

# Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

## Meeting

Date: September 13, 2021  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting site

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1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Approval of Previous Months Minutes**
  - A. June 14, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Regular Meeting
4. **Public Invited to be Heard**

Anyone wishing to provide Public Comment during Public Invited To Be Heard is limited to three minutes per person and each speaker will be asked to state their name and address for the record prior to proceeding with their comments.
5. **Old Business**
  - A. Discuss Future Recreation Facility
6. **New Business**
  - A. Overview of Volunteer Program
7. **Discuss Items from Packet Updates**
8. **Items from Staff**
9. **Items from Board**
10. **Adjournment**

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# MINUTES

## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

June 14, 2021

### 1. Roll Call

Present: Sue Ahlberg, Scott Conlin, Jeff Ellenbogen, Paige Lewis (Chair), Nicolas Novello, Dan Ohlsen, (Vice chair).

Absent: Manoj Gangwar, Council Liaison Aren Rodriguez.

Staff Present: Jeff Friesner, Dan Wolford, Steve Ransweiler and Nikki Davidson.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Nick Novello motioned to approve. Dan Ohlsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

Dan Ohlsen motioned to approve the May 10, 2021 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes with the edit of removal of Kathy Kron from present list. Sue Ahlberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Public Invited to be Heard

Opened, no one present, closed the session.

### 5. Old Business

#### A. Field Trip dates and locations

Jeff noted transport will be available and the trip can move forward if Board approves. Three Board members will be out in July so Jeff Friesner recommended August. Paige Lewis proposed August 12 at 5pm in lieu of the Monday meeting. Public will be able to join with their own transport and all primary locations will be posted for public to attend. Jeff Friesner will reach out to clerk's office to see about city council being available on this date and reserve van(s) for the trip.

### 6. New Business

#### A. Adam Farm Property Land Acquisition – OS Acquisition

Dan Wolford presented Adam Farm Land Acquisition proposal. The City is close to a signed purchase agreement with the family. Firestone has first right of refusal on the acquisition. Boulder County will contribute \$2m to the deal for conservation easement. Dan Ohlsen asked about the location of the trail connector to St. Vrain Park. Dan Wolford anticipates an East/West connection from Union Reservoir through the two open spaces and along the loop trail at Union Reservoir. Nick Novello asked how the 10-year agricultural lease would interact with the trail system and conservation easement. Dan Wolford noted there are no fences between trails and agricultural land and staff are not anticipating problems. Paige Lewis asked if the mineral rights come with the property. Dan Wolford stated that mineral rights are separate from the property and of the six wells on the property, one is plugged and abandoned, the other five are scheduled to be plugged.

Jeff Ellenbogen motioned to recommend approval of this acquisition and move forward to city council. Sue Ahlberg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### B. Comprehensive Trail System

Steve Ransweiler presented his work on mapping 37 missing trail segments or connectors that are needed but unfunded. TRP 105 and PR-083 projects detailed the needs and costs to improve these. Jeff Ellenbogen asked why Parks and Recreation is involved in some of these projects rather than Public Works. Steve Ransweiler explained that Parks is involved to help make the network of connectors work while maximizing benefit to the Longmont community, so these improvements help make trail connections work better but there is collaboration with other departments. PR-083 also needs to replace existing trails.

Nick Novello asked if any projects could be cut from the list to help with prioritizing. Steve Ransweiler noted Dawson Park and maybe one other are not priorities. Various prioritization criteria had been reviewed and public outreach and feedback help with prioritizing. At this point PR-083 will not have funding for 2022 but looking to 2023. Scott Conlin

noted that people who come to city council meetings are normally those already well served, need to look at the less well served areas of the city. From a user perspective, can the City put signs up on some of the sidewalks where the trail closes or dead ends, notifying folks before they get to the end of trail? Steve Ransweiler noted that would be traffic and Scott could pass those on to Steve and he will liaise with traffic along with David Bell.

Paige Lewis thanked Steve Ransweiler for his presentation and confirmed why the Board wanted to make the field trip about trails and connections.

