



GREELEY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024 -- 7:00am

Location: Greeley Recreation Center Room 101C

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Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Food Tax Ballot Initiative Presentation
Presentation by Nelvis Alvarez, Public Engagement Manager
5. Public Input
6. Board Member Committee Reports: Art Commission
7. Staff Reports
8. Old Business
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9. New Business
A.
10. Upcoming Agendas
11. Next Meeting Set – Tentatively Friday, July 12, 2024
12. Adjournment

Board members unable to join this meeting, please notify
Greta Steinmetz at: greta.steinmetz@greeleygov.com.

GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES – May 3, 2024

1. ROLL CALL

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, May 3, 2024, at 7:03 am at the Greeley Recreation Center. Board members joining: Sharon Wright, Greg McIntosh, Rand Morgan, and Shane Kigin. Staff joining: Diana Frick (Director), Benjamin Alexander (Business Manager), Eric Bloomer (Parks Division Manager), Karen Scopel (Natural Areas & Trails), Daniel Lawrence (Recreation Division Manager), and Greta Steinmetz (Office Manager).

There were technical difficulties, so the members that were online but not able to log in were: Monica Ramirez, Adam Michaels, and Councilwoman Deb DeBoutez

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Rand Morgan moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Sharon Wright, and passed unanimously (4-0).

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Shane Kigin moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Rand Morgan, and passed unanimously (4-0).

- 4. CULTURE, PARKS, & RECREATION: WHO WE ARE** – Director Diana Frick gave a presentation of all the amenities that CPRD has and shared the Council Priorities that encompass the department's purpose.

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sharon Wright: The Art Commission is in the final stages of selecting art for Red Tail Park.

Greg McIntosh and Shane Kigin shared their thoughts on what the board would like to discuss at the meetings. Sharon Wright informed the group that she uses information gathered at the meetings with people she knows.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

None

7. STAFF REPORTS

Eric Bloomer

- The Share the Shade program supplied 138 trees this year. Since the program is so popular, a fall and spring option is being considered, reducing the wait list for the trees.
- The Arbor Day Celebration went well. Thank you to the board members who attended.
- A large portion of the Ferguson property will be a dog park. We will ask the community for input on other amenities they would like to see. Naming will be discussed by the board.
- The State randomly restocks the ponds in Greeley.
- An ADA accessible fishing doc will be added at Sanborn Park.

- The Glenmere Green Team consists of two young people who live in the Glenmere neighborhood and want to keep the park clean. They will work with their friends on the first Saturday starting in June. Parks will supply the trash bags.

Daniel Lawrence

- Due to a need for more volunteer coaches, 50 children did not get to participate in programs this spring. We contacted the parents to see if they would coach, but none accepted. Clinics coached by full-time Recreation staff were created.
- Design layout options for the Anna Gimmestad facility were shared.
- Working on repairs on Centennial Pool and the wish list of changes.

Karen Scopel

- Interviewed for a Tech 1 position. The biggest challenge is finding staff.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

The committee would like to review the by-laws. Rand Morgan is willing to help.

Karen Scopel suggested a code change prohibiting the sale of natural areas without a vote of the people for review. This will have to go to the City Council and be codified in the Municipal Code.

10. UPCOMING AGENDAS

To be determined.

11. NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 7, 2024.

12. ADJOURNMENT –Sharon Wright moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 am, seconded by Rand Morgan, and passed unanimously (4-0).

Respectfully submitted:

Greg McIntosh, Chair

Greta Steinmetz, Office Manager

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

STAFF REPORTS – June 7, 2024

[Diana Frick – Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation](#)

[Benjamin Alexander – Business Manager](#)

[Eric Bloomer – Parks & Forestry Division Manager](#)

Parks:

- The new cornhole amenity has been installed in Farr Park and we have seen folks start to enjoy this added feature already. This was the final piece of the playground replacement that took place this past winter and spring.





