

ISLAND GROVE REGIONAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES – June 2, 2022

1. ROLL CALL

The Island Grove Advisory Board met on Thursday, June 2, at 4:03 p.m. at the Pawnee Buttes Meeting Room located in Island Grove Regional Park and via Zoom. Board members present; Tim Magnuson, Perry Buck, Bill Hall, Dennie Kutcher, and Tommy Butler. Ad Hoc members present were Justin Watada and Heather Andersen. Board members absent: Mary Bohlender, and James Herman. Staff present; Thomas Welch (Island Grove Manager), Eric Bloomer (Parks Superintendent), and Kelli Snook (CPRD Interim Director). Public present: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim Magnuson made a motion to approve the previous minutes and Tommy Butler seconded. Minutes from the previous meeting in April were approved as presented.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

None

4. AD HOC REPORTS

Greeley Kennel Club- Absent

Greeley Stampede- Justin Watada- Mr. Watada reported that construction is going well on the JBS Stage and club-level sky-boxes. Everything should be complete by the time the Stampede begins its event. Everyone is looking forward to the 100th Greeley Stampede.

Weld County Extension- Absent

The Colorado Farm Show- Tim Magnuson- Mr. Magnuson questioned if there were any upcoming projects to update the lighting in Livestock Barn. Tom Welch responded that he will look into the lighting but it was replaced about 6 years ago. The topic was tabled until our next meeting in August.

Greeley Chamber- Heather Andersen- Ms. Andersen commented that she had been in her position now for 9 months and is looking for suggestions on how to improve or add to Visit Greeley. Visit Greeley is gearing up for upcoming events at Island Grove and is always happy to help welcome incoming guests.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Tom Welch- Mr. Welch reported to board members about upcoming events here at Island Grove from May to mid-July. Mr. Welch mentioned Island Grove staff is currently set up for the Greeley Blues Jam. Mr. Welch commented that the park's staff will be working hard to keep the grass looking amazing this year throughout all the upcoming events.

Eric Bloomer- Mr. Bloomer stated there is construction on the east side of Island Grove on a new AT&T light pole. Mr. Bloomer predicted it would be finished by June 15th. Mr. Bloomer mentioned there would be another light pole replaced by Verizon as well but plans have not been finalized and the companies will have to work around Island Grove's event schedule. Mr. Bloomer expressed his concern with low staff numbers throughout the city. Park's main focus until they can get more staff will be the safety of playground equipment, maintenance, and mowing.

Kelli Snook- Ms. Snook announced she is working with City Council to hopefully bring back the S.T.E.P. Program- which allows the City of Greeley to hire youth ages 14-16 years old to work during the summer months.

Ms. Snook mentioned the City of Greeley, City Manager will be making a final decision on the permanent CPRD Director position by the end of July- early August.

Ms. Snook announced to board members that the City Council will be deducting a city-wide needs assessment. The assessment will send out surveys to the public to gather information regarding what programs and amenities the public needs and would like to have available to them.

Ms. Snook added that CPRD is working on 2023 budgets and she was able to add two new positions in CPRD that were desperately needed- a cemetery technician and a chemical applicator.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Boiler Replacement - Mr. Welch explained to board members that Island Grove will need to replace a second boiler. Mr. Welch mentioned in 2021 we had to replace the first boiler, once that was installed the second unit went out. The funds will be used from the Island Grove Improvement Fund to replace the boiler instead of the side walling in the Event Center.

7. OLD BUSINESS

New Shelters/Pavilions – Mr. Welch assured board members that the new shelters were almost completed. Mr. Welch announced the concrete pads will be completed on Friday, June 3, the sod will be installed and the project will be completed by June 14th.

8. UPCOMING AGENDAS –

Pavilion/Shelter update
Boiler Replacement update
Board Elections

9. NEXT MEETING – Scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 4 p.m.- Island Grove Regional Park- Conference Room A.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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James Herman - Chair

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Tom Welch - Island Grove Manager