## **7. Discuss Items from Packet Updates.**

Scott Conlin asked how the self-pay at Union Res is going. Jeff Friesner explained it has only been working for a week and so far so good. Jeff Friesner will respond with more at next meeting. Nick Novello asked about Loomiller Park renewal project process. Steve Ransweiler explained that Kathy Kron is working on it but has other projects that are active and needing her focus. Paige Lewis asked about prairie dog management. Dan Wolford noted they are actively managing 14 locations through installation of barriers, mapping and monitoring and on-going euthanasia that are in areas designated no prairie dog areas. Clover Meadows area does have volunteers doing passive relocation of prairie dogs to Jefferson County.

## **8. Items from Staff**

Jeff Friesner noted the Board can start meeting in person come July at the Parks building inside or outside. Dan Wolford said they are all set up to meet in person outside and even with temperatures as they are it is still very pleasant. Jeff Friesner stated that in person meetings would be safe and comfortable for all. Dan Ohlsen would like to meet in person but noted will be out of town for some of summer meetings and could log in if it was an option. Jeff Friesner confirmed that once in person meetings begin virtual meetings go away. Jeff Friesner asked to move in the direction of in person meetings and just let staff know if there are concerns. Due to the 2021 budget cuts, Jeff Friesner noted that activity pools would not open this year.

Dan Wolford is anticipating stepping up the Master plan for Button Rock. There will be one more public meeting in October. In October or November Staff would like to do a joint presentation with Sustainability Board and PRAB. Staff would then take everyone's comments to the Water Board before going to Council at a study session. Paige asked if the Sustainability Board could attend PRAB meeting as a Wednesday, 3pm meeting would be hard for some PRAB members. Staff will look into this.

## **9. Items from Board**

Dan Ohlsen noted at Lake McIntosh people are swimming across the lake. There are no signs stating NO SWIMMING. David Bell said they were able to get wildlife enclosure up and more trash pick-ups, additional budget request for boat and rangers to monitor the lake. Two rangers do go to the lake but they are monitoring all areas. The branding changeover has slowed the signs but they are ready and close to getting them out there.

Dan Ohlsen noted that at Sunset pool, lap swim times, people are self-selecting to swim two per lane and staying swimming for longer than an hour and this is creating a backlog. Sue Ahlberg said she is not seeing a problem. Jeff Friesner will look into it. Jeff Ellenbogen recommended signs to help encourage people to circle swim.

Dan Ohlsen asked when the tennis shelter at Quail campus would be built. Steve Ransweiler said not next year as no funding yet. If there is, a problem at Tennis Courts at Quail people can call **PWNR Call center on 303 651 8416**. This line also covers many items including graffiti. Dan Wolford noted the start of mosquito season, City starting management next Sunday.

Sue Ahlberg asked about minutes from last meeting and a new recreation center; did Jeff go city council yet. Jeff Friesner clarified the process and how once the survey and public meetings are complete he would take this back to City Council.

Paige Lewis thanked whomever for all the new trees in Meadow Park.

## **10. Adjournment – 8.16pm**

Dan Ohlsen motioned to adjourn. Scott Conlin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



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**Meeting Date: September 13, 2021**

**Agenda Item: On-going Items**

**Subject: Parks and Natural Resources Ongoing Items**

**Presenter: David Bell**

**Suggested Action: Information**

The following summarizes Parks, Open Space & Trails' happenings for the past month:

**Park & Trail Development** (includes only active projects led by Park & Trail Development Project Managers) .

- 1. Loomiller Park Renewal** (Kathy Kron, Updated 9/7/21) No new updates. Staff will prepare bid documents as soon as time allows.
- 2. Affolter Park Upgrades** (Kathy Kron, Updated 9/7/21) No new updates. The project is progressing and is close to receiving Substantial Completion.
- 3. Wertman Neighborhood Park** (Steve Ransweiler, Updated 9/8/21) –Design is at approximately 70% and construction documents are anticipated to be completed in 2021 for an end-of-year bid for construction.
- 4. South Clover Basin Neighborhood Park** (Steve Ransweiler Updated 9/8/21) –Design is at approximately 50% and construction documents are anticipated to be completed in early 2022. The project may be bid for construction in 2022, but it may be delayed due to the completion of the adjacent development and priority changes. Staff is working with residents and local volunteers to relocate prairie dogs existing on the property to Rocky Flats in 2021.
- 5. Resilient St. Vrain Project** (Steve Ransweiler/Danielle Cassidy-Levine, Updated 9/8/21) –CR2b (around the BNSF RR crossing) is complete, with the trail and pedestrian bridge being opened for public use. Izaak Walton Phase 1 (between the BNSF crossing and Boston Avenue) is under construction, with completion expected in Q2 2022. A utility relocation project, which will close the greenway trail upstream of Boston Avenue is under construction and will last through Q3 2021. An agreement with Army Corps of Engineers for design/construction of Izaak Walton Phase 2 (Boston Ave to Sunset St.) has been finalized, with design slated to start in 2021 and construction in 2022.
- 6. City-Wide Wayfinding Assessment and Plan/Parks, Open Space & Trails Wayfinding Master Plan & Sign Standards Update** (Kathy Kron, Updated 9/7/21) – A framework plan and conceptual designs have been developed. A progress meeting is scheduled in mid-September with staff and the consultant to review and discuss design development of the sign standards for parks, open space, greenways & trails.

**Volunteer Program** (Taylor Gifford – 9/7/21)

The Volunteer Season continues with scheduled events with Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, as well as the addition of several large parks mulching events, watering events, and events at Button Rock Preserve. A small Volunteer Appreciation Brunch is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Open Space / Ecosystem Management** (Dan Wolford) – 9/7/2021

1. The City was granted the Natural Resources Division a full time Volunteer Coordinator position. Taylor Quirt-Gifford accepted our offer and started July 19<sup>th</sup>. She has already proven to be a great asset to the team.
2. Land Acquisition: Work efforts continue to work with BOCO to develop an IGA and to prepare documents and Land Use processes with Firestone to purchase the **Adam's Dairy** (130 acres, \$5.5 million) as Open Space in partnership with BOCO. We are nearly completed with a signed purchase contract from the Seller. We hope to close on this property in early 2022. City has been approached by the Hergenreder Family to acquire a Conservation Easement on their property approx 160 acres and water for \$3.7 million dollars, due to cash flow we have offered to make this purchase over time. We recently closed on the Montgomery Farms, Future Community Park site. We would like PRAB to consider and Open Space Sale Tax extension and / or increase I November of 2022.
3. **Button Rock Preserve Management Plan** (Danielle Cassidy-Levine, Updated 9/7/21) Management planning for Button Rock Preserve has been extended into early 2022 due to the impacts of COVID-19. Via our Caring for Button Rock Engage page, we will seek public comment on our recommended ordinance language changes later this year. We hope to bring a draft document, including our ordinance and management recommendations to boards and council in the fourth quarter of this year or early 2022, looking to have Council accept the plan by the end of March
4. **St. Vrain Greenway Phase 13 (Sandstone Ranch to St Vrain State Park)** (Danielle Cassidy-Levine, Updated 9/7/21) – The City is researching land acquisition and will know more after an alternatives analysis. Three design firms submitted proposals on Sept. 1 and will be evaluated on Sept. 13. \$1.5M in CDOT/DRCOG funds have been secured to help fund the design and construction of this ~\$4.5 million project. In Sept. '21, Longmont applied for 1M in grant funding from the LWCF, administered by CPW & NPS; this would be for construction only. Decisions will be made in April 2022. SVG P13 project design will start in 2021.
5. Land Management / Open Space has filled two temporary positions, we have not been at full capacity for over 3 years due to illness or transitions
6. Staff is involved in a variety of **Capital Projects**, including Spring Gulch #2 Trail Development is generally completed and open to the public. Jim Krick and Danielle Cassidy-Levine continue to work on creek restoration, Lefthand Creek Restoration and RSVP Reach 2B and Izaak Reach.
7. Field staff are now focusing our weed control by mean of mowing. A reminder that notices for weed spraying activities can be viewed on the City's webpage under weed and pest management.
8. We continue to focus on **prairie dog management** at a variety of parks including Blue Skies Park, Airport, Dickens Farm Park and on McLachlan property. Assisting Planning and Development with **site plan review** with natural resource purposes for projects such as the Irwin Thomas Gravel Mining permit and Costco. Beaver management has been a particular item we are working on with tree wrapping, painting, beaver deceivers. Our wildlife biologist, Scott Severs was recently on KGNU to discuss our strategies : <http://howonearthradio.org/archives/8050>
9. Staff is finalizing working on reviewing the **Annexation of the Lake McIntosh and Peschel property** along with any adjacently owned City Property and moving forward with this. This process should help to resolve some of the law enforcement and emergency response confusion.
10. Projects for 2021 are progressing as we hope to finalize the **Stream Management/Maintenance Plan** by the first of the summer. Staff is currently seeking design / build quotes for the construction of a **Greenhouse** for native plant propagation within the Park shop footprint. We are implementing our City Research Grant Program, enhancing our volunteer opportunities and working with WRV to implement a recent **GOCO grant award** (see below).
11. Staff are currently working on the renewal of the **Union Reservoir Recreation Lease**

