GREELEY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

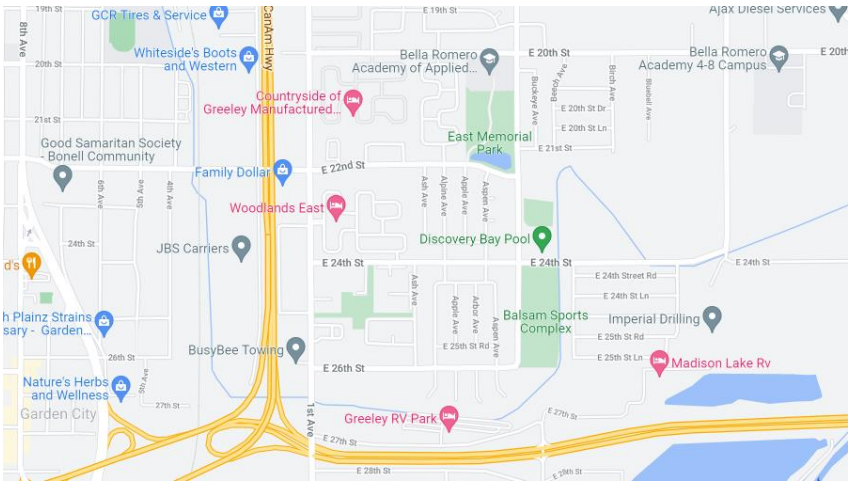
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021 -- 7:00 A.M.

Balsam Park, 2400 Balsam Avenue ***(outdoors- dress warmly)***

Agenda

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
4. **Public Input**
5. **Board Member Committee Reports: Art Commission - Other**
6. **Staff Reports**
7. **Old Business**
8. **New Business**
   - **A.** **Memorial Bench Application** – Monfort Park / Moore Family
   - **B.** **Park Naming** – solicitation of potential names. As we're still in the midst of campaigning for input, we will share more information on October 1. Got to either https://playgreeley.com/ or https://Greeleygov.com/Parks web sites to submit suggestions. This content will be up through Tuesday, September 28.
   - **C.** **Review of CPRD Assessment** – handouts will be provided
9. **Upcoming Agendas**
   - Naming of East Greeley Natural Area site
   - Metro Districts and incorporation of parks/public lands and amenities
   - Potential renaming of East Memorial Park
10. **Next Meeting Set –** Friday, November 5, 2021
11. **Adjournment**

Board members unable to join this meeting, please notify
Scott McPherson (Chair) at: sjmac4946@gmail.com



GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – August 6, 2021

1. ROLL CALL

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, August 6, 2021 at 7:00am in person at the Family FunPlex. Board members joining were: Scott McPherson, Mikyla Silva, Monica Ramirez, Clint Torczon and Vincente Vega Ruiz. Staff joining were: Andy McRoberts (Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation), Eric Bloomer (Parks Superintendent), Scott Schuttenberg (Recreation Superintendent), Justin Scharton (Natural Areas and Trails Superintendent), Shiloh Hatcher (Forestry Manager) and Leslie Evans (Administrative Specialist II).

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion to accept by Clint Torczon, second by Scott McPherson.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made by Scott McPherson to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Mikyla Silva and passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS – Art Commission: Board member Caitlin Alexander recently resigned her voting member position of the Greeley Arts Commission (appointed by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board) as well as her position on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. A replacement appointee is requested. The Arts Commission meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm. The Commission will resume in person meetings at the Greeley Recreation Center, Room 201, but there may be virtual options available in the near future.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Andy McRoberts

- Andy will be meeting with the Greeley Police Department and Eric to address ongoing vandalism issues, as well as possible drug problems and recent, escalated altercations. Damage has included spray painted garbage cans, kicked sprinkler heads, and broken shrubs at Centennial; as well as repeated damage to an adjacent self-storage's vinyl fencing at the 3rd Street Plaza. The City will be installing chain-link with barbed wire at that location to correct the problem.

