

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

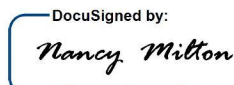
10. NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 7 at 7am.

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

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