

GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 3, 2023

1. ROLL CALL

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, February 3, 2023, at 7:00am at the Family FunPlex. Board members joining: Clint Torczon, Scott McPherson, Philip Fulcher, Shane Kigin, Vicente Vega-Ruiz, Monica Ramirez, and Sharon Wright. Staff joining: John Dargle (Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation), Eric Bloomer (Parks Superintendent), Justin Scharton (Natural Areas & Trails Superintendent), Mark Mann (Recreation Program Manager), Karen Scopel (Environmental Planner) and Gabriela Syniec (Restoration Specialist).

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

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – A motion was made by Shane Kigin to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Vicente Vega-Ruiz and passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

- 5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Art Commission: Bids for artwork for Long View Park have gone out and will close March 8.

6. STAFF REPORTS

John Dargle

- The American Rescue Plan Act has awarded the City of Greeley \$21 million. There will be four categories that staff can apply for those funds.
- There were four respondents to the request for proposals for the Comprehensive Master Plan. Interviews will be held the week of February 13 and we hope to have a firm on board by March. More information will be presented at the April meeting of the Board.
- Applications are currently being accepted for the Recreation Superintendent and Cultural Affairs Superintendent positions. Following the January 31st deadline, staff will begin screening applicants for the interview process.

Eric Bloomer

- We were awarded a GOCO grant for \$350,000 the Delta Park Project. We all the grants that have been received, we will be spending about \$1.5 million to renovate Delta Park. The entire site will be completely renovated with the design having been driven by the neighborhood residents. It is hoped construction will begin in the fall.
- Staff will be hiring three new Park Tech positions.

Mark Mann

- Two new Recreation Coordinators have been hired for Youth and Adult Sports.
- The Ice Haus which has hosted the Colorado Eagles for the last three years, will now be home to the Colorado Grit which is a high level hockey team.

- The Active Adult Center has re-launched their Extended Travel Program which will be going to Paris and London this October.

Justin Scharton

- Introduction of Gabriela Syniec who is the new Restoration Specialist for Natural Areas and Trails.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Park Designations and Future Builds: Eric Bloomer presented information on park designations and examples of each, as well as an overview of current sites and projected future needs. Eric reviewed the five new park builds designated for completion by 2027.
- B. Formalizing Name of #3 Canal Trail: Karen Scopel gave a history and overview of the #3 Canal Trail Project. This trail needs a formalized name and some suggestions were provided. A vote of the Board provided the following: Union Colony #3 Canal Trail – 3 votes and Greeley #3 Canal Trail – 3 votes. This item will be revisited on a future agenda.

9. UPCOMING AGENDAS – ARPA Presentation

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

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

Respectfully submitted:

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