

GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES – March 5, 2021

1. ROLL CALL

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, March 5, 2021 at 7:00am via virtual meeting. Board members joining were: Scott McPherson, Richard Reeser, Clint Torczon, Marshall Parks, Mikyla Silva, Caitlin Alexander, Louise Wilson and Vincente Vega Ruiz. Staff joining were: Andy McRoberts (Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation), Eric Bloomer (Parks Superintendent), Justin Scharton (Natural Areas and Trails Superintendent), Scott Schuttenberg (Recreation Superintendent), and Nancy Milton (Office Manager).

Newly appointed Board Members Louise Wilson and Vicente Vega Ruiz were introduced.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – no change

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made by Clint Torczon to approve the minutes of February 5, 2021. The motion was seconded by Richard Reeser and passed 7-0.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS – Artists are being solicited for additional utility cabinet art. Installation of artwork for East Greeley natural area and Balsam Park is projected by October, and Fire Station 6 artwork in July. The purple butterfly at Bittersweet Park is showing deterioration once again, so that piece will be taken down to determine if it can be repaired or possibly deaccessioned and removed permanently.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Justin Scharton

- A GOCO Grant has been submitted for the east Greeley natural area. Construction is beginning on the Poudre River trailhead at Island Grove. The design phase has begun for a repair on the Poudre River Trail just downstream from the Signature Bluffs area.

Eric Bloomer

- Bids will be closing next week on Balsam Sports Park improvements including shade structures, a natural play area, trees and a looped trail along the east and south sides of the Park. Also out to bid is the east Greeley natural area project. 2021 will be the second year of the Bittersweet Park conversion of 16 acres of bluegrass to native grass. We are currently gathering community input on the Broadview playground, shelter and restroom project. Another massive project beginning will be the Centennial Park remodel which will include connecting the two parking lots, walking path, playground, conversion of some of the turf to native grasses and to non-potable water.

Scott Schuttenberg

- The biggest challenge for Recreation is COVID and allowing people into our facilities in as safe a manner as possible. Facilities are currently operating at orange level and signup is required for available time slots. There is a huge demand for both adult and youth sports programs, and registration is open for spring programs. A new program offered this year is skateboard lessons and all of the lessons have filled. The Rodarte Fun in the Sun Program is now officially licensed by the State for up to 275 kids. One of our capital projects is a remodel of the Rodarte kitchen area which will begin in August. Another project in design phase is a remodel of the Recreation Center locker rooms. New fitness equipment has been added to the Recreation Center and Family FunPlex, and we have

expanded hours at both facilities. Organized sports are now operating at yellow level which allows us to have up to 25 people.

Andy McRoberts

- The City is currently operating at red level for City staff, orange level for facilities, yellow level for organized sports, and the UCCC has received 5-Star approval to operate in level blue. A kick-off meeting was held this week with hrQ, which is the consulting firm that will be conducting an organizational and operational assessment of CPRD.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Election of Chairperson: Andy McRoberts had emailed the Board requesting nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chair. There was one nominee for Chair and that was Scott McPherson. A motion was made by Rick Reeser to approve Scott McPherson as Chair. The motion was seconded by Caitlin Alexander and passed 7-0.
- Election of Vice-Chair: There were three nominations for Vice-Chair however one has declined the nomination. The two remaining nominees are Mikyla Silva and Clint Torczon, and both have accepted the nomination. Andy McRoberts will send out an email with the two names and asks that Board members respond directly back to him with their vote. The results will need to be made official at the April meeting of the Board.
- Review of Memorial Bench Applications: Eric Bloomer advised that two applications have been received for placement of memorial benches at Glenmere Park. Board members received copies of the applications along with site maps and staff recommendations.
 - Spitze Family: A motion was made by Richard Reeser to recommend approval of the Memorial Bench for the Spitze family at Glenmere Park as presented by option 1. The motion was seconded by Clint Torczon and passed 7-0.
 - Allen Family: A motion was made by Scott McPherson to recommend approval of the Memorial Bench for the Allen family as presented. The motion was seconded by Richard Reeser and passed 7-0.

9. UPCOMING AGENDAS

- Cost Recovery Policies
- White-Plumb Farm – divestiture and public vote process to remove the property as a “park”
- CPRD Assessment

10. NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 2 at 7am.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Rick Reeser made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Caitlin Alexander and the meeting adjourned at 7:59am.

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 Scott McPherson, Chair

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