- A popular photo spot in Glenmere Park was updated. The picturesque spots east of the pavilion were both in need of serious updating and refreshing. The first spot was the elevated “pier” looking NE over the creek. The timber wall was falling apart. We have replaced this wall with a stamped concrete wall to resemble the timbers, but built to last for decades. We will install a cedar rail along the top as soon as the concrete cures in 30 days. The second spot also faces the creek but has a straight shot looking down. This old flagstone area with an old bench were also deteriorating after years of weather and environmental factors. The new stamped flagstone patio is beautiful and a new bench will be installed when the concrete is cured in 30 days.

Both spots will be much safer and ready for thousands of prom and homecoming photo shoots.



Forestry:

- No updates

Linn Grove Cemetery:

- The annual Memorial Day Celebration was held on May 27th. There were several hundred people in attendance and the event was a huge success. Linn Grove will also be hosting it's 150th Anniversary event on June 1st from 10a-12p.



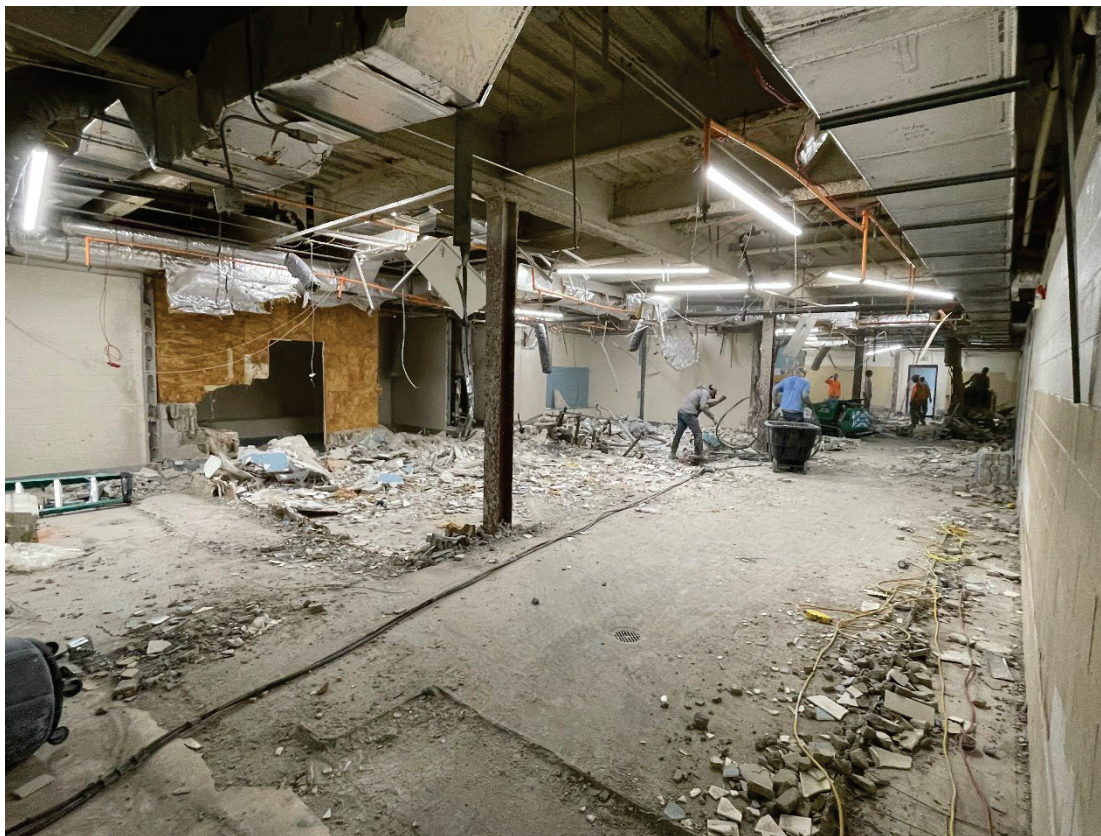
Daniel Lawrence - Recreation Division Manager

Family FunPlex

- Current Programs
 - Safe Sitter with CPR: 10 Participants
- Upcoming Programs and Events:
 - Heart Saver w/Banner Health June 17th
 - Babysitting Bootcamp June 5th
 - Lego Camp June 24th – June 28th
 - Baby Animals Drawing Workshop June 17th – June 21st

