



Board of Trustees Action Items

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Board Approves Medical Marijuana Regulations – The Board approved an ordinance amending the business regulations portion of the Town's Municipal Code to include a new chapter addressing the cultivation of medical marijuana within primary residences. The ordinance balances the reasonable and lawful rights of patients and primary caregivers with the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public through the prevention and mitigation of deleterious and negative secondary effects that may occur or are likely to occur from the presence of medical marijuana in the Town of Erie. The ordinance was passed on First Reading and as an emergency takes effect immediately.

[View Ordinance 27-2012](#)

BACKGROUND: In December 2010 the Town adopted legislation prohibiting medical marijuana dispensaries within the Town. However, "Patients" (who have obtained from the State a medical marijuana registry card) and "Primary Caregivers" may lawfully cultivate and process medical marijuana for themselves or their patients. Prior to the Board's action Tuesday night, there were no local regulations regarding such marijuana grows. The Town has specific authority to enact regulations related to marijuana grows of patients and caregivers. Considering the potential risks associated with indoor grow operations, Town Staff and the Board agreed that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town (both current and future), that the Town adopt regulations related to indoor marijuana grows. In addition, local regulation of marijuana grows is necessary to protect town staff from exposure to health risks from grow operations (including police, building inspectors).

Board Approves \$1 Business Licenses for New Businesses – During Tuesday night's meeting, the Board of Trustees approved on Second Reading an ordinance amending the fees for new business licenses so that any new business to the Town can obtain a business license for only \$1.00 for the 2013 calendar year.

Erie Parks & Recreation Department Honored with Two Awards – Stephanie Stephens, Executive Director of the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association, presented the Town of Erie Parks and Recreation Department with the 2012 National Gold Medal Finalist Award for Excellence in Park & Recreation Management. Founded in 1965, the Gold Medal Awards program honors communities in the U.S. that demonstrate excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition. Agencies are judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials. Four finalists are chosen in each class (based on population) to compete for grand honors each year.



Photo: Mayor Joe Wilson, Jill Wait, Parks & Recreation Director and Stephanie Stephens, Executive Director of the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association.

Also during Tuesday night's meeting, Rod Tarullo, Director of Parks, Recreation and Golf for the City of Golden presented the Town of Erie Parks and Recreation Department the National Accreditation Award. The Town of Erie Parks & Recreation Department became one of only 17 park and recreation agencies accredited in 2012 by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies, and is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management and service to the community. Only one other municipal park and recreation agency in Colorado and only 108 agencies nationwide have earned this distinction.



Photo: Mayor Joe Wilson, Jill Wait, Parks & Recreation Director, Rod Tarullo, Director of Parks, Recreation and Golf for the City of Golden and members of the Town of Erie Parks & Recreation Department.

Department of Public Works Receives Engineering Excellence Award – Town of Erie Director of Public Works Gary Behlen announced to the Board that the Town of Erie’s North Water Reclamation Facility had received the Engineering Excellence Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies. The Engineering Excellence Awards Program selection panel consists of industry experts, including Engineering Trade organization leaders, Engineering College Professors, and Municipal Government organization leaders.

The project was honored based on its advanced and innovative design. Special emphasis was placed on the sustainability of the project, including the use of new systems, methods and technologies and processes that decrease cost and increase efficiency. The design quality of the project, including aesthetics, functionality and life-cycle considerations, was also a key consideration.

The 1.5 MGD treatment facility (expandable to 3.6 MGD) was completed almost a month ahead of schedule and \$411,000 under budget. Some of the many innovative elements included using common walls and common slabs, centrally located pumps, biological phosphorous removal, an inside-out vertical band screen with perforated plates, high-speed turbo blowers, and a lime stabilization system with a heated screw press.



Photo: Gary Behlen, Director of Public Works; Mayor Joe Wilson and Jon Mays, Water and Wastewater Operations Manager.

Young Patriots Award – Mayor Wilson presented Young Patriots Awards to the following students of Aspen Ridge Charter School: Levi Theissen, Emma Ulrich, Amy Hood, Vikram Aulakh, Andrew Bollegar, and Jacque Velasco.



Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings – The Board is scheduled to meet in Study Session on Tuesday, November 20th at 6:00 pm. The next regularly scheduled [Board of Trustees](#) meeting will be on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the [Town Hall boardroom](#) located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

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