

GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 5, 2023

1. ROLL CALL

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, May 5, 2023, at 7:00am at the Rodarte Center. Board members joining: Vicente Vega-Ruiz, Monica Ramirez, Sharon Wright, Louise Wilson, Shane Kigin, Adam Michaels and Greg McIntosh. Staff joining: John Dargle (Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation), Eric Bloomer (Parks Superintendent), Kristen Wilkinson (Community Conservation Fellow), Zach Bray (Budget Analyst) and Nancy Milton (Office Manager).

Adam Michaels was introduced as a newly appointed member of the Board.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Agenda approved as submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made by Monica Ramirez to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Sharon Wright and passed 7-0.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS – Art Commission – Sharon Wright: Public Art coloring books have been distributed to all 3rd graders in the school district. Improvements this year include a color cover and translation to Spanish as well. The artwork along the bottom of the pool at Discovery Bay is deteriorating and will be replaced following the summer season. Artwork for Long View Park has been selected. Clint Anders, Park Planner, presented information on the Delta Park Project.

6. STAFF REPORTS

John Dargle

- The firm BerryDunn has been selected as the consultant on the CPRD Comprehensive Master Plan. This Board will be involved in this process over the next 12-18 months.
- John recognized Shiloh Hatcher, City Forestry Manager, who has received the Colorado Tree Coalition's Lifetime Achievement Award. Eric Bloomer nominated Shiloh based on his work over the last 27 years with the City of Greeley.
- Daniel Lawrence has been hired as the new Recreation Division Manager to begin on May 25.
- A talent acquisition firm has been hired to assist in recruiting for the Cultural Affairs Manager position.
- The Deputy Director for CPRD and Business Manager positions have been posted and applications are being accepted.
- Zach Bray was introduced as the Budget Analyst who is working with CPRD to prepare the 2024 budget. Zach reviewed work that has already been completed along with next steps in the process.
- Staff are negotiating on a public/private partnership with Colorado Grit, a Tier 2 hockey team, for use of the Ice Haus.

- Board members received an email from the City Clerk's Office requesting Board input on the Triennial Review of the Board. Additional information packets were distributed to Members and will be emailed as well. Board members were requested to provide their input via email to Nancy Milton within the next couple of weeks. Compiling the input received, a draft will be prepared for review at the June meeting and submitted to the Clerk's Office by June 30.
- Staff are working with the Greeley Police Department to develop a general safety and security plan for our natural areas, parks and facilities. A 150-day plan has been laid out to gather information and prepare a recommendation to City Council.

Eric Bloomer

- The Arbor Day celebration last Saturday at Glenmere Park had about 40 attending and five trees were planted with the help of volunteers.
- Last Sunday there was a "Meet Me In The Park" event at Delta Park to go over the final site plans for the project. The event was well attended by neighborhood residents.
- Staff are very busy with spring sports ending and preparing fields for summer programs. Due to the lack of applications for seasonal labor, a contractor has been hired to provide restroom/shelter cleaning on the weekends throughout the summer months. Some seasonal staff funding has been transferred to allow for hiring full time positions.

Kristen Wilkinson

- Interviews are being held for a full time Technician I position and applications are currently being accepted for seasonal staff for NAT. Also, the Volunteer Coordinator position has been filled and began in April. This is a partnership position between the City of Greeley and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado.
- The #3 Canal trail is nearing completion.
- The Trails Master Plan is underway with public information and a survey available on the Speak-Up Greeley page.
- The Shurview Master Plan is moving forward with a meeting to be held in the coming weeks with the Technical Advisory Committee.
- An IGA between the City and Weld County for operation and management of the Missile Site park, has been routed for signatures.
- On May 13, there will a community event at Campo Esperanza Natural Area. The new sign will be unveiled and there will be restoration plantings and educational stations.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair: Vicente Vega-Ruiz stated he would be willing to serve in either capacity. Monica Ramirez nominated Vicente Vega-Ruiz for Board Chair. The nomination was seconded by Sharon Wright and passed unanimously. Adam Michaels stated he would be willing to serve as Vice Chair. Sharon Wright nominated Adam Michaels for Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Vicente Vega-Ruiz and passed unanimously.

9. **UPCOMING AGENDAS** – Presentation on Delta Park by Clint Anders
10. **NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 2 at the Recreation Center.
11. **ADJOURNMENT** – A motion for adjournment was made by Sharon Wright and seconded by Vicente Vega-Ruiz. The meeting adjourned at 8:04am.

Respectfully submitted:

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6/26/2023
Vicente Vega-Ruiz, Chair

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Nancy Milton, Office Manager