



GREELEY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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. Public Input
5. Board Member Committee Reports: Art Commission
6. Lincoln Park Project Update
7. Staff Report
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Upcoming Agendas
11. Next Meeting Set – Tentatively Friday, December 6, 2024
12. Adjournment

Board members unable to join this meeting, please notify
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GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – October 4, 2024

1. ROLL CALL

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, October 4, 2024, at 7:07 am at the Greeley Recreation Center. Board members joining: Sharon Wright, Greg McIntosh, Rand Morgan, and Bethany Kleiber. Councilmember Deb DeBoutez. Staff joining: Diana Frick (Director), Benjamin Alexander (Business Manager), Justin Scharon (Natural Areas & Trails Division Manager), Daniel Lawrence (Recreation Division Manager), Aidan Brannan (Administration Assistant) and Greta Steinmetz (Office Manager).

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Rand Morgan made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Sharon Wright and passed unanimously.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Rand Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, which was seconded by Sharon Wright and passed unanimously.

- 4. PUBLIC INPUT** – None

- 5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Art Commission - Sharon Wright: “Look Me in the Eye: Portraits of Homelessness,” current viewing in the Tointon Gallery, ending October 18. A mockup of the sculpture piece for Red Tail Park was presented, and placement is to be determined. “Wonderwall,” located on 8th Avenue, was repainted due to it being in disarray. Showed images of the painting project on the walls surrounding Weld Werks.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Diana Frick

- Feedback from citizen survey, 403 surveys completed. Currently stand ahead of the national average with citizens visiting our parks and taking part in our programs.
- Survey showed a majority of citizens receive information on social media.
- Information of programs and services, variety of programs, and security in parks indicate areas of opportunity within the city according to the survey.
- Highest ranking opportunities for activities are Pickleball, teen indoor and outdoor activities, dog parks, and community parks.

Eric Bloomer (Diana on Behalf of Eric).

- Highlighted Centennial’s tennis courts reopening.
- Showcased all the work done out at Centennial Village. Invested in the landscape, partnering with Parks and Forestry teams.
- This winter, restructure and reprioritize maintenance at the site.

Justin Scharton

- October 5th at Silo Park has an event for families, including a reading from Armando Silva.

Daniel Lawrence

- Updates on construction at the Greeley Recreation Center. Including pavement redone out front, roofing redone the following week, an upcoming “Teen Center” located in the Rec Center, repainting, and a recap of the large-scale locker room remodel.
- Offered a walk-through of the new locker room.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. UPCOMING AGENDAS

None

10. NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, November 1st, 2024.

11. ADJOURNMENT –The meeting adjourned at 7:48 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Greg McIntosh, Chair

Greta Steinmetz, Office Manager

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

Parks:

- The asphalt basketball court at Bittersweet Park was worn beyond repair and needed a full replacement. Work started on October 21st and should be complete by November 8th. Painting of the lines will occur when temperatures allow.





