



GREELEY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022 -- 7:00am
Greeley Recreation Center, 651 10th Avenue, Room 101C

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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. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair
 - B. Appoint Member of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to Serve on the Arts Commission (meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4pm at the Recreation Center)
 - C. Upcoming New Park Development Projects – Clint Anders (Park Planner)
- 8. New Business**
- 9. Upcoming Agendas**
- 10. Next Meeting Set – Friday, June 3, 2022**
- 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 1, 2022

1. ROLL CALL

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, April 1, 2022, at 7:00am at the Greeley Recreation Center. Board members joining: Scott McPherson, Clint Torczon, Monica Ramirez, Philip Fulcher, Louise Wilson and Shane Kigin. Staff joining: Kelly Snook (Interim Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation), Eric Bloomer (Parks Superintendent), Scott Schuttenberg (Recreation Superintendent), Justin Scharton (Natural Areas and Trails Superintendent), Clint Anders (Park Planner), and Leslie Evans (CPRD Administrative Specialist)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – approved without vote

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made by Clint Torczon to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Philip Fulcher and passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS – Art Commission: A Parks & Recreation Board representative position remains vacant on the Art Commission.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Eric Bloomer

- Minor repairs to the log wall of the volleyball pit at Farr Park will be made while budgeting for a more resilient material to replace the logs.
- Playground improvements at JB Jones and Farr will be completed as staff capacity allows between 2022 and 2023 budget years.
- Renovations at Sanborn and Anna Gimmetstad will move forward, as Finance did not need to modify the CIP project schedules.

Justin Scharton

- The City doubled its open space with 978 acres after closing on the Shurview property. Community feedback will be sought for both naming and planning.
- A restoration specialist will be hired to address weed management and restoration.
- In response from a question of a Board Member on the status of the open space sales tax, Justin gave a brief conversation about the current status of internal discussion. The Board then discussed their opinions and discussed putting an email and/or letter together for Council to discuss opinions. Kelly suggested that if a Board Member had a relationship with a Councilmember, they could reach out to them individually.

Scott Schuttenberg

- Recreation is preparing for summer with 95 open Lifeguard positions and 5 full time openings.
- Outdoor pools will be open from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- Membership numbers and program numbers have returned to pre-COVID levels, and facilities have resumed pre-COVID events like the National Youth Service Awards and the American Girl Doll Skate.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- Scott McPherson presented a series of questions regarding the changes at Bittersweet and possible solutions to return to the previous design, including formal grass substitutions, the updated sprinkler system, and the cost of maintenance water.
- Fears of the natural grass utilization following the Marshall Fire were also addressed, with reassurance from Justin Scharton regarding the perfect storm of circumstances that caused that amount of damage.
- After reviewing the survey responses regarding Bittersweet Park, the department came to a decision to restore the formal grass around the monuments.

8. NEW BUSINESS

The Upcoming New Park Development Projects presentation by Clint Anders (Park Planner) was tabled for the next meeting due to time concerns.

9. UPCOMING AGENDAS

- Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair
- Upcoming New Park Development Projects
- Arts Commission Appointment

10. NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2022, at 7am.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:15 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Scott McPherson, Chair

Leslie Evans, Administrative Specialist

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

STAFF REPORTS – May 6, 2022

Kelly Snook – Interim Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation

Eric Bloomer – Parks Superintendent

Parks

- We are seeing unprecedented low numbers of applications for our seasonal openings. We have had several postings open for nearly a month and have had less than 12 applicants. Of those, only 3 people were actually hireable. Managers will continue to monitor the situation and plan for maintenance priorities based on staff levels.
- City council directed staff at the April 12th meeting to convert 5.6 acres of ground back to bluegrass based on community feedback and staff recommendations.
 - Staff have worked with Finance and secured funding. The Parks Planner is working on a bid package that will go out asap for the conversion. Work can't start before Armed Forces Day (third weekend in May)
- Community engagement will start soon for the playground replacements at Anna G and Sanborn.
- Parks staff are beginning to turn on water in the Parks. This process is delayed by about 10 days as the Water Department requested we wait as they had distribution issues.
- Contracts have been completed for the Farr Park tennis court replacement. The new courts will have 1 tennis court and 2 pickleball courts.
- Staff are working on the final contract for Longview Park. Construction should begin this summer.