Justin Scharton

- Continuing to struggle with personnel issues, however, the division was able to bring in Anthony Ibarra as a full-time Tech II. The division will be focusing on catching up summer projects, including working with Otak to repair sections of the Poudre Trail east of the Red Barn/71st Ave. The COTREX app for trail maps and trails will launch this fall.

Eric Bloomer

- Parks is continuing to focus on maintenance and preparation for fall sports. Despite the ongoing pandemic, the Stampede saw a relatively equal overall attendance to 2019 numbers. New pickle ball courts are coming to Farr Park in 2022. They will consider additional pickle ball courts at future parks, possibly at West Gate.

Scott Schuttenberg

- The division filled 17 new full time positions in addition to five promotions and job changes in the last 6 months. Unfortunately, 171 part time positions remain vacant. Scott shared hiring information (i.e. age limits) to promote hiring efforts for officiants and support staff at both the Rodarte Center and the Anna Gimmestad facility. The After School Program will open at the Rodarte Center on August 16. Beginning August 14 the Centennial Pool will open for public swim, weekends only, for the remainder of the season through Labor Day.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment to Greeley Arts Commission: The Board will wait for the full Board before appointing a new candidate.

B. Intergovernmental Agreement for cooperative land conservation and management of regional open space: The City of Greeley and Town of Windsor are interested in a joint effort to collaborate within the communities respective growth areas regarding management, cost sharing, and connecting the trails between the two entities. Following discussion, Clint Torczon made a motion to support the Intergovernmental Agreement and to recommend adoption by Resolution to City Council. The motion was seconded by Mikyla Silva, and passed unanimously.

9. UPCOMING AGENDAS

- Naming of East Greeley Natural Area site
- Metro Districts and incorporation of parks/public lands and amenities
- Potential renaming of East Memorial Park
- CPRD Assessment results

10. NEXT MEETING – The Board will not be meeting in September to observe the Labor Day holiday. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 1 at 7 am, tentatively at Balsam Park.

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11. ADJOURNMENT – Scott McPherson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 am.

Respectfully submitted:

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Scott McPherson, Chair Leslie Evans, Administrative Specialist II

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
STAFF REPORTS – October 1, 2021

Andy McRoberts – Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation

- Director search – an interim CPRD director will be appointed sometime in October while a national search is conducted for the director position. Board members may be contacted by the recruiting firm to ascertain traits and talents that the City should incorporate through the recruitment process.
- We hope you are able to join the celebration/grand opening of the new amenities at Balsam Park and the newly developed nature play and landscape east of Discovery Bay on Saturday, October 2, 3:00-6:00pm. Ribbon cutting at 3:15pm. See attached flyer.
- On a personal note, it has been my personal and professional pleasure working alongside this Board and I thank you for your support and for your passion towards Greeley's future. I will miss these monthly meetings and the comradery you have all shown each other and to staff. I wish you all the best as you move forward. "There is no going back. So move forward with confidence". ☺ Keep up your great work!

Eric Bloomer – Parks Superintendent

- Nothing to report

Scott Schuttenberg - Recreation Superintendent

Recreation

- Natalee Gonzalez has been hired as the new Recreation Supervisor for the Family FunPlex.
- Recreation staff are currently in the process of hiring several personal trainers. Personal training services will be available at the Family FunPlex and Recreation Center in the near future.
- The archery program will be moving back indoors in October and will start their adult and youth leagues the week of October 4th.
- A new youth program focused around creating and learning online coding will begin virtual sessions in October.

Active Adult Center

- Greeley seniors have been excited to be back in the Active Adult Center and many of the members volunteer on a regular basis. In August, there were 376 volunteer hours reported to AAC staff.
- Usage continued to grow as 19 new members joined the Active Adult Center and there were over 1250 daily visits during the month of August.

Aquatics

- District 6 middle school swimming season is in full swing at the Recreation Center. The middle school season will end in October and D6 girl's swimming will start later in October.

Ice Haus

- Fall adult hockey league registration is occurring now through Mid-October.
- All Ice Haus user groups are back operating for the 2021-22 season. This includes Greeley Youth Hockey Association, Mountain View Skating Club, UNC Hockey, UNC Figure Skating, Northern Colorado Eagles, and Greeley Growlers.

