

**GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD****MEETING MINUTES – January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.****1. ROLL CALL**

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00am at the Greeley Recreation Center. Board members joining: Greg McIntosh, Rand Morgan, Kirsten Daniel, Beth Kleiber, Sharon Wright, Eric Parrish, Ben Christiansen, and Savanna Bennett. City Council Liaison Deb DeBoutez. Staff joining: Diana Frick (Director of Culture Parks and Recreation), Jill Krantz (Deputy Director of Culture Parks and Recreation), Eric Bloomer (Parks Division Manager), Justin Scharton (Natural Areas & Trails Division Manager), Daniel Lawrence (Recreation Division Manager), and Jema Moody (Interim Office Manager).

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Kirsten Daniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, which was seconded by Ben Christiansen and passed unanimously.

**4. CITIZEN INPUT** – None

**5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS – Art commission – Sharon Wright**

**6. Goals for upcoming year 2026** – Will bring up at next month meeting.

**7. STAFF REPORTS-**

**Recreation-** We ran a membership campaign to the Rec Center and the Funplex; 371 memberships sold with 242 of those being family memberships. This included 115 new members across 56 new households. At the end of 2025, we had over 1,250 households with memberships. If you purchase a membership for the Recreation Center, it also includes the FunPlex. Lifeguards are fully staffed and setting up to have 120 lifeguards for the summer season. Recreation activity updates with participation and availability. Upcoming events – American girl doll skate. 91,000 daily passes sold in 2025, breakdown in age groups? It is advantageous to buy a membership or punch passes. Has the climbing dropped off? Youth climbing has actually increased, so that is our main focus.

**Natural Areas** - Hoping for more snow. Biggest thing for Natural Areas is the award for regional partnership. Partnering with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Great Outdoors Fund, awarded in December a \$150,000 capacity grant to work on expanding conservation projects and outdoor recreation. With this grant award we will be able to bring people together and start meetings to get our vision mission values going and structure of the organization. A Colorado Sun article discussed the potential for a state wide sales tax that is being proposed around fire mitigation. Being part of these regional partnerships opens up our ability to access those funds as well.

When will Poudre Ponds get refilled? Water and sewer is in charge of the water while Natural Areas handles the land around it. They are mining in the reservoir and are about 2/3 done. They will continue until about mid-summer and then after all the mining is complete there should be more consistency with the level of the water. There will not be enough water from the river to refill, and we will have to wait for the runoff in Winter of 2026/2027. We are installing kiosk signage and amenities like shade shelters, benches and port o lets enclosures and a boat ramp.

Is the regional partnership going to be pulling in people and developing that group from representation from the city or county or both?

With us being the largest city in the southeast county region, we are trying to be sensitive to the smaller communities but also providing leadership. The tent is going to be big and everybody is going to be welcome.

**Parks** – A lot of spring maintenance going on for us. We were mulching and cleaning up beds and cleaning up parks and shorelines. Wrapped up a lot of painting projects across different parks and just a whole lot of maintenance stuff going on. Things that are getting ready to kick off now that we are in the new year. Kiwanis Park project where we are putting in an expanded basketball court and play area with some pathway lighting. Over at Hoshco by Rodarte Center we are putting