



GREELEY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021 -- 7:00 A.M.

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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**
 - A. White-Plumb Farm**

Update – the process to divest this property has stopped at this time. CPRD will continue to maintain this property for the foreseeable future as a special use site and park.
- 8. New Business**
 - A. Consideration of a Memorial Bench Application – Hurley Family**
 - B. City's new Meeting Portal - <https://greeley-co.municodemeetings.com/>**

We've entered a new phase with the City's new Meeting Portal and it involves all of our Boards & Commissions. We would like all of our Board members to subscribe to meeting notifications in order to receive your monthly meeting notice and agenda packet.
- 9. Upcoming Agendas**
 - Naming of East Greeley site Natural Area site
 - Naming of new park proposed at Promontory subdivision
 - Metro Districts and incorporation of parks/public lands and amenities
 - Potential renaming of East Memorial Park
 - CPRD Assessment results
- 10. Next Meeting Set – Friday, June 4, 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 – April 2, 2021

1. ROLL CALL

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, April 2, 2021 at 7:00am via virtual meeting. Board members joining were: Richard Reeser, Clint Torczon, Marshall Parks, Mikyla Silva, Louise Wilson, Philip Fulcher, and Vincente Vega Ruiz. Staff joining were: Andy McRoberts (Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation), Eric Bloomer (Parks Superintendent), Scott Schuttenberg (Recreation Superintendent), Karen Scopel (Environmental Planner) and Nancy Milton (Office Manager).

Newly appointed Board Member Philip Fulcher was introduced.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion to accept by Richard Reeser, second by Mikyla Silva.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made by Richard Reeser to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Mikyla Silva and passed 7-0.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS – Art Commission: Andy McRoberts reported the UCCC restroom stalls have been art wrapped and the Commission is working on public art for the East Greeley natural area project.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Scott Schuttenberg

- There are several full time positions within Recreation that we are working to hire. Program numbers are looking great at the Ice Haus. Participation numbers are at the same level as they were before the pandemic. Spring Youth Soccer and Flag Football are getting underway along with Adult Softball at Twin Rivers. Masks are still required to be worn in all our facilities. We are still doing 90 minute time slots and with customers using SignUp Genius to register for those times. Punch cards and 1 month memberships are currently offered and once restrictions are lifted, we will return to offering 6 month and 1 year memberships as well.

Karen Scopel

- There was a light drop in trail counts for February that is being attributed to weather, but overall we are seeing increased usage over the prior year. Work has begun on the Island Grove Trailhead. Picnic tables, bike racks, and trash cans ordered for the McCloskey Trailhead will be installed in May. The City received a grant from the Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund that will be used for repairs to the Poudre River Trail. Bids have been received for work on the East Memorial natural area. We were awarded a \$300,000 grant from GOCO to help fund the project. There will be four volunteer projects available this year with the first one beginning in May. Board members will receive information on upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Eric Bloomer

- There were 70+ participants who completed the survey for Broadview Park Playground/Restroom project. Request for Proposals will be going out next week for that project with anticipated completion by fall. There are a number of large construction projects taking place this year including Centennial Park, the East Greeley natural area and Balsam Park. Staff will be turning on irrigation systems in about two weeks and shelter reservations will be allowed this year from May 1 through September 30.

Andy McRoberts

- The Boomerang Links Golf Course redevelopment is underway and will be a dramatic change to the course. There is potential that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board may be involved in the future, in approving applications for the City's Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program for tree plantings.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Election of Vice-Chair: The nominations and voting for Vice-Chair were handled by email process. There were three nominations for Vice-Chair however one declined the nomination. The two remaining nominees were Mikyla Silva and Clint Torczon, and the majority of the votes were for Clint Torczon. A motion was made by Rick Reeser to approve Clint Torczon as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Mikyla Silva and passed 7-0.
- B. East Memorial Natural Area Naming Process: Staff are recommending that we postpone naming of the area until after the site is completed and open, thus giving the community a chance to visit and utilize the area. Naming would then take place possibly next spring.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution requesting the Greeley City Council consider submitting a question to the City's registered electors regarding a return of the White-Plumb Farm Learning Center to the Plumb heirs. It is being recommended by staff that this facility be divested as a City park and per the original deed, returned to the Plumb heirs. In order to do so, the question must be asked of Greeley's registered voters. Staff consensus is that the site is not necessary to carry out the mission of our Greeley Museums. Richard Reeser made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented and forward to City Council. The motion was seconded by Marshall Parks and passed 7-0.