Recreation Center

- Current Programs:
 - Culinary Kids: 15 participants
 - Climbing Competition: 13 participants
 - Preschool Play: 6 participants
- Upcoming Programs:
 - Youth Summer Climbing Camp: June 3rd – June 6th; June 10th – June 13th; June 17th – June 20th
 - Culinary Kids: June 8th; June 15th; June 22nd
 - Yarn Buddies – crochet class: June 28th
 - Little and Junior Racketeers – Raquetball class June 17th – June 26th
- Construction Update:



Fitness

- Personal Training sessions: 61 sold
- Group Fitness: 1,480 participants
- Youth Athletic Conditioning: 11 participants
- Line Dancing: Did not run
- HIIT: 14 participants

Active Adult Center

- Upcoming Trips:
 - Kruger Rock Hiking Trail – June 3
 - Maxwell Falls Hiking Trail – June 26
 - Alamo Draft House: Back to the Future – June 5
 - Denver Gree Festival- June 7
 - Colorado Rockies Game vs. Dodgers – June 20
 - Snooze AM Eatery – June 11
 - Candlelight Dinner Playhouse: The Secret Garden – June 14
 - Hu Hot – Jun 24
- Upcoming Programs and Events:
 - The Ultimate Trivia Show Down – June 10
 - Summer Solstice Dinner – June 20
 - Woodshop Classes
 - Bat House – June 20 and 21
 - Jewelry Box – June 27 and 28
 - Intro Class – June 19
 - Renewal Class – June 18
 - Art Classes
 - Acrylic Canvas Painting “Spring Chickens” - June 6

- Rock Painting – June 13
- Hand building Clay Class “Wall Pocket Art” - June 20
- Facility Updates:
 - New Pool Table Donated; will be replacing the older 8 ft table
 - New Table Saw donated for the woodshop
 - Received the 60 percent design for the AAC renovation

Rodarte Community Center

Current Programs:

2023-2024 er School Program-

- Fun in the sun summer camp starts Tuesday, May 28th!
- Enrollment numbers
- Rodarte Fun in the Sun Enrollments
- 5s – 20/200
- 6-7- 30/30
- 8-9 – 30/30
- 10-11 – 30/30
- 12-13 – 19/30
- Anna G Enrollment – Summer Camp from 1pm-5pm
- 5-8 – 30/30
- 9-13 – 30/30
- STEAM Enrollment- ages 11 -15
- 33 current enrollments – Starts May 29th

Boxing

- Spring 2024
- 5 - adult
- 3- youth competitive
- 13- Youth Recreational
- 1 – youth athlete going to nationals in June

Play on the Way

- Revamping and establishing new mission, vision, purpose and objectives for play on the way trailer programming
- Tuesdays and Thursdays | 3:15-4:30 p.m.
- Saturdays | 10-11:30 a.m.

Ice Haus

- **Programs/Events:**
 - Current Programs
 - D League 4/7-6/16
 - C league 4/9-6/25
 - Over 35 league 4/11-6/27
 - Upcoming Programs and Events

- Learn to Skate 5/14-7/6
- Cub 5/19
- Into to Adult 5/19
- Skate Camp 6/17-6/21
- Pucks and Pints 6/21-6/23
- D League
- C league
- Over 35 leagues
- Hockey Camp
- **Project Updates:**
 - The liquor storage room:
 - We are waiting until April to add an exhaust fan to the liquor storage room.
 - First Floor Concession Stand:
 - The renovations have begun.
 - We have been having color and materials meetings with the CPRD staff
 - Ice Haus Acoustics.
 - Should be receiving the report shortly
 - Scoreboard/Video Board
 - Quotes have been received for both a large video display and new scoreboard. Hope to place orders by mid June.
 - Exterior Plaza
 - CPRD has approved moving forward with the architectural proposal – we are now waiting for the Purchase Order.
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Poudre and Sheep Draw trail counts (April 2024)