12. Staff is collaboratively working with **WRV** for a variety of volunteer project over the next two year in relation to the GOCO Resiliency Grant; \$219,000.00. Current project include PD barrier installation at Blue Skies Park, Trail restoration along the St Vrain Greenway and (2) additional boar ramps at Lake McIntosh
13. Crazy Mosquito season, Record high number of mosquitoes as well as Culex species, which carry WNV. At this point in time we are engaged in week adulticide spraying.
14. EcoSystem Management Team will be assisting Public Works Operations in the management of 20 acres east of Lyons and south of Rabbit Mountain to manage 7 historic building including a historic Farm house and an Agricultural Lease.

**Union Reservoir (Bryce Oubre) - 9/3/2021**

1. The dog beach is open.
2. The fishing pier is open.
3. Swim beach is open weekends only. Closes after 9/6.
4. Recreation is running the gatehouse daily.
5. Union is now open from 6:00AM to 8:00PM.
6. Ongoing coordination between Recreation and Union Reservoir for water safety and recreational programing.
7. Visitation has declined during the week as school started back. Weekends still busy.
8. Rangers seeing an increase in fishing violations. Rangers have contacted and issued notices issued to anglers not in compliance with regulations.
9. Rangers and Environmental Services continue to monitor water quality.
10. Repairs made to fence near sail club after vehicle crash.
11. Still awaiting new boat dock and motor for Zodiac boat. Trailer for boat is assembled.
12. Rangers performed multiple boat rescues for high winds during Full Moon Paddle.
13. Triathlon scheduled for morning September 19<sup>th</sup>.
14. Year to date revenue \$608,188.85.

