

GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES – January 6, 2023

1. ROLL CALL

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, January 6, 2023, at 7:00am at the Greeley Recreation Center. Board members joining: Scott McPherson, Philip Fulcher, Louise Wilson, Shane Kigin, Vicente Vega-Ruiz, Sharon Wright, and Luis Casillas. Staff joining: John Dargle (Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation), Eric Bloomer (Parks Division Manager), Justin Scharton (Natural Areas & Trails Division Manager), Alex Reaves (Interim Recreation Division Manager), Kalen Myers (Special Projects Manager), John Karner (Finance Director), and Nancy Milton (Office Manager).

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – A motion was made by Scott McPherson to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Philip Fulcher and passed unanimously.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – A motion was made by Scott McPherson to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Sharon Wright and passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

- 5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Art Commission: Sharon Wright gave an overview of the proceedings of the December meeting of the Art Commission.

6. STAFF REPORTS

John Dargle

- The RFQ for the 10 Year Comprehensive Plan is out for proposals. Interviews should take place in February with the project beginning in March.

Eric Bloomer

- Parks leadership staff determined that the biggest need for seasonal staff is for mowing. Staff are planning to convert about 1/3 of the seasonal budget to hire three full time Tech I positions. These positions will be dedicated to mowing four days a week in the summer months and outside of the mowing season there are plenty of other projects and special events they will work on. The Forestry area has realigned job duties to dedicate two new full time staff to median areas.
- Turf at Monfort Park took a beating last year with delayed access to water and with soccer programs running from February through October. This year the plan is to work with Recreation staff and outside users to distribute games and practices throughout more facilities and use Monfort mainly for games. Park staff will also overseed and sod the worst areas and try to bring the roots back to health. Parks has purchased a new airless field painting system that uses GPS technology. Staff be able to program the system to shift the field layout every few weeks and repaint, which will means areas will not get so worn down.

Alex Reaves

- The Rodarte Center expanded their open hours due to receiving grant funding of \$142,000.

- New fitness equipment was delivered and installed at the FunPlex on December 27.
- A second Youth Sports Coordinator position has been hired and will start on Monday and a new Adult Sports Coordinator begins January 17. Also, a new Aquatics Coordinator will start next week.

Justin Scharton

- A contract has been signed with Logan Simpson, a landscape design firm out of Fort Collins, and they with the support of Otak, will be begin the Trails Master Plan update in 2023.
- The Restoration Specialist position is currently in the interview phase and staff hope to extend an offer within the next week or two.
- The #3 Ditch Trail Extension project has begun. This runs from the Broadview Acres area and extends to the Larson Trail west of 35th Avenue.
- An Avian Influenza has moved into the area and is causing the death of geese. Staff have found numerous dead geese around park and open space areas. The carcasses are being removed as quickly as possible and reported to Colorado Division of Wildlife.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Development Fees: Kalen Myers gave an overview of a presentation which was prepared for City Council recommending an increase in development fees. The overall consensus of the Board was support for the proposal.

9. UPCOMING AGENDAS – Staff overview of current Parks and development

10. NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 3 at the Family FunPlex.

11. ADJOURNMENT – A motion for adjournment was made by Sharon Wright and seconded by Scott McPherson. The meeting adjourned at 8:12am.

Respectfully submitted:

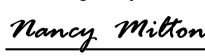
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Vicente Vega Ruiz, Vice Chair

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Nancy Milton, Office Manager