9. UPCOMING AGENDAS

- Naming of East Greeley site
- Potential renaming of East Memorial Park
- Cost Recovery Policies
- CPRD Assessment

10. NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 7 at 7am.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Marshall Parks made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Philip Fulcher and the meeting adjourned at 8:10am.

Respectfully submitted:

Clint Torczon, Vice-Chair

Nancy Milton, Office Manager

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STAFF REPORTS – May 7, 2021

Andy McRoberts – Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation

- CPRD Operational and Organization Assessment – staff continue to work with the consultant, hrQ, through surveys, interviews, and workshops. The next month will be used by the consultant to begin the review of data and information gathering process and final recommendations. A preliminary report will be completed by the end of May.
- Cost Recovery Policy – this item is now scheduled for presentation to the Greeley City Council at their regular Work Session on May 11, 6:00pm. The policies will not be adopted by Council – rather the policies will be internal to the administration of the Department.
- COVID-19 – while the City of Greeley is ramping up certain operations, face masks/coverings will continue to be required by staff and the general public/users while indoors at any City facility for the foreseeable future. This includes customers working out and using any recreation or cultural facility.
- Events – the Greeley Blues Jam (June 5) and the Greeley Stampede (June 25 – July 4) are being planned for this year with some modifications for public safety.
- Other events – the Culture Division is also making plans for outdoor Farmers Market (starting May 15), Arts Picnic at Lincoln Park (July 24 & 25), and Neighborhood Nights (free movies in the parks July and August)

Eric Bloomer – Parks Superintendent

Parks

- A request for bids proposals has gone out for the replacement of the playground at Broadview.
- Construction on the new parking lot at Butch Butler Field and Centennial Pool is moving quickly. The entire old lot has been removed and XCEL is removing the old wooden light poles. The contractor is planning on completing this lot before the pool opens in late May.
- Restrooms open May 1.
- Staff have been working to replace the irrigation and landscape around the new Active Adult Center parking lot. There are new medians and a new layout that required a complete redesign of the existing landscape.

Forestry

- Staff completed the City's first Share the Shade program the weekend of April 24. They planted 108 trees at 80 residential properties and had 15 volunteers to help plant over a 3 day event.
- Staff are working on Park tree replacements as well. There are over 100 trees slated to be planted in various Parks and Medians.

Linn Grove Cemetery

- A new Columbarium has been ordered and will hopefully arrive by mid-summer. Staff will be installing this in-house.
- The annual Memorial Day event will be in-person and also live streamed from the site this year. If people wish to come and attend we will have flags that can be placed at loved ones markers. For folks not wanting to attend in-person, staff will have flags available in the office the week prior to Memorial Day to avoid crowds.

Scott Schuttenberg - Recreation Superintendent

Recreation

- Extensive part-time hiring is taking place in the following areas: aquatics, fitness, and guest services/operations. This is in preparation for seasonal needs and the anticipated expansion of services and programs in the near future.
- The Customer Service Representative positions at both the Greeley Recreation Center and Active Adult Center have been filled. The 2 new employees will begin employment on May 10.
- Recreation also in the process of hiring 5 Recreation Coordinator positions and one Administrative Specialist position that are currently vacant.

Aquatics

- Preparations to open the outdoor aquatic facilities for the summer season is underway. All are expected to open over Memorial Day Weekend.