Sports

- Youth Sports are half way through the Fall Season. Recreation has 258 flag football participants and 487 soccer participants.
- Registration has begun for winter youth sports including Lil' Nuggets (4yr-5 yr olds) 4 week basketball clinic and youth volleyball.
- Adult Sports has also had a very successful fall with 63 softball teams across 7 divisions.
- Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation offered a Unified Soccer team for the first time and it quickly sold out showing the very high demand for inclusive programming. The family inclusion Softball league also had 4 teams registered this fall.
- The "My Play Club" will be starting back up again monthly beginning Oct 13th.
- An inclusive winter dance is scheduled for Dec 17 at the Family FunPlex.

- AIR will be offering a Fall Fun Day on Oct 9 from 1-4pm. This will be a carnival style resource fair at the Twin Rivers Amphitheatre.

Rodarte Community Center/Youth Enrichment

- The Rodarte Community Center is thriving right now with 52 youth actively participating in the after school program. Seniors groups are also back and we are renting the facility on a regular basis.
- The Anna Gimmestad Park facility currently has 27 youth participating in after school programming.
- A Billie Martinez Neighborhood Event will occur on October 1, 4-6 pm with the Billie Neighborhood Task Force at the Rodarte Community Center.

Justin Scharton – Natural Areas & Trails

Poudre and Sheep Draw trail counts

Location	Month Total	Daily Avg (Month) Trend (prior month)	YTD Daily Avg Trend (prior year)
Sheep Draw @ McCloskey TH (installed May 2018)	5571	180 ↓9.7%	172 ↓26.4%
Triple Creek Spur @ Mountain Vista TH (re-installed Aug 2020)	4509	145 ↓9.7%	130 n/a
Poudre Trail @ Island Grove (installed Aug 2020)	7214	233 ↑14.5%	141 n/a
Poudre Trail @ Rover Run (Temp moved May 2020)	5582	180 ↓10.3%	234 ↑17.9%
Poudre Trail @ PLC (installed Aug 2020)	10767	347 ↓3.0%	335 n/a
Poudre Trail @ Poudre East (Kodak TH)	12416	401 ↑4.1%	248 ↓31.8%

Strategic Planning/Policy

- **Windsor/Greeley IGA** | An IGA was adopted by City Council on 9/21 for Greeley and Windsor to partner on land conservation and management, such as the ShurView property.

Land Conservation

- **Shurview Property** | A phase I report is being reviewed, and Great Outdoors Colorado and Land & Water Stewardship grant applications are being prepared for Sept/Oct deadlines to request $2.25 - $2.75 million for the property acquisition.

Maintenance

- Vegetation management is back on track in partnership with NAT maintenance crews, the Weld County Youth Corps, and contracted mowing.
- Several volunteer projects have leveraged staff resources to complete small construction projects at Poudre Ponds, the Island Grove trailhead, and the Narrows section of the Poudre River Trail.

Volunteer/Outreach

- Volunteer project with at Glenmere Urban Wildlife Sanctuary capped several hundred feet of crusher fines trails, and constructed a bridge across the live water area.

Upcoming Events

- **October 2** – East Greeley Parks Community Celebration, Discovery Bay, 3-6pm
- **October 8** – Amy Grant, Union Colony Civic Center, 7:30pm
- **October 14** – Museum at Twilight, Greeley History Museum, 4-8pm
- **October 30** – Flobots, Union Colony Civic Center, 7:30pm

GREELEY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Attendance

2021	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Albano, Mandi	A	P				No Meeting			No Meeting			
Alexander, Caitlin	P	P	P	P	P		A					
Fulcher, Philip				P	P		P	A				
McPherson, Scott (Chair 3/20-2/21, 3/21-2/22)	P	P	P	A	P		P	P				
Parks, Marshall	P	P	P	P	P		P	P				
Raminrez, Monica								P				
Reeser, Richard	P	P	P	P	A							
Silva, Mikyla (Vice-Chair 3/20-2/21)	P	P	P	P	P		P	P				
Torczon, Clint (Vice-Chair 3/21-2/22	P	P	P	P	A		P	P				
Vega Ruzi, Vicente			P	P	P		P	P				
Wilson, Louise			P	P	P		A	A				
Witherell, Sarah	P	A										

