

GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 4, 2023

1. ROLL CALL

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, August 4, 2023, at 7:00am at the Greeley History Museum. Board members joining: Vicente Vega-Ruiz, Monica Ramirez, Shane Kigin, Adam Michaels, Sharon Wright and Greg McIntosh. Staff joining: John Dargle (Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation), Diana Frick (Deputy Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation), Eric Bloomer (Parks Division Manager), Justin Scharton (Natural Areas & Trails Division Manager), Daniel Lawrence (Recreation Division Manager), Dr. Chris Bowles (Museum Manager), and Clint Anders (Park Planner)

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS – Art Commission – Sharon Wright: There are three new traffic cabinets installed on 10th Street and one on 20th Street. The Commission has several other projects currently in progress.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Eric Bloomer

- There was a huge turnout for Arts Picnic last weekend. The fountain at Lincoln Park was not working during the Picnic due to a pump that went out that Friday afternoon.

Daniel Lawrence

- The City is currently finalizing a contract with the Colorado Grit junior hockey team who will be playing at the Ice Haus starting their season in September.
- The Family FunPlex has been having some challenges with a mechanical issue at the pool and has been closed to the public. Pass members are currently being allowed to use the outdoor pools free of charge and hours have been extended at the other pools as well.

Justin Scharton

- The two major items NAT is dealing with right now is vegetation management which is dominating much of staff's time, as well as some equipment issues that are being worked through.
- We are working on opening the Shurview property possibly after Labor Day.

John Dargle

- Introductions of Dr. Chris Bowles, Museums Manager and Diana Frick, Deputy

Director for Culture, Parks, and Recreation.

- Chris gave an overview of the Museums Division facilities, upcoming exhibits/events, and future plans for an Agricultural Heritage facility.
- The contract is being finalized with the Berry Dunn consultants to begin work on the CPRD Comprehensive Master Plan. Additional information on scope of work and calendar will be shared with the Board.
- An offer has been made to Benjamin Alexander to fill the new Business Manager position for CPRD. Benjamin will begin August 17 working directly with Diana Frick and will be taking a deep dive into the Department budget, finances and cost recovery.
- We are working with an executive search firm to hire our Cultural Affairs Manager position. Applications will be reviewed next week to select the top 8-10 candidates to begin interviewing.
- Interviews are being held next week for the position of Union Colony Civic Center Facility Manager position.
- Daniel Lawrence and staff are working with the School District to finalize renewing the Joint Use Agreement for the next two years.
- Staff are looking at potential sites for two additional dog parks.
- A virtual meeting was held between Greeley's Mayor and the Mayor of our Sister City of Moriya, Japan. This 30-year program has been limited since the pandemic, but we are looking forward to bringing the program back in the coming years.
- Staff have been dealing with some homeless issues at Farr Park and the Meeker Home Museum. A Homeless Engagement team and the Parks team are working together with the Police Department and neighbors to address the issues.
- The ARPA project requests have been evaluated and those selected will go to City Council to approve as part of the City's 2024 budget. Information should be coming out in the next couple of weeks about the projects that were selected.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Triennial Assessment – Board members received in their agenda packet, information that was submitted to the City Clerk's office for the Triennial Assessment. John will be scheduling meetings with each Board member to review the Work Plan and create subcommittees within each of the subject areas in the Work Plan. This will set up the Department to work toward accreditation as well.

8. NEW BUSINESS

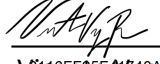
- A. Discussion – Board Meeting Time/Method: The City Clerk's office has requested the Board discuss current meeting time/method. There was discussion among the Board and the meeting time will remain as currently set.
- B. Presentation on Park Development and Projects: Clint Anders presented information on Delta Park development plans, amenities, funding, community engagement, and proposed timeline.

9. UPCOMING AGENDAS – ARPA Projects Selection, Comprehensive Master Plan

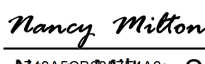
10. NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 1.

11. ADJOURNMENT – A motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:07am.

Respectfully submitted:

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11/9/2023

Vicente Vega-Ruiz, Chair

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11/13/2023

Nancy Milton, Office Manager