



## GREELEY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

***FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024 -- 7:00am***

***Location: Rec Center 101C, 651 10th Ave***

**Zoom Option:** <https://greeleygov.zoom.us/j/86595739563> Passcode: 331553

### **Agenda**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
- 4. Public Input**
- 5. Board Member Committee Reports: Art Commission**
- 6. Staff Reports**
- 7. Old Business**
  - A. Trails Master Plan Presentation – Justin Scharton**
- 8. New Business**
  - A. Board Member Attendance**
- 9. Upcoming Agendas**
- 10. Next Meeting Set – Tentatively Friday, February 2, 2024**
- 11. Adjournment**

Board members unable to join this meeting, please notify Vicente Vega-Ruiz (Chair) at:  
[vega21vicente@gmail.com](mailto:vega21vicente@gmail.com).

# **GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES – November 3, 2023**

### **1. ROLL CALL**

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, November 3, 2023, at 7:00am at the Greeley Recreation Center. Board members joining: Vicente Vega-Ruiz, Monica Ramirez, Adam Michaels, Sharon Wright and Greg McIntosh. Staff joining: Eric Bloomer (Parks Division Manager), Justin Scharton (Natural Areas & Trails Division Manager), Daniel Lawrence (Recreation Division Manager), Benjamin Alexander (Business Manager), and Nancy Milton (Office Manager).

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

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – A motion was made by Greg McIntosh 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: Armando Silva has been contracted for the Delta Park art. A bronze sculpture has been donated by an anonymous donor to be placed at Josephine Jones Park. Artwork for Long View Park should be in place by the end of November.

### **6. STAFF REPORTS**

#### Eric Bloomer

- Hazelton Park development was supposed to include a bridge to connect the park to the neighborhood on the south. Construction on that bridge has begun and should be completed by the end of the month.
- The Chamber of Commerce will not be holding the holiday parade as in the past. They will instead hold a holiday drive-thru light show at Island Grove Park. The DDA has decided to light Lincoln Park and will host additional events on the Downtown Plazas. The Parks staff will light trees along the Union Colony Civic Center and Recreation Center.

#### Daniel Lawrence

- The Family FunPlex opened last Friday and everything has been going great.
- On Monday afternoon there will be a kick-off meeting for the Anna Gimmestad Feasibility Study.
- Staff are working with an architect and Public Works Department staff to redesign the plaza in front of the Ice Haus along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

#### Justin Scharton

- Nothing further to add beyond what was submitted in his report.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Naming of Shurview Property: Justin Scharton led the discussion reviewing features of the property as well as the naming suggestions provided by staff. Suggestions included: Rabbitbrush Natural Area, Soaring Eagle Natural Area, Arroyos del Sol Natural Area, and Sharktooth Natural Area. The consensus of the Board was the name Arroyos del Sol. Monica Ramirez remarked that the name Arroyos del Sol is not accurate, as the arroyos are not from the sun and geologically speaking, that would not be the correct term. There followed discussion concerning the correct translation of either Arroyos al Sol or Arroyos del Sol. A motion was made by Sharon Wright to recommend the name Arroyos al Sol, pending a final check of the grammar by a professional translator. The motion was seconded by Greg McIntosh and Monica Ramirez. The motion passed 5-0.
- B. ARPA Project Selections: One of the projects approved for funding for CPRD is the Youth Sports Complex lighting conversion to LED. Installation will be completed before the 2024 season. The Active Adult Center renovation project was approved and may include a movie theater, golf simulators, and upgrades to spaces such as flooring, fixtures and furniture. There is also a project led by the Public Works Department that will include CPRD working in collaboration with the Public Works and Water Departments on a master planning project for the Poudre River Trail Corridor.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **9. UPCOMING AGENDAS – Trails Master Plan, Board Attendance**

- 10. NEXT MEETING** – The Board will not meet in December 2023. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 5, 2024.

- 11. ADJOURNMENT** –The meeting adjourned at 8:15am.

Respectfully submitted:

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Vicente Vega-Ruiz, Chair

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Nancy Milton, Office Manager

# **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

## **STAFF REPORTS – January 5, 2024**

Diana Frick – Interim Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation

Benjamin Alexander – Business Manager

Eric Bloomer – Parks Superintendent

### **Parks:**

- Farr Park new playground is 70% installed and should be complete by January.
- The Sanborn Park old playground has been removed and the new equipment should start to be installed in January and complete by the end of February.
- The designs for the renovations at Delta Park are almost complete and staff should be sending this to bid in January for a spring start to construction.
- Improvements to the Rover Run Dog Park are complete with the exception of the new shade shelter that will be installed this spring.