**Button Rock Preserve Watershed Ranger Program (Pryce Hadley) - 9/7/2021**

- a. While late-August and early-September have seen a bump in visitation numbers and use of the overflow parking lot at Button Rock, overall visitation is down from the record year of 2020. 5,399 hikers visited the preserve in August (down from 7,949 last year). To date, the preserve has hosted over 42,000 visitors since the first of the year and is on track to surpass 2019 totals.
- b. The new Button Rock Preserve brochure has proven highly popular with visitors. The brochure provides info on the preserve's history, wildlife, and hiking trails. A Spanish-language translation of the brochure is being prepared and should be available at the trailhead kiosk later this season.
- c. The new Volunteer Coordinator, Taylor Quirt-Gifford, worked with rangers and Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV) to complete a native seed collection at multiple locations in the preserve in late-August. Approximately 20 volunteers turned out for the event, and a second collection is planned for later this fall. Harvested seeds will be used to revegetate disturbed areas within the Log Jam forest management unit.
- d. Vegetation control was completed in August on the face of Button Rock Dam addressing a maintenance backlog caused by the cancellation of two years of youth corps-led maintenance due to COVID-19. Woody vegetation is removed from the dam face to prevent erosion and protect the structure.
- e. A closure gate was installed by Parks & Natural Resources staff in mid-August on an open mine shaft within Button Rock Preserve to protect visitors and prevent resource damage.
- f. Ranger Hadley applied for a GOCO grant to fund youth corps work in the preserve focusing on wildfire fuel reduction. If approved, the grant would fund 8-weeks of chainsaw work by a regional conservation corps. We hope to report good news regarding this grant at the end of the year.

### **Button Rock Preserve Forestry Work (Pryce Hadley/Danielle Cassidy-Levine) - 9/7/2021**

- a. Log Jam Mitigation: The Log Jam forestry project was completed in late June, funded in part by a CSFS grant. Approximately 250 burn piles were built. Three hundred trees were hauled to Heil Valley Ranch for use in aerial mulching over the Calwood Fire burn area. A future volunteer seed collection day will help provide native grass seed for disturbed areas in the forestry unit.
- b. Antelope Park Mitigation: Natural Resources secured \$65,000 in CSFS FRWRM grant funding to go toward this \$114,000 project to treat 40 acres of hard-to-access forest on the east side of Button Rock, bordering Hall Ranch. Similar to the Log Jam mitigation work, building burn piles will be part of this work. This project will begin in 2022 and will compliment a 73 acre treatment Boulder County also plans to do in 2022.
- c. St. Vrain Forest Health Partnership (SVFHP): Meetings continue between COL, BCPOS, USFS, NRCS, and other stakeholders in the health of the St. Vrain watershed. Federal and local funding has been secured to conduct aerial mulching and other fire recovery projects in the CalWood Fire burn scar.

### **Parks and Forestry Operations (Timber Toste) - 9/7/2021**

Overview- The month of August was busy with a number of Use of Public Place- Special Events, Parks and Forestry Operations is in steady state operations to keep the system clean, green, and safe. August is the last month of steady state operations as we will begin to plan for fall pruning, irrigation and facility winterization, and snow removal. There are several important dates coming up, Neighborhood Park Restrooms will close 10 October, Community Park Restrooms will close 14 November, and seasonal parks staff will end 8 October. Additionally, shelter reservations will end 10 October.

### **Facilities and Irrigation Maintenance (Chris Davis) - 9/7/2021**

1. We will need to install new concrete at the RTD bus stop at Roosevelt, Dawson Park and Meadow Mountain. We will hire a contractor once our on-call contract is approved. This work should be completed soon.
2. Jenkins Davis has been hired as the Graffiti Removal Specialist and started 9/7/2021.
3. We are working with Blayde Incorporation to install engineered wood fiber at various playgrounds. This work will be completed this month.
4. We have approval on ordering new practice boards at Carr Park and are hoping to have these installed this month.

### **Horticulture Maintenance (Ben Gratton) – 9/7/2021**

1. Landscape maintenance contractors continue maintenance. This includes all weekly and monthly mowing and weed control of landscaped areas in parks, greenways, right-of-ways and buildings.
2. Staff is working on summer projects with a focus on irrigation systems and turf maintenance operations.
3. Garden Acres and Roosevelt parks will receive a third applications of organic fertilizer in September.
4. All other parks will be core aerated and fertilized the third week of September.