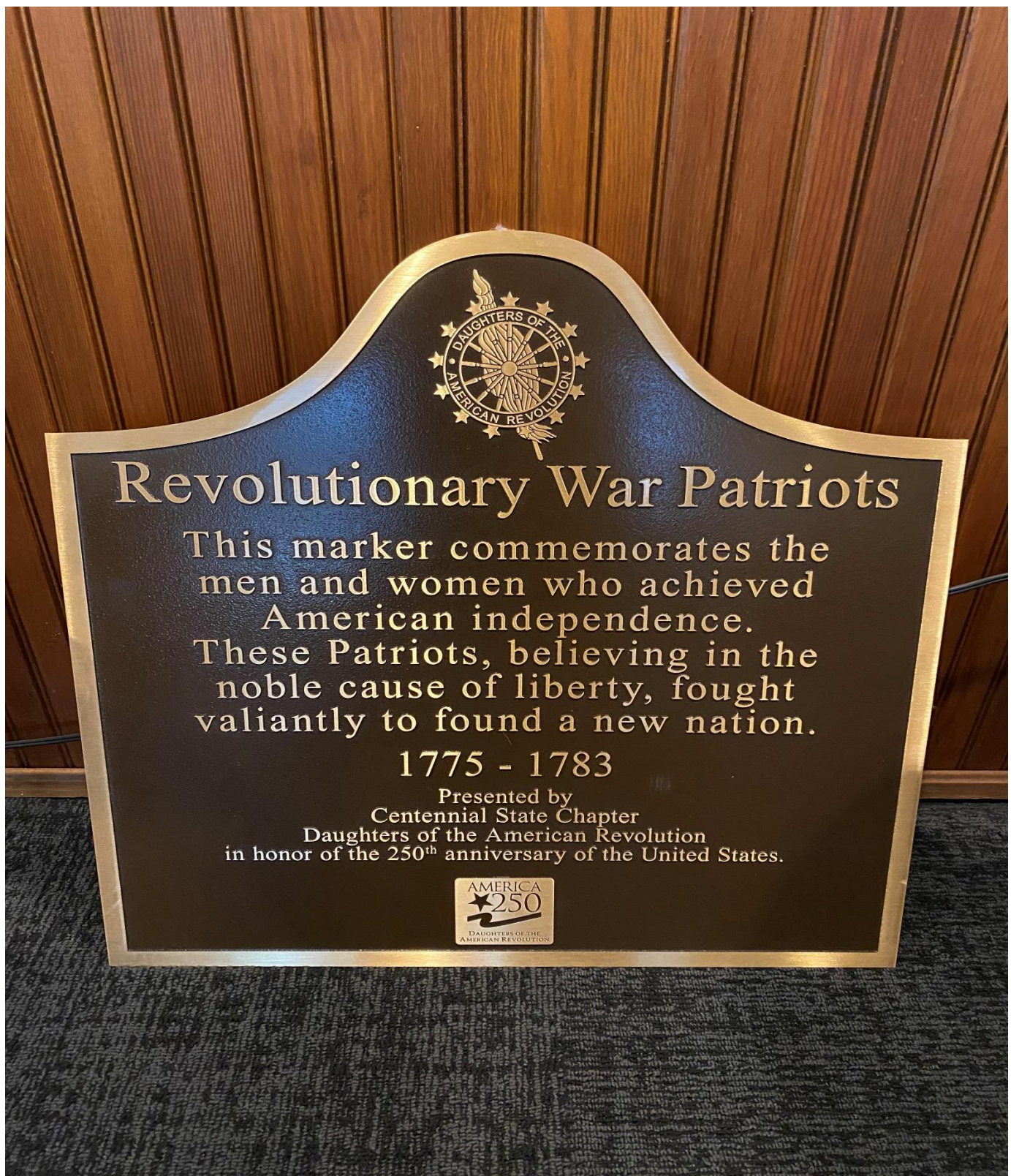
Forestry:

- At the fall conference for the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the International Society of Arborists held on October 23rd & 24th, Greeley Forestry was awarded the 2024 Gold Leaf Award for efforts in community beautification and making a positive impact on the community through landscape.



Linn Grove Cemetery:

- The kick-off for the Wreathes Across America event will start on Saturday November 2nd at Linn Grove at 9am. Volunteers will start to place marker flags next to the graves of veterans in preparation for the wreaths to be placed in December. Additionally, the Centennial Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be dedicating a new plaque in Soldiers Field commemorating Civil War Patriots.



Divisional Halloween Events

Family FunPlex Halloween night had 500+ kids.

The trick or climb at the Recreation Center had 50+ kids

Pictures at Trick or Treat Street



Youth Sports

Outdoor Youth Sports have ended serving over 1,400 youth in soccer, flag football, and adaptive programs.

Moved into indoor session one U8 basketball and volleyball

Rodarte Center Smoker

28 fights with participants from all over the region including Texas, Illinois, and Washington.



Rodarte is creating an out of school program for city wide youth.

Rodarte offering weekend field trips for after school program participants.