Location	Month Total	Daily Avg (Month) Trend (prior month)	YTD Daily Avg Trend (prior year)
Sheep Draw @ McCloskey TH (installed May 2018; NEW counter with bike detection installed Aug 2023)	4015	134 ↑27.2%	73 ↓38.8%
Triple Creek Spur @ Mountain Vista TH (re-installed Aug 18, 2020)	2804	93 ↑11.0%	79 ↓4.7%
Poudre Trail @ Island Grove (installed Aug 2020)	3066*	123 ↑5.1%	104 ↑5.4%
Poudre Trail @ Rover Run	513	73 ↓53.6%	104 ↓1.5%
Poudre Trail @ PLC (installed Aug 2020)	4036	135 ↑10.2%	73 ↓38.8%
Poudre Trail @ Poudre East (Kodak TH)	5560	185 ↑9.3%	138 ↓2.4%
Missile Site TH – New counting site (installed 3/22/24)	1082	36 ↓27.2%	40
Missile Site Car/Bus - New counting site (installed 3/19)	1210	40 ↓2.5%	41

*Battery Depleted - Replaced 4-13. No data prior to that date.

RESTORATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT

Each year, spring brings new life and growth to the City’s natural areas, but it also brings the majority of the workload for the NAT maintenance crew and the Restoration Specialist.

The first full system mow of the NAT system has been completed. Mowing of the 30 miles of trails and remainder of the natural areas system is a significant effort and takes approximately a month to complete each rotation. NAT mows along trailsides, street faces and other areas to provide a positive user experience and to meet Clean, Safe and Beautiful



Hoary cress (or whitetop) is a target for May application.

standards for NAT system amenities. A new tractor and flail mower provide a safer, faster, and more efficient tool to mow trailsides.

With the growth of native vegetation also comes weedy species as well. NAT manages a number of noxious and non-noxious weed species, including two List A species – purple loosestrife and hairy willow herb, that the State of Colorado requires control to try and eradicate the species before it becomes common. However, the majority of complaints NAT receives for weeds in a given growing season are typically the universally hated, and extremely common, kochia and Russian thistle. While these weeds are unsightly and annoying, they are so common that they aren’t even on the State or County noxious weed lists any longer. NAT staff does their best to address the high priority, state-regulated weed species while also addressing those lower priority, but still annoying species users see along the trails. May’s focus for noxious weed

species included smooth brome, curly dock, thistles, and Hoary Cress, or whitetop. Applying the right chemical at the right time in the right chemical rate is critical for minimizing herbicide use and to maximizing the control of the unwanted species in the system.



New 4000 series tractor and attached flail mower create a safer and more efficient trailside mow.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS

More small capital projects are being completed in the NAT system, creating a better experience for users of the City's trails and natural areas. In May, about 100 cracked or warped boards were replaced or sanded down along the boardwalks at Signature Bluffs Natural Area. The boardwalks were constructed as a part of a project the City and the Army Corps of Engineers have partnered on over the past several years to reconnect the hydrology of the area to the river system, and to create new outdoor amenities for the community. With the upgrades to the boardwalks, users and their four-legged friends are now able to have a smooth, consistent surface as they walk through the wetlands and along the pond.



Repairs to warped and cracking sections of the boardwalks at Signature Bluffs NA were replaced in May.

OUTREACH

NAT staff continued engaging with the community in many different ways in May. Staff filmed safety videos with Greeley Bikes that will be used on social media this

summer to promote bicycle etiquette and safety. In addition, staff also filmed an interview with a UNC PhD candidate who conducts bird research on City natural areas. Her research will be highlighted in these videos on social media as an example of partnerships between NAT and UNC.



Monthly community walk at Campo Esparanza Natural Area.

NAT also held the first monthly neighborhood walk on May 15 at Campo Esparanza, in partnership with Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment, High Plains Library, C&E and Play on the Way (Greeley Recreation). The goals of this monthly event in the east Greeley neighborhoods are to promote exercise, spending time outdoors with family and connect residents to their local natural area.



Monthly community walk at Campo Esparanza NA (left), and filming bike safety videos with Greeley Bikes (right).

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