programs and events include Tunes for Trails on June 18, the Marshall Tucker Band concert on June 26, free Fitness Fridays and Sunday yoga at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park and the Sunday farmers market. Staff reported record summer concert ticket sales and encouraged participation in upcoming community celebrations.

Staff also provided an accreditation update. The department received positive feedback, with minor clarification requested regarding documentation of policy review timing. Formal accreditation recognition is anticipated at the National Recreation and Park Association conference in Philadelphia in September. The department was also encouraged to submit the Castle Rock Sports Center project for national recognition based on its innovative development and financing structure.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commission members recognized the successful opening concert and strong community turnout. Members also thanked Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course staff for their work supporting the Chamber golf tournament. Staff reported that the golf enterprise continues to exceed expectations.

Commission members thanked staff for the Castle Rock Sports Center tour and commented on the facility's anticipated impact on the community.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.