Forestry

- Staff successfully completed the second year of the Share the Shade program. Staff and volunteers planted nearly 100 trees as part of the program this year.
- Staff hosted a successful Arbor Day Celebration at Broadview Park Saturday, April 30th. Staff and residents planted trees and observed the presentation of the Tree City USA plaque.
- Staff also were able to read The Giving Tree to local first grade classes and provided saplings and goodies in celebration of Arbor Day. This is the first time since Covid we have been able to get back into the schools.

Cemetery

- Staff hired a third maintenance technician on April 14th. This position had been frozen since 2008. This additional staff will help to relieve the stress on the current staff and work to relieve some pressure due to the lack of seasonal help.
- Staff are working to prep the site for Memorial Day. Park Technicians will assist as much as possible, but are limited due to short staffing issues with seasonals.

Scott Schuttenberg - Recreation Superintendent

Family FunPlex

- Current Programs
 - Recreation continues to offer several lifeguard classes. If you know anyone interested in becoming a lifeguard, please have them contact Greeley Recreation.
 - This April we had 160 participants in swim lessons.
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Several programs will be offered in May including: Young Rembrandts, contracted Banner CPR Course, Safe Sitter course, Learn to Swim, Lifeguard Certification Course and Teen Night Out.
 - Outdoor Pools and Splash Pads are scheduled to open May 28th.
- Hiring Updates
 - We have hired a new Aquatics Coordinator, Kelly McClanahan. Kelly brings a great deal of experience, and we are excited to have her join us on May 2nd.

Recreation Center

- Current Programs
 - The Tumbling program currently has 78 participants for spring session I. Most classes are at capacity and we are seeing the same trend for spring session II which starts in early May.
 - The Dance program currently has 19 participants in the spring session, this is the first session we have had NCADA dance back since 2019. They will have their spring recital June 4th and will then restart programming in the fall.
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Triathlon Training starts May 3rd.
 - TRX class starts May 5th.
- Hiring Updates
 - We are currently interviewing for a Recreation Coordinator II which will oversee building operations including the front desk staff, climbing wall, contracted programs, and facility reservations.

Rodarte Community Center

- Current Programs
 - The After School Program continues to experience an increase in participation from 2021 with 160 children currently registered.
 - The Boxing program is also active with 18 youth and 3 adults participating.
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - The last day of After School Program will be Friday, May 13
 - The Fun in The Sun program is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 23 and will run through Friday, July 29.
- Hiring Updates
 - Staff are currently hiring part-time positions including Youth Service Specialist, Recreation Program Lead and Guest Services Representative.

Ice Haus

- Current Programs
 - Spring II Registration was strong with 158 participants in learn-to-skate and 102 in Cub Hockey.
 - Adult leagues also have 205 participants registered.
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Mountain View Skating Club Spring Show is scheduled for May 6-7.
 - Rec Hockey starts May 10.
- Hiring Updates
 - Staff are still actively working on hiring a Recreation Supervisor for the Ice Haus.

Active Adult Center

- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Several day trips are scheduled for this summer and will begin on June 1st.
 - A Summer Solstice event is scheduled for June 21st.
- Hiring Updates
 - Bryant Vickroy was hired as a Recreation Coordinator for the Travel programs. We are excited to have Bryant join the team at the Active Adult Center.
 - Staff are currently working towards hiring a full-time Customer Service Representative.

Sports and Programs

- Current Programs
 - **Youth Sports** – Summer Registration
 - 192 registrants for T-ball
 - 39 registered for Tennis
 - 116 registered for Coach Pitch Baseball

- 24 registrants in Youth Volleyball Camp
 - 28 registered for Youth Flag Football Camp
 - 63 registrants in Youth Soccer Camp
- **Adult Sports –**
 - 1 registered for Adult Tennis
 - 10 teams registered for In-line Hockey
 - 3 teams for Sand Volleyball. May need to switch to different days.
 - Softball: 9 teams Co-Rec Middle, 15 teams Co-Rec Lower, 9 teams Church League, 1 team Men's Upper, 13 teams Men's Lower-Wednesday, 16 teams Men's Lower-Friday.
- **AIR –**
 - 13 registered for AIR T-ball Clinic.
 - 14 participants in the AIR swim program.
 - Earth, Air, and Water event had 15 participants.
 - Monthly craft event is averaging 10 participants.
 - AIR Adult Soccer has 10 participants.
- **Hiring –**
 - Zach Kilimann started as a Recreation Coordinator for Youth Sports on April 21st. We are excited to have Zach join the team.
 - We are conducting interviews for the Recreation Coordinator for Adult Sports.