Aquatics

- \$20,000 grant from Phillips 66
- Started an adult learn to swim program
- A total increase of 322 participants in swim lessons from Fall 2023 to Fall 2024.
 - Fall 2023 total participants – 422
 - Fall 2024 total participants – 744
 - 43% increase
- October Lifeguard class
 - 2024 8 participants
 - 2023 it was canceled due to 0 participants
- 12 new lifeguard hires in October 2024

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STAFF REPORTS – November 1, 2024

Justin Scharton – Natural Areas & Trails

Sept 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)	5974	199 ↑8.2%	139 ↓5.3%
Triple Creek Spur @ Mountain Vista TH (re-installed Aug 18, 2020)	4212	140 ↓5.5%	114 ↓5.6%
Poudre Trail @ Island Grove (installed Aug 2020)	4714	157 ↓21.8%	152 ↑0.4%
Poudre Trail @ Rover Run (new counter w/bike detection installed 3/6/24)	4341	145 ↑0.1%	132 ↓8.6%
Poudre Trail @ PLC (installed Aug 2020)	6848	228 ↓4.5%	163 ↓21.8%
Poudre Trail @ Poudre East (Kodak TH)	9129	304 ↓1.5%	241 ↑12.4%
Missile Site TH (installed 3/22/24)	Waiting for data download	-- ↑---%	-- n/a
Missile Site Car/Bus (installed 3/19/24)	1125	38 ↓17.1%	44 n/a

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The repair of the Duran section of the Poudre River Trail (just east of 71st Ave) began in early October. The project has been in design, land acquisition, and funding development for several years. The repair project will create a bar in the river to protect the right riverbank and will lend toward development of erosion-controlling vegetation like willows. In addition, the riverbank will be re-worked which will provide a more sustainable route for a new trail surface. New fencing along the southern side of the trail will provide an updated and refreshed look to the trail section. The project cost is \$640K, with Weld County providing \$200K, a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant providing another \$250K, and the City contributing the remainder.

NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

NAT partners with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, a statewide organization that focuses on facilitating outdoor volunteer programming. Not only has NAT worked with VOC on a number of projects over the years but has also hosted a Volunteer Partnership Coordinator position for several years. This position works in Greeley and in the northern Colorado region to facilitate volunteer projects and build capacity for agencies to better integrate volunteers into their operations. Joanie Finch was recently hired as



The Duran section of the Poudre Trail, with a view of the trail before the repair project began.

the new VPC, and will work with NAT and other agencies in northern Colorado to create projects and programs for local volunteers.

OUTREACH



Artist Armando Silva reads “My Adventure with Nana” to families attending an event in October at the City’s Newest Natural Area.

NAT hosted A Day of Adventure, a family fun event at the Missile Site Park trailhead in October to celebrate the release of a children’s book, the result of a partnership with Trust for Public Land, Weld Community Foundation, High Plains Library District, Unite for Literacy, and local artist and community leader Armando Silva. “My Adventure with Nana” details a trip a girl takes with her grandma to the City’s newest natural area and all the adventures they have there. Silva wrote and illustrated the book, which will be distributed throughout local schools, libraries, and other community hubs. Over 100 people attended the event, which featured educational booths, food trucks, and activities for the whole family.

NAT also sponsored the Poudre Pour event, an annual event celebrating the heritage of the Cache la Poudre National Heritage Area and the Poudre Heritage Alliance. This year’s focus celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month, and featured beer and cider tasting from local providers, food truck, and music at Boardwalk Park in Windsor.

Finally, NAT staff partnered on an event in late October at Signature Bluffs Natural Area, in partnership with the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed (CPRW), and UNC to share information about the Reach 16 river restoration project that NAT and CPRW have been working through the design phase of the project.

GRANT AWARDS

NAT was the recipient of two grants in October, focusing on increasing accessible trail systems and increasing connection to nature for youth in the community.

NAT received a \$15,000 grant from Rails to Trails Conservancy to conduct accessibility audits of the Poudre River and Sheep Draw trails and develop accessibility standards for future trail design in partnership with the local disabled community.

Great Outdoors Colorado also awarded NAT a \$151K grant for a Generation Wild planning grant. This project will focus on increasing the City’s and partner’s efforts in connecting youth to nature in East Greeley. NAT will partner with the Poudre Learning Center on the grant, which will create a plan on how to best create positive impact for nature connection in this portion of the community. A second phase will provide implementation funds to realize the vision developed in the planning phase.



Language Ambassador and TPL Fellow, Fardowsa Barkadle, reads to families at A Day of Adventure event.