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Agenda Summary

October 1, 2021

Eric Bloomer, Culture, Parks and Recreation Department / Parks Superintendent, 350-9394

Title:

Memorial Bench Application – Moore Family

Background:

This summary is to inform the Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of an application by a citizen to have a memorial bench installed in Monfort Park. Mr. Rick Moore has submitted the attached application for a new memorial bench to be installed near the south end of the park. Mr. Moore has agreed to the terms of the Parks Division's Memorial Bench program wherein she will be responsible for costs incurred, including the costs of the new bench, by the Parks Division, which is $3,000.

After walking the location, I recommend the board approve the location identified by the family on the provided aerial map and photos from their family backyard adjacent to Monfort Park. The location is favorable for the view of the park from the bench, and the view of the bench from the family's backyard. There are no other benches within several hundred yards and will provide a nice respite for walkers along the pathways internal to the park.

Decision Options:

Staff requests a recommendation from the Board to approve the recommended location or deny the new bench installation completely and recommended formal Motion language is as follows:

Suggested motion(s)

- I move to recommend approval of the Memorial Bench installation for the Moore family at Monfort Park as presented by the location map.
- I move to recommend approval of the Memorial Bench installation for the Moore family at Monfort Park with the following amendments: _____*(be specific)*
- I move to reject the Memorial Bench installation for the Moore family at Monfort Park as presented.

Attachments:

- Ariel photo of Monfort Park with proposed location highlighted
- Original application with personal photos

Memorial Bench OR Commemorative Tree Application

Your name Rick Moore

Your address 4911 23rd Street Road

Phone #s: Home 970-539-3128 Work _____

E-mail address rickyjmor@outlook.com

Name of park/natural area/site requested: Monfort Park

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MEMORIAL BENCH: Style: Commercial Metal Strap Bench (Bronze Plaque optional)

Plaque inscription: As described under plaque verbiage guidelines:

Line 1 "It is well with my soul"
Line 2 Kathy Moore
Line 3 5/29/52 - 8/28/21

Approximate desired location & other notes/special requests: We have lived in a house that backs up to Monfort Park for the past 26 years. My wife of 50 years recently passed away from breast cancer. We would love for the bench to be placed where it can be seen from our kitchen window where she loved watching families play in the park.

COMMEMORATIVE TREE: Species: _____

(For advice regarding species, contact the Forestry Manager at shiloh.hatcher@greeleygov.com or at 970-339-2436.)

Park and location: _____

The certificate will be printed and the plaque will be inscribed using the following information:

(CIRCLE ONE) ***In memory of*** ***To honor*** ***In recognition of*** ***Other*** (specify) _____

Name of person being memorialized or honored _____

Donated by: _____
First Last Phone

Donor/Applicant Signature: Rick Moore **Date:** 9.10.21

Mail to: Eric Bloomer, Parks Superintendent, City of Greeley, Parks Division, 1607 C Street, Greeley, CO 80631

Or email to: parks@greeleygov.com

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APPROVED DATE: _____ **DENIED DATE:** _____

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RIBBON CUTTING & CELEBRATION

BALSAM SPORTS COMPLEX & EAST GREELEY NATURAL AREA

Saturday, October 2, 2021
3 - 6 p.m.
715 E. 24th Street, Greeley, CO 80631

We are commemorating the Phase I completion of the Balsam Sports Complex refresh and the grand opening of the East Greeley Natural Area with a community celebration. These improvements offer great opportunities for the neighborhood to enjoy the outdoors through nature play, walking, and more.

You and your organization played an important role during the visioning, planning, funding and construction that contributed to the success of these projects, and we can't thank you enough. You and your organization are encouraged to have a booth to share information and/or offer activities for event attendees.

If interested, please contact
Brecken Arnold, brecken.arnold@greeleygov.com or
Karen Scopel, karen.scopel@greeleygov.com
by September 14 to secure a spot.

City of Greeley Colorado

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