### **Forestry (Brett Stadsvold) –9/7/2021**

1. Nathan Gibbs started on 8/23/2021 as the new Arborist Technician I. Nathan comes to the COL with a wide variety of skills, growing up on a cattle and sheep farm in Montana, working as an environmental engineer for Boeing for three years, and most recently performing felling and fire mitigation work for the USFS based out of Arapaho/Roosevelt National Forest. So, we are pretty excited with all the experience and skills Nate brings to the Forestry crew.
2. The vacant Senior Arborist position closed on 9/6/2021. Of the 7 candidates we will be interviewing 4 and shooting for a start date in early October. After filling the Senior Arborist position we will still have the Arborist Technician II position to fill to be back at 100% staffing.
3. Siberian elms are having a rough year with heavy infestations of both elm leaf beetle and elm leaf miner. Both insects skeletonize leaves and causing the leaves to turn brown, and prematurely fall from the tree. City Forester published a press release with communications team and story will be covered in Longmont Leader.
4. The invasive insect, emerald ash borer is most evident this spring than in years past and many ash trees throughout Longmont are in various states of decline. Forestry will work with Code Enforcement in September to start notifying residents of dead and dying ash trees.
5. Despite insect issues on trees we have the benefit of more regular rain this growing season and two contractors helping water newly planted trees.
6. A contract for routine tree maintenance was awarded to Blue River Tree Care for the Oligarchy Greenway west of Flanders Park. Work will take place in December.
7. A contract was awarded to Helping Hand Tree Care to perform various tree removals and pruning in Old Town with work to be completed before Thanksgiving.
8. A request for bids is out for annual tree maintenance at Sunset Golf Course. Bids are due back on Friday, September 10. Work will take place after irrigation is off and contractors can get their equipment on the course.
9. Forestry has all the City managed trees available to view on the Forestry webpage.  
<https://www.longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-e-m/forestry/city-maintained-trees-and-services/inventory-of-city-maintained-trees>

**Other** [other City projects and efforts that are related to parks, trails, open space, etc., but not being led by our division. Lead staff, division and links are provided where available).

1. **Resilient St. Vrain** (Josh Sherman, Engineering Services)  
- <http://longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-n-z/water/stormwater-drainage/resilient-st-vrain>
2. **Dry Creek Greenway Trail Connection** (Alden Jenkins & Ariel Retuta, Engineering Services) – This extends the Dry Creek Greenway Trail from where it ends near Sam’s Club, east to Sunset Street.



**Date: September 13, 2021**

**Subject: Recreation Update Items**

**From: Jeff Friesner**

**Suggested Action: Information**

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The following summarizes Recreation programs for Aug:

Recreation remains in Level Clear. Sites are opened at full-capacity. Masking requirements reinstated effective August 10, 2021, for indoor programs.

### **Roosevelt Programming Area**

1. In finalizing the lighting for Longmont Lights, the past vendor who has put up the park lights gave notice that they were not able to cover the event in 2021. Sam Calhoon, Recreation Program Coordinator is working to secure an alternate vendor.
2. The Kid's Only Triathlon and Try-A-Tri were successful in their new location, the Longmont Recreation Center, and new end-of-summer-date on Saturday, August 21. 162 total athletes, with an estimated attendance of over 400 people, competed on the new course which featured swimming, a residential looping bike course, and a Greenway down-and-back run. While the new location presented a few challenges, the ease of hosting the event in south Longmont instead of NE Longmont makes the Longmont Recreation Center the preferred site for future Triathlons.
3. The Legendary Ladies performed at Sandstone Ranch Visitors & Learning Center on Tuesday, August 17, to a delighted crowd of 71 people.
4. Updates were enabled for both the LongmontColorado.gov/recreation web pages and for online registration via WebTrac to provide both an easier navigation and an updated look. Check them out: <https://www.longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-n-z/recreation-services> and <https://rec.ci.longmont.co.us/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html>
5. August 6 was the final day for the Longmont Summer Day Camp. 2021 saw some solid gains over pandemic child care in 2020 with close to double the number of youth served in Tween LOCO (with 484 individual days attended in 2021 versus 249 in 2020) and an additional 500 days attended by youth ages 5-10 in 2021 over 2020 in the Longmont Summer Day Camp. While not yet quite to pre-COVID offerings – 1:1 behavioral and personal care were not

available in 2020 or 2021 – 2021 offered the return to twice weekly swimming at Sunset Pool and weekly field trips to local parks.

