

GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES – October 3rd, 2025.

1. ROLL CALL

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, October 3rd, 2025, at 7:00am at the Greeley Recreation Center. Board members joining Greg McIntosh, Beth Kleiber, Rand Morgan, Kirsten Daniel, Sharon Wright, Ben Christiansen, and Savanna Bennett. City Council Liaison Deb DeBoutez. Guest presenter, Sandra Albro with Davey resource group
Staff joining: Diana Frick (Director of Culture Parks & Recreation), Benjamin Alexander (Business Manager), Eric Bloomer (Parks Division Manager), Justin Scharton (Natural Areas & Trails Division Manager), Daniel Lawrence (Recreation Division Manager), Shiloh Hatcher (Forestry Manager), Jema Moody (Administrative Assistant III), and Greta Steinmetz (Office Manager).

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Sharon Wright made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Beth Kleiber, and passed unanimously.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Savannah Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, which was seconded by Deb DeBoutez and passed unanimously.
- 4. CITIZEN INPUT** – Greg McIntosh brought up how much positive feedback he has had with how nice our parks have been this year. Delta Park has had an amazing transformation and the diversity of the people there and the activity of bringing that community together is amazing.
- 5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Art Commission, Sharon Wright talked about the dry run for the projection art display at the Meeker House. Continue to find artists to display their work. Rodarte Center is getting a new basketball court and will be having an artist paint it. Approval of the design will go to Art Commission for vote. The Water treatment Plant had 52 submissions, and it has been narrowed down to 4 artists. Vandalism was discussed on the arch way at 8th and 9th street, looking to possibly move the art.
- 6. Urban Forest strategic Plan (UFSP)** – Sandra Albro presented from the Davey Resource Group. Progress update on the UFSP, nearing its completion and are working towards community engagement, shared key findings and objectives.

Shilo Hatcher and Eric Bloomer answered questions about Share the Shade planting and the importance of the Urban Forest strategic Plan to receive the Canopy assessment and implement this plan once it passes City Council.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Eric Bloomer – Parks - Summary of the Vandalism at the Parks \$36,000 spent to date.
Restrooms close on October 15th even though shelter reservation ended September 1st. Fall projects include Archibeque Park, shelter lighting, Glenmere park new handrails to the steps and painting the shelter. Bittersweet concrete work and landscape by the playground.
Sherwood Park, landscape work were the basketball court was replaced. Peakview Park adding solar lights easier for PD to spot. Started winterizing.

Daniel Lawrence – Recreation – Outdoor pools and splash parks are closed. For the first time in 65 years we have backup pumps for all the pools so we do not have to wait to have a new pump delivered to be back up and running. The main gym at the Rec Center will be upgraded to LED. It is the last of the recreation facilities to be upgraded. Rodarte Center will have a planting Ceremony on October 18th. They have 14 community garden beds and will have more funding to add a micro forest. Ice Haus Programs have been featured in the news for figure skating athletes with Mountain View Skate Club. Greeley Bears youth hockey has had a very successful start to the season.

Diana Frick shared Comprehensive plan for Parks with City Council for future development by tracking and reporting the number of kids who could not participate due to capacity in spaces, not enough facility space. 641 kids to date between youth sports and aquatics could not participate. Have the KPI dashboard to be citizen facing to show how we impact the community.

Justin Scharton – NAT – Month of Grants and Partnership, Grants with Great Outdoors Colorado and State trails fund Colorado Parks and Wildlife to fund a project that will be used to upgrade the existing trailhead at Arroyos del Sol to have a large Shade shelter, council ring, toilets and parking lot. 1.75 million Grant from Generation Wild Grant for no/low-cost outdoor programs for youth and families will pay for a position to administer these programs in Natural Areas and Trails. Presented in Denver to Colorado Parks and Wildlife commission for the Northeast regional Partnership application for an initiative to increase outdoor recreation opportunities and conservation efforts.

8. **OLD BUSINESS** - None
9. **NEW BUSINESS** – January 2nd, move meeting to January 9th.
10. **UPCOMING AGENDAS** – Share KPI Dashboard
11. **NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 7th, 2025.
12. **ADJOURNMENT** – Greg McIntosh moved to adjourn the meeting 8:06 am.

Respectfully submitted:

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Greg McIntosh, Chair

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Diana Frick, Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation