



GREELEY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025 - 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. Poudre River Restoration Initiative (PRRI) – Victoria (McKenna) Leonhardt
6. Naming Recommendation of Short Course – Chris Colling
7. Board Member Committee Reports: Art Commission – Delta & Redtail Park
8. Staff Report
9. Old Business – Discussion of 2025 Goals and Objectives
10. New Business
11. Upcoming Agendas
12. Next Meeting Set – Tentatively Friday, March 7, 2025
13. 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 – January 10, 2025

1. ROLL CALL

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, January 10, 2025, at 7:02 am at the Greeley Recreation Center. Board members present: Greg McIntosh, Rand Morgan, Sharon Wright, Monica Ramirez, Bethany Kleiber, Eric Parrish, and Shane Kigin. Council liaison: Councilmember Deb DeBoutez. Staff joining: Diana Frick (Director), Jill Krantz (Deputy Director), Benjamin Alexander (Business Manager), Eric Bloomer (Parks), Justin Scharton (Natural Areas & Trails Division Manager), and Greta Steinmetz (Office Manager).

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Eric Parrish made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Bethany Kleiber, and passed unanimously.

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

- 4. BYLAWS** – The updated bylaws were presented. Rand Morgan made a motion to accept the updates to the bylaws, Bethany seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

- 5. PUBLIC INPUT** – None

- 6. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Art Commission - Sharon Wright - none

7. STAFF REPORTS

Diana Frick for Daniel Lawrence

- The refresh of the Family FunPlex has been successful.
- The Rodarte Center and Active Adult Center are receiving a refresh too.

Eric Bloomer

- The demolition of the house at Kawanis Park starts today.
- The lifespan of playground equipment is 10-20 years.

Justin Scharton

- Poudre Ponds project began. Colorado Parks and Wildlife re-homed the fish.
- Trail closures were shared.

Jill Krantz

- A mockup of what Lincoln Park may look like in the future was shared. The first phase of the park will possibly contain an amphitheater, seating new trees and plantings. The second phase will be in the future when the funds are available and may include play features. Monica Ramirez mentioned that the play features are fine, just not an adult/child playground.

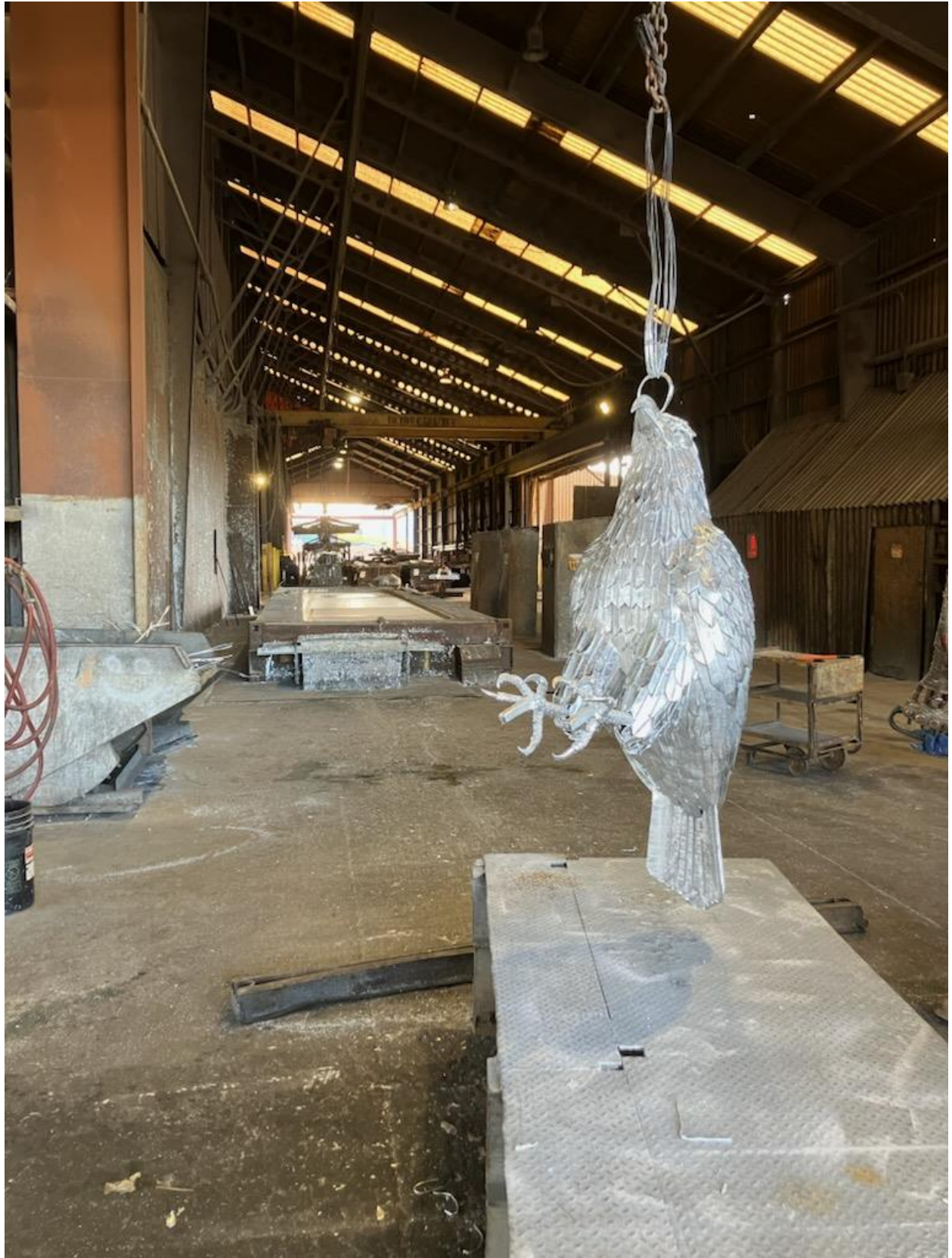
8. **OLD BUSINESS** - None
9. **NEW BUSINESS** – At the next meeting the board will share what they would like to see as focus areas for the 2025 goals and objectives. This could include long-term development.
10. **UPCOMING AGENDAS** - 2025 Goals and Objectives
11. **NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 7, 2025.
12. **ADJOURNMENT** – Rand Morgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 am, Which was seconded by Shane Kigin, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Greg McIntosh, Chair

Greta Steinmetz, Office Manager













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STAFF REPORTS – February 7, 2025

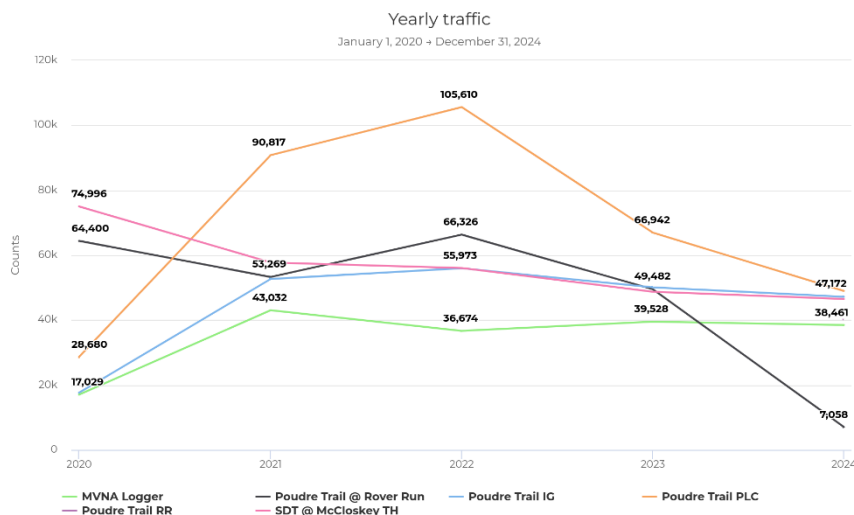
Justin Scharton – Natural Areas & Trails

Dec 2024

	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)	2685	87 ↓13.5%	127 ↓4.9%
Triple Creek Spur @ Mountain Vista TH (re-installed Aug 18, 2020)	2328	75 ↑10.4%	105 ↓3.5%
Poudre Trail @ Island Grove (installed Aug 2020)	1408	45 ↓10.1%	131 ↓5.3%
Poudre Trail @ Rover Run (new counter w/bike detection installed 3/6/24)	4166	134 ↑0.5%	133 ↓2.2%
Poudre Trail @ PLC (installed Aug 2020)	1744	56 ↓3.4%	143 ↓22.5%
Poudre Trail @ Poudre East (Kodak TH)	3063	99 ↓11.2%	218 ↑10.9%
Missile Site TH** (installed 3/22/24)	Waiting for data download	-- ↑---%	-- n/a
Missile Site Car/Bus (installed 3/19/24)	1131	36 ↑22.6%	41 n/a

**Counter at trailhead is not downloading data, and staff is troubleshooting.

2024 ANNUAL TRAIL USE MAP



Data showing Greeley trail usage from 2020 – 2024.

Total trail usage in the City's trail system has been compiled, and a post-COVID trend of usage heading back to 2019 levels continues. Total 2024 trail counts were at 228,357, down 11% from 254,764 in 2023. After usage peaking in 2022 at 320,620 after residents sought out the trail system for outdoor respite during the global pandemic, usage has steadily decreased though still above 2019 levels by 65%.

