

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

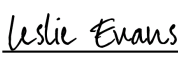
10. NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2022, at 7am.

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

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