### **Forestry:**

- Staff are working on a transition plan for moving median maintenance to the Public Works Department.
- Winter tree pruning is complete by our contractors and staff are doing smaller jobs across the Parks.

### **Linn Grove Cemetery:**

- The annual Wreaths Across America was a major success. With unseasonable weather the organizers had a great turnout, and all needed wreaths were funded and placed.

Daniel Lawrence - Recreation

### **Family FunPlex**

- Current Programs
  - Young Rembrandts: 6 participants
  - Safe Sitter: 6 Participants
  - Jingle bell Jam: 170
  - Birthday Part Packages: 16 reservations
  - Swim Lessons: 142 participants
- Upcoming Programs and Events:
  - Swim Lessons 1/9-2/1

### **Recreation Center**

- Current Programs:
  - Mini Monkeys: 8 participants
  - Billy Goats: 5 participants
  - Open Climb: 26 participants
  - Preschool Play: 26 participants
  - Swim Lessons: 15 participants
  - Water Safety Instructor Course 7 participants
  - Lifeguard Training: 3 Participants
- Upcoming Programs:
  - New Preschool Activity Program 1/5 and 1/19
  - Adult Climbing
  - We Rock

Swim Lessons 1/8-2/1

## **Facility Operations/Projects/ Custodial/Updates**

- Ice Haus Video Board Mounted to Wall – Install 12/27
- Ice Haus – Washer Dryer?
- FFP – Audio System now working with final adjustments scheduled for 1/9
- FFP Aquatics – UV Install 1/9
- FFP – Aquatics Closure 1/18-1/19 – Control System on Pool Boilers and Domestic Hot Water – 1"x1" Pool Tile Repair – Lazy Pool Pump Valve Replacement – Dump Bucket Install
- FFP & GRC – Hardwood Floors Refinished Completed – Main Gym – Racquetball Courts – Fitness Studio
- FFP – Volleyball Nets Replace and Systems Tightened
- AAC - Closure 12/18-12/22 – Shampoo carpets, touchup paint, clean out grease trap, replace carpet squares, re-glue loose carpet squares, clean furniture, clean windows, blow out woodshop, deep clean kitchen & restrooms, lighting, buff VCT floors, cleaned out storage areas etc
- Aquatics - \$15,000 of PPE and Chemical storage platforms and cabinets purchased at the recommendation of CoG Risk and Safety
- GRC – Pool Chemical room rec center pool area. Fabricate and install new stainless steel angle iron pieces and custom fit fiberglass bar grating. Also modified existing aluminum grating to fit better around piping.
- FFP & GRC – Cleaning Contract Completed for 2024
- FFP & GRC – Basketball Hoops, Curtains, Volleyball Systems – All were re-programmed to simplify the codes and allow for height adjusters to be moved as desired by the SPAIR Team.

## **Rodarte Community Center**

### **Programs:**

#### **Boxing-**

- 2022: 26 youth and 5 adults
- 2023: 21 youth and 1 adult
- Details: Giovanni Plasencia and Jack Poland are advancing to regionals in California on January 4, 2024.

#### **2023-2024 After School Program-**

- Numbers:

Anna Gimmestad Community Center:

- 2022-47/50
- 2023-50/50

Rodarte Community Center:

- 2022-106/140
- 2023-139/140

- Details:

- The After School Program Christmas Party was on Friday, December 15, 2023, from 4:30-6:30 pm. A generous donor bought Christmas presents for all 189 kids and Santa made an appearance to pass them out.
- We will be open for winter break starting on Thursday, December 21, 2023-Monday, January 8, 2024. We will be closed Monday, December 25, 2023; Tuesday, December 26, 2023, and Monday, January 1, 2024.
- Average daily attendance for November is 81 students per day.

### **Special Events recap and upcoming events:**

- The Greeley Youth Commission had another successful cold weather clothing drive. Clothing items were handed out at the Community Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 10:00 am-1:00 pm.
- The 34<sup>th</sup> annual Community Christmas Party was on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. 1,720 people came through our doors and 1,235 presents were handed out.
- We have completed the 2024 Teen Night Out calendar with various recreational facilities hosting the event. The first one of the year will be at the Rodarte Community Center on Friday, February 16, 2023, from 5:00-8:00 pm.

### **Facilities:**

- Community Garden:
  - New curbs and sidewalks are currently being installed.
  - Grant reporting is closed out, but staff will have to attend a conference in 2024 with details TBA.
- Anna Gimmestad Community Center feasibility study update:
  - Community meeting will be on Thursday, February 22, 2024, from 6:00-8:00 pm.