6. August was a busy month at the Callahan House & Gardens with a record month of memorials, business retreats, and small weddings. September is shaping up to be equally busy.

### **Centennial Programming Area (Aquatics & Ice)**

1. Due to the extreme aquatic staffing shortage, Centennial and Sunset Pool's facility hours were modified for the last 4 weeks of summer, with the goals of maintaining opportunities for the public to continue to enjoy all three facilities for both lap and open swim. Even with this change, the full time Aquatic Coordinators and Supervisors each averaged around 30 hours a week, pool managing and lifeguarding.
2. Full Moon Paddle occurred at Union Reservoir on Saturday, August 21. The event started off peaceful until a storm squall raged through the reservoir. The lifeguard staff did an amazing job of staying calm in the stressful situation of being on the reservoir in kayaks and on the ranger boat during the extreme downpour. Once the rain stopped, lifeguards were able to help the paddle boarders who were also caught out in the storm on the reservoir. They towed a couple of people into shore who lost paddles and boards, and also offered words of encouragement to those who experienced the downpour. Rocky Mountain Paddle Board was so thankful for the hard work of the lifeguards, they bought them all pizza to celebrate a great event. Because, after the storm, the double rainbow came out over the reservoir, right before the sun when down and full moon rose.
3. First Triathlon of the season was held at Union Reservoir on Sunday, August 22, by Without Limits Productions. Aquatic staff provided on water support in kayaks and the Ranger boat, and assisted with bringing to shore five distressed triathletes, due to various reasons, of water temperature, personal anxiety, and leg cramps.
4. Held one American Red Cross Lifeguard and one Babysitter's Training classes during the first week in August. Out of the Lifeguard class, four ended up becoming employees, two of which were able to work the vacant daytime shifts created by the majority of the aquatic staff returning to school.

### **Quail Programming Area (Rec Center, Fitness, Sports)**

1. Longmont Recreation Services won 1st place on August 7 in the Boulder County Fair Parade Marching Group Category with their Zumba demonstration, showing the public how fun Fitness can be! Fitness Specialist, Carla Mathers was so excited when Zumba instructor, Karina Xaubet, came to her wanting to put together a group for the parade and happily

agreed to enter the group! Together with some class participants, they danced their way down Main Street to fun Zumba choreography.



2. Kris Kron was selected as the new Recreation Area Supervisor at the Longmont Recreation Center after two rounds of interviews. Additionally, Kris was featured in the Summer 2021 CPRA Colorado Byline Magazine as part of “Effective Leadership Strategies”.
3. The Longmont Recreation Center’s annual maintenance closure was August 21-29. Kicked off by the Longmont Kid’s Only Triathlon and Try-A-Tri, the closure enabled staff to perform deep cleaning and facility repairs. Transportation issues have delayed the installation of the new weight room floor until later in the year.
4. Overall fitness attendance at all facilities was 4382, which is lower than last month due to LRC closed 9 days. Fitness Classes started back up at Memorial Building August 9, with 343 participants for the rest of the month. LRC Land classes had 1337 and the LRC pool had 233 participants. Sunset pool had 1790 and Senior Center had 679.
5. Session based Yoga contracted classes started back up at Izaak Walton building including Alignment based yoga and Modern yoga while Gentle yoga stayed at Thompson park through August.
6. Fall adult sports programs started in August with 12 teams in Outdoor Grass Volleyball, 9 teams in Coed Kickball and 88 teams registered in Softball.
7. St Vrain FC youth soccer hosted the annual youth soccer tournament Aug 5-8 at Sandstone Ranch. This year’s tournament merged with Broomfield Blast youth soccer club, resulting in Sandstone Ranch used as an overflow facility for the tournament and fewer games than in the past.
8. Exterior stucco repairs have been completed at the Recreation Center. Metro Reconstruction Services completed the work, caused by bird damage and deterioration of caulking joints.