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)	4390	142 ↑51.3%	102 ↓12.3%
Triple Creek Spur @ Mountain Vista TH (re-installed Aug 18, 2020)	3493	113 ↑46.5%	83 ↓17.8%
Poudre Trail @ Island Grove (installed Aug 2020)	4180	141 ↑94.7%	89 ↑14.6%
Poudre Trail @ Rover Run (Temp moved May 2020)	4511	146 ↑30.0%	114 ↑19.0%
Poudre Trail @ PLC (installed Aug 2020)	5423	175 ↑76.8%	111 ↓16.7%
Poudre Trail @ Poudre East (Kodak TH)	5586	180 ↑65.6%	120 ↑0.4%

TOTAL 27,593

Staffing

- Staff is working with HR on a developing a fulltime permanent position to address the division's weed management and restoration efforts. This position will likely be hired by June or July.
- Recruitment has begun for a two-year fellowship position, funded by Great Outdoors Colorado, to support efforts to engage the community with the Shurview visioning process and efforts for equitable access to nature in east Greeley. Interviews will occur in late May and the fellow will be hired in June.

Capital Projects

- **Poudre River Trail – Duran Section** | Design is complete and staff is finalizing the real estate package with adjacent landowners. Outstanding cultural survey and National Park Service tribal consultation for Land & Water Conservation funding, along with avoiding raptor nesting season, has pushed construction to fall 2022.

- **Poudre River Trail – Poudre Ponds** | The project team has begun the design process which is anticipated to continue through July 2022. Shoring up of the emergency repair constructed in 2021 is underway so the structure will withstand a typical runoff season. Final construction is expected in fall of 2022 or early 2023, along with the Duran trail repair.
- **Poudre River Trail – Narrows Section** | The scope of work is being processed with City's purchasing department, and early design items will occur over the summer.

Maintenance

- The first mow of the City's trail system occurred in April, and NAT is in the process of purchasing several rolling stock items to be better prepared for field maintenance tasks in the 2022 veg management season and beyond.

Volunteer/Outreach

- NAT and VOC have hosted two volunteer events this season so far, with the following results:
 - 4/23 Shurview Tornado Debris Cleanup | 20 volunteers contributed 60 hours valued at \$1,712.
 - 4/24 WRV Hunter's Cove Willow Planting | 21 volunteers contributed 137 hours valued at \$3,896.

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

Upcoming Events

- **May 7** - Farmer's Market Begins Outdoor Season, Union Pacific Depot, 8am
- **May 12** - Museum at Twilight, Greeley History Museum, 4-8pm
- **May 28** - Centennial Celebration, Centennial Village Museum, 10am-4pm

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Attendance													
2021-2022	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
Casillas, Luis													A
Fulcher, Philip	P	P		P	A		P		P		A	P	P
Kigin, Shane													P
McPherson, Scott (Chair 3/20-2/21, 3/21-2/22)	A	P	No Meeting	P	P	No Meeting	P	No Meeting	P	No Meeting	P	P	P
Parks, Marshall	P	P		P	P		A		P		P		
Raminrez, Monica					P		P		P		P	P	P
Silva, Mikyla (Vice-Chair 3/20-2/21)	P	P	No Meeting	P	P	No Meeting	P	No Meeting	P	No Meeting	P		
Torczon, Clint (Vice-Chair 3/21-2/22)	P	A		P	P		A		P		P	P	P
Vega Ruzi, Vicente	P	P		P	P		P		P		P	P	A
Wilson, Louise	P	P		A	A		P		P		A	P	P