### **Active Adult Center**

- **Programs**
  - Open House - February 20 from 3 to 6
  - Cooking Matters - Tuesdays, January 16 to February 20
  - Sculpey Bead Making Class - January 25
  - Woodshop Resin Coasters- January 19
  - Ceramic Leaf Bowl Class - January 17 and 24
  - Armchair Travel: Italy - January 9
- **Upcoming Senior Trips:**
  - Bally's Casino - January 5
  - National Western Stock Show - January 10
  - Candlelight Dinner Theater: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat- January 18
  - Eagles Game - January 21
  - Cirque Du Soleil: Corteo - January 27
  - Buckhorn Exchange - January 31
- **Facility Updates:**
  - Touring other Senior Centers on January 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Starting process for ARPA Renovations **Sports and Programs**

## Justin Scharton – Natural Areas & Trails

### **Poudre and Sheep Draw trail counts (Nov 2023)**

| Location                                                                                               | Month Total | Daily Avg (Month) Trend (prior month) | YTD Daily Avg Trend (prior year) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sheep Draw @ McCloskey TH<br>(installed May 2018; NEW counter with bike detection installed Aug 2023)) | 4138*       | 138<br>↑20.3%                         | 147<br>↓4.2%                     |
| Triple Creek Spur @ Mountain Vista TH<br>(re-installed Aug 18, 2020)                                   | 4615        | 154<br>↓17.0%                         | 121<br>↑20.0%                    |
| Poudre Trail @ Island Grove<br>(installed Aug 2020)                                                    | 2260        | 158<br>↓17.2%                         | 153<br>↓9.9                      |
| Poudre Trail @ Rover Run<br>(Temp moved May 2020)                                                      | 5300        | 177<br>↑0.7%                          | 147<br>↓19.2%                    |
| Poudre Trail @ PLC<br>(installed Aug 2020)                                                             | 9107        | 304<br>↓0.9%                          | 209<br>↓28.0%                    |
| Poudre Trail @ Poudre East<br>(Kodak TH)                                                               | 10110       | 337<br>↑22.5%                         | 216<br>↑5.2%                     |

### **Staffing**

- Final recruitment for the vacant Tech I position is ongoing, the 29 hr PT Groundskeeper position has been filled, and two seasonal Groundskeepers have been hired. One seasonal Groundskeeper is reaching the end of the 6-month limit and will likely return after 45 days.

### **Capital Projects**

- Greeley #3 Canal Trail | With the installation of the HAWK signal across 4<sup>th</sup> St., this project has been completed. This connection project creates a new safe route to school for Madison Elementary students and an additional 0.7 mi of community trails which now connects 2.3 mi of trails in the neighborhood.
- Poudre River Trail – Duran Section | The Land and Water Stewardship Fund grant agreement for the project has been executed, allowing the project to proceed. An RFP will process will commence in early 2024.
- Poudre River Trail – Poudre Ponds | RFP is being developed for an early 2024 construction schedule.
- Small capital projects | New fencing has been installed at Hunter’s Cove Natural Area.

### **Strategic Planning/Policy**

- Trail Master Plan | Boards and Commissions presentations are continuing, with presentations to the Commission on Disability, Greeley Downtown Development Authority, and Community Development staff this past month. Staff will present to the P&R Board in the January meeting.
- Shurview Master Plan | Final draft concepts were presented to the TAC in December, and final details are being refined. Public engagement for the master plan has concluded, and outreach will continue over the winter to discuss why it’s important to close the property and what is happening while the property is closed. Staff will bring the preferred concepts to the P&R board in February.
- NAT has a staff representative on the steering committee of the North Front Range MPO’s 2025 Active Transportation Master Plan and Safe Routes to School committee.

### **Maintenance/Equipment**

- In the absence of significant snowfall in 2023 to date, the NAT crew has been working on small capital projects, equipment repair, and working with Equipment Maintenance on acquiring new equipment.

### **Restoration/Land Management**

- Staff attended the Colorado Weed Management Association Winter conference.
- Fire mitigation maps are being developed over the winter to better inform boundary mowing needs for 2024.
- Kochia and other low priority weed specials are being mowed over the winter.

## Outreach

- 2023 Annual Report is in final design and will be ready for an early 2024 publication.
- Content updates for NAT website are ongoing and are planned to go live in February 2024 for phase I of the NAT webpage overhaul.
- NAT partnered with Weld Community Health to host a “Get to Know Your Natural Area” at Campo Esperanza NA with east Greeley neighborhoods residents.
- Staff partnered with a UNC quantitative methods class to collect and analyze trail user data on the Sheep Draw trail. Data collected will be used to better understand user experience and track the impact of management efforts on visitor attitudes.