Fitness

- Katie Lundberg is currently transitioning from the Fitness Coordinator position into the Recreation Supervisor role and will now oversee the Greeley Recreation Center operations along with a few program areas.

Operations

- The Active Adult Center is slated to reopen at the beginning of June. The facility is currently undergoing extensive cleaning as it has been closed for over a year.

Ice Haus

- Registration for Learn-to-Skate, Cub Hockey, and Rec Hockey is currently under way. We are expecting good numbers based on the previous session outcomes, which were very good with 107 in Learn-to-Skate and 96 in Cub Hockey. These numbers are only about 5% off from pre-COVID levels.
- Adult Hockey is completely maxed out with 6 teams in C & D Leagues and 4 teams in Over 35, 157 total registrants. This is the largest the leagues have ever been.
- The Ice Haus offered its first public skating special event since COVID with American Girl Doll Skate on April 24. The event hit the overall capacity of 200 people, with 50 people for each of four sessions.
- Staff are working with Mountain View Skating Club to offer a skating exhibition on May 8th and their annual Figure Skating Competition on June 5.
- Winter user groups, (Junior Eagles, GYHA, and Growlers), successfully concluded their seasons at the end of March. The rink is currently hosting the Greeley Freeze for the High Plains Hockey League spring high school season.

Sports

- Whitney Dyer has been hired as the Recreation Supervisor for Sports/Programs. She will join the Recreation team on May 24.
- Adult Softball, youth soccer and youth flag football are all up and running. Youth t-ball registration is also underway and that season will begin on June 7.

Rodarte Community Center/Youth Enrichment

- The Fun in the Sun Program (FITS) will start May 24 and will end July 30. The program will have a capacity of 140 students this year. Staff are currently planning for a 9-week summer program focusing on the seven dimensions of wellness. Billie Martinez Elementary and the School District 6 Family Center will provide transportation after summer school the month of June as well as staff support.
- The STEM program will also run May 24 - July 2 in collaboration with UNC. This program is geared toward middle school students with a capacity of 50 students. This program is funded by United Way of Weld County through a Collective Impact Grant.
- The Young Adult Job Fair was held on Wednesday, April 28 at Island Grove Events Center and was a tremendous success.

Justin Scharton – Natural Areas & Trails

Poudre and Sheep Draw trail counts | March 2021

Location	Month Total	Daily Avg. (Month) Trend (prior month)	YTD Daily Avg. Trend (prior year)
Sheep Draw @ McCloskey TH (installed May 2018)	4439	133 ↑33.7%	116 ↓3.3%
Triple Creek Spur @ Mountain Vista TH (re-installed Aug 2020)	3809	123 ↑33.6%	101 n/a
Poudre Trail @ Island Grove (installed Aug 2020)	3119	101 ↑52.6%	77 n/a
Poudre Trail @ Rover Run (Temp moved May 2020)	3687	119 ↑42.6%	95 n/a
Poudre Trail @ PLC (installed Aug 2020)	5675	183 ↑50.3%	132 n/a
Poudre Trail @ Poudre East (Kodak TH)	4136	133 ↑19.7%	118 ↓31.9%

NOTE: Trail use across the system was negligible March 14-15 due to blizzard. Poudre Trail from 25th Avenue to 35th Avenue has been closed for construction at Poudre Ponds.

Projects & Policy

- Island Grove PRT Trailhead | Construction continues through May and early June.
- Poudre River Trail Repairs
 - Poudre Ponds | The Poudre River trail in this section has been replaced with a slightly different alignment, and final backfill and seeding will take place through early May. Improvements to the parking lot in the northwest and southwest of the property are also being completed as part of the larger Water & Sewer project. The trail will open first in late May (actual date TBD), and parking areas will open later in the summer in conjunction with the completion of the larger project.
- Greeley #3 Canal Trail | Engineering is currently underway for HAWK signal across 4th St.
- Sheep Draw Trail 83rd Ave. Underpass Section | The purchasing component of this project has been completed, but due to bids coming in higher than anticipated, the project start date will be delayed until June to allow appropriation of additional funds to complete the project.
- East Memorial NA | Initial work has begun on-site with fill import and aware of contract for construction of new amenities and landscape, including a public art component.