DURAN SECTION TRAIL REPAIR PROJECT

Work continued on the Duran repair project in January, with focus on the development of the trail foundation to prepare for concrete pouring. Bitter temperatures have delayed much of the base compaction work, so soil warming has been implemented. As the temperature warms in early February, concrete should be poured and fencing installed. The current projection for project completion is late February.

POUDRE PONDS REPAIR PROJECT



Materials removed from Poudre Ponds are shown on the trailside at Poudre Ponds.

The river repair and protection project at Poudre Ponds kicked off in earnest in January. The first phase of the project has been to remove decades of dumped materials along the southern riverbank, including asphalt, concrete, and even several car bodies from the 1950s or 60s. This removal action has been successful but has also unearthed additional materials from another historic dump site. Once the materials are removed and clean fill can be installed and compacted, the contractor will construct a coffer dam to hold the river channel on the north, and will begin to construct a boulder wall. The wall will protect the southern riverbank in flood events, along with providing habitat opportunity for native riparian species to establish, preventing erosion into the future.

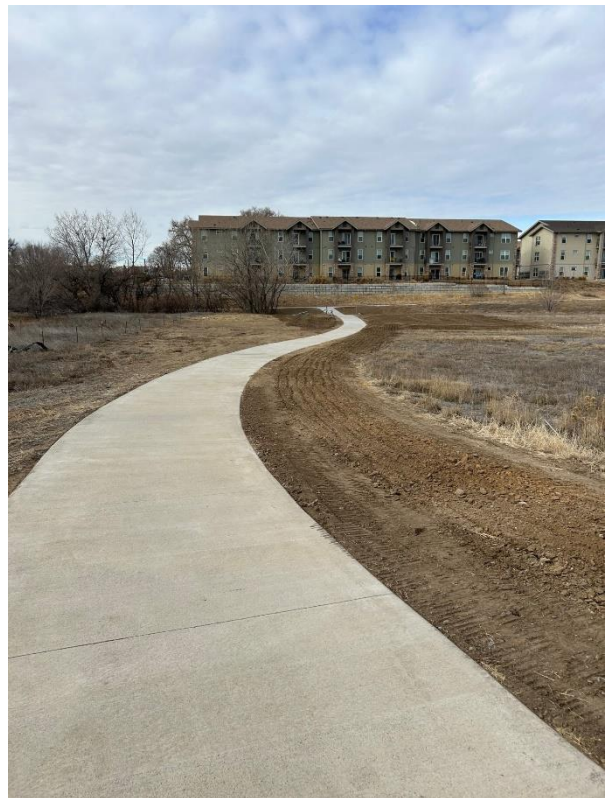
PUMPKIN RIDGE TRAIL CONNECTOR PROJECT

The connector trail from the Sheep Draw trail to 63rd Ave. and the Pumpkin Ridge neighborhood was completed in January. The project, in partnership with the City's Public Works Department, completed a long-awaited connection between the Pumpkin Ridge neighborhood and 63rd Ave., across Pumpkin Ridge Natural Area, and connecting to the Sheep Draw trail between 4th St. and 10th St.

The connection provides a safe and easy way to connect to the Sheep Draw trail in this neighborhood.

SNOW, FINALLY?

Minimal snowfall occurred in the 2024 portion of the snow season, with only a few light dustings in Greeley. In January, there have been several snow events which have kept the NAT crew busy. Though most of the snow events have occurred on the weekends, the NAT crew has effectively and efficiently completed snow removal after each event, while monitoring for ice build up in between events. This largely unseen service keeps Greeley's trail system open for recreation or commuting year-round.



View of the connector trail between the Sheep Draw Trail and the Pumpkin Ridge neighborhood, looking west from 63rd Ave.

OUTREACH



Greeley artist Armando Silva reads his illustrated book, *My Great Adventure with Nana*, to elementary students in a Greeley school.

As part of a partnership between Great Outdoors Colorado, the Weld Community Foundation, Unite for Literacy, Trust for Public Land, artist Armando Silva, NAT has begun to roll out *My Great Adventure with Nana*, an illustrated children's book written and illustrated by Silva to celebrate the opening of the Arroyos del Sol Natural Area in west Greeley. NAT is reading the book to every Kindergarten and 1st Grade class in D6, and the K – 2 classes at Windsor RE-4 classes that have students that attend from Greeley over the next couple months. Every student will receive a copy of the book, and Silva is reading the book himself at several locations throughout the city. Over 3,000 books will be distributed to D6 and RE-4 elementary students. The goal of the book project is to highlight local nature, inspire wonder and imagination in our natural areas, and to encourage caregivers to help get their kids outside where they can connect to nature.

SOCIAL MEDIA STATS | DEC 1 - 31

Total number of posts	5
Total reach	27,301
Total comments/shares	38

IMAGES FROM THE FIELD

Duran Willow Planting Volunteer Event – Dec 2024

- 344 willows planted
- 13 Volunteers
- 65 Vol Hours, valued @ \$2,177