## Volunteers

- 2024 Projects are being finalized, including:
  - Crew Leader for Ecological Restoration Training: 5/4/23 - 5/5/23, 15 volunteers
  - New Multi-Use Trail Construction (VOC’s Annual Pride Project) at Arroyo del Sol – 6/15/24 - 50 Volunteers
  - Firefly Trail Reroute at McCloskey Natural Area – 8/17/24 - 20 volunteers.
  - Multi-Use Trail Construction Project #2 at Arroyo del Sol – 9/14/24 - 50 volunteers
  - Multi-use Trail Construction Project #3 at Arroyo del Sol – 9/28/24 - 50 volunteers
  - Russian Olive Removal – 10/12/24 - 25 volunteers

Archived agendas are located on the City of Greeley website: <https://greeleygov.com/government/b-c>

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| Attendance                                |         |          |       |       |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |          |
| 2023                                      | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December |
| Casillas, Luis                            | P       | A        | A     | A     | A   | A    | N    | A      | N         | A       | A        | N        |
| Kigin, Shane                              | P       | P        | A     | A     | P   | P    | O    | P      | O         | P       | A        | O        |
| McIntosh, Greg                            |         |          | P     | P     | P   | P    | M    | P      | M         | P       | P        | M        |
| Michaels, Adam (Vice Chair 4/2023-2024)   |         |          |       |       | P   | P    | e    | P      | e         | P       | P        | e        |
| Raminrez, Monica                          | A       | P        | P     | P     | P   | P    | t    | P      | t         | P       | P        | t        |
| Vega Ruiz, Vicente (Chair 4/2023-2024)    | P       | P        | P     | A     | P   | P    | i    | P      | i         | P       | P        | i        |
| Wilson, Louise                            | P       | A        | P     | P     | P   | A    | n    | A      | n         | A       | A        | n        |
| Wright, Sharon                            | P       | P        | P     | A     | P   | A    | g    | P      | g         | P       | P        | g        |

# Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Agenda Summary

January 5, 2024

Justin Scharton, Culture, Parks and Recreation Department / Natural Areas & Trails, 970-350-9205

## Title:

Trails Master Plan

## Background:

The original Trails Master Plan was adopted in 2002, and in the subsequent 21 years has exceeded the typically ten-year planning horizon for a master plan. No previous planning efforts, including the 2002 plan, ever expanded the planning scope for trails to the City's full Long Range Expected Growth Area (LREGA). As development continues and accelerates in northern Colorado, a conceptual and regional Trails Master Plan is necessary to equip Natural Areas & Trails (NAT) to strategically negotiate future trail alignments with developers and other City departments. To provide this conceptual plan, NAT partnered with Logan Simpson Design to assist with the development of the Trails Master Plan.

The work began with a thorough review of relevant existing trail and other master plans, including plans focused on Greeley, neighboring communities, and the northern Colorado region. Next, public engagement was launched in April. Phase 1 of public engagement focused on gathering baseline data and trail corridor suggestions from the community. Then a robust Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was assembled to provide expert advice on trail alignments and plan implementation. The TAC met in mid-June to review the public comments received in Phase 1 and work through an exercise to refine future trail corridors. A preliminary draft map was developed and taken back to the public for feedback in Phase 2 of public engagement. Feedback gathered in Phase 2 was used to refine the trail corridors. The TAC met again in mid-September to review the refined version of the trail corridor map and provide input on the trail prioritization criteria and process.

In November, TAC members were asked to review the draft chapter on Implementation, including Policies, Trail/Trailhead Standards and Funding. From November 2023 to February 2024, NAT staff presented (or will present)

to 12 boards and commissions within and external to the City organization, to gather input on trail prioritization and implementation.

The final plan features several components critical to NAT's success in the ten-year planning horizon, including:

- High priority trail corridors
- Criteria for determining future trail alignments
- Trail design and maintenance standards
- Four Big Moves to advance trail building in Greeley

The final stages of adoption after review by the Parks & Recreation board include recommendation by the Planning Commission on January 9<sup>th</sup>, and subsequent Council presentation and adoption.

#### **Decision Options:**

Staff requests a recommendation from the Board as to next steps as follows:

#### **Suggested motion(s)**

- I move to recommend approval of the Trails Master Plan as presented, with legitimate format edits, and to forward the recommendation to Greeley City Council to adopt the Plan by Resolution.
- I move to recommend approval of the Trails Master Plan with the following amendments: \_\_\_\_\_(be specific)
- I move to reject the Natural Areas & Trails Strategic Plan as presented.

#### **Attachments:**

Link to Trails Master Plan storymap:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/7c7dd84b67f144fe9484f9bd7d7732c3>

PowerPoint Presentation