Land Conservation

- Shurview | The 960-acre Shurview property is under contract through NAT's partnership with the Trust for Public Land. Now that the property is under contract the City and partners will proceed with various due diligence items and financing of the property.
- Signature Bluffs area parcel | Discussions have begun with a landowner adjacent to Signature Bluffs Natural Area to acquire additional lands near 83rd Avenue to add to the natural area property and for future trail connections.

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado partnership

- Beth Ray is back from maternity leave and will be leading volunteer projects in 2021.
- A Crew Leadership for Ecological Restoration training was held at Poudre Learning Center on 4/17-18, 12 Crew Leaders were trained, including two NAT staff
- 5/15 VOC-NAT Signature Bluffs beaver habitat project (see more details below in Events link).

Archived agendas are located on the City of Greeley website: <https://greeleygov.com/government/b-c>

Upcoming Events

- **May 7** - Arbor Day, Historic Meeker Home (9th Ave & 13th St), 9am
- **May 15** - Outdoor Farmer's Market, Union Pacific Depot, every Saturday
- **May 15** - Signature Bluffs Natural Area Beaver Pond Planting Volunteer Event, 9am-1pm. Register at <https://www.voc.org/event?data-id=22098>
- **June 5** - Fishing Derby, Sanborn Park, 8am
- **June 5** - Blues Jam, Island Grove Regional Park
- **June 25-July 4** - Greeley Stampede, Island Grove Regional Park
- **July 24, 25** - Arts Picnic, Lincoln Park

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Attendance												
2021	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>
Albano, Mandi	A	P										
Alexander, Caitlin	P	P	P	P								
Fulcher, Philip				P								
McPherson, Scott (Chair 3/20-2/21, 3/21-2/22)	P	P	P	A								
Parks, Marshall	P	P	P	P								
Reeser, Richard	P	P	P	P								
Silva, Mikyla (Vice-Chair 3/20-2/21)	P	P	P	P								
Torczon, Clint (Vice-Chair 3/21-2/22)	P	P	P	P								
Vega Ruzi, Vicente			P	P								
Wilson, Louise			P	P								
Witherell, Sarah	P	A										

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Agenda Summary

May 7, 2021

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

Title:

Memorial Bench Application – Hurley 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 Twin Rivers Park, near the Family Funplex. Mrs. Charis Hurley has submitted the attached application for a new memorial bench to be installed near the pond. Mrs. Hurley 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 one of the two locations identified by the blue squares on the provided aerial map. Either of the locations are favorable and meet the family's request to place the bench near the flags as their father was retired military. Either of the spots near the flags will provide seating for customers awaiting rides or seeking a spot to rest while walking around the complex.

Decision Options:

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

Suggested motion(s)

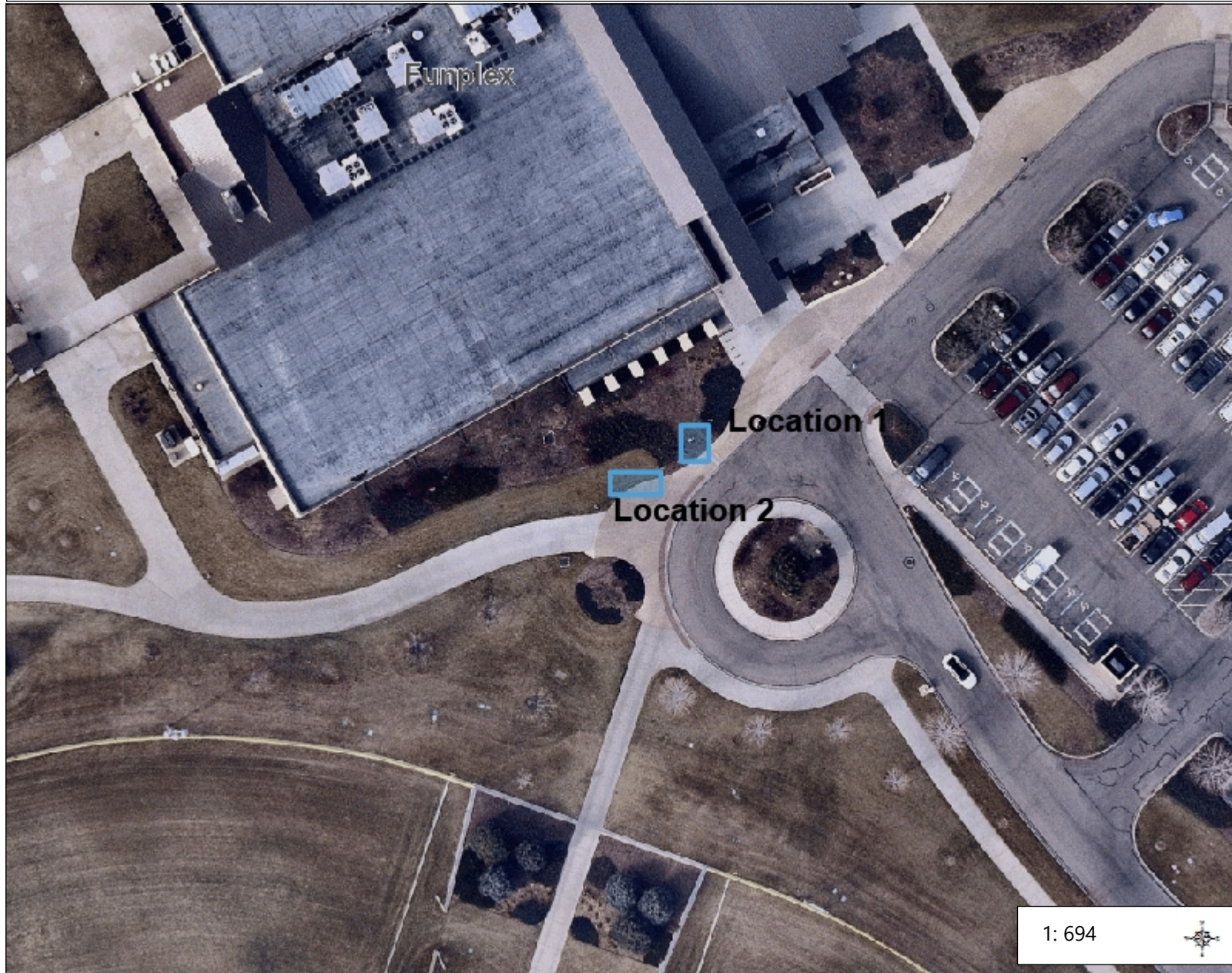
- I move to recommend approval of the Memorial Bench installation for the Hurley family at Twin Rivers Park as presented by option 1 or 2.
- I move to recommend approval of the Memorial Bench installation for the Hurley family at Twin Rivers Park with the following amendments:
_____ (be specific)
- I move to reject the Memorial Bench installation for the Hurley family at Twin Rivers Park as presented.

Attachments:

- Ariel photo of Twin Rivers with proposed locations highlighted
- Original application







Legend

- City Voting Wards
- GreeleyBaseData.DBO.FIRMn
- Greeley Fire Response Areas
- ☐ Weld Subdivisions
- Colorado School Districts
- High School Attendance Areas
- Middle School Attendance Areas
- Elementary School Attendance

Notes

Location 1 directly in front of flag poles
Location 2 south of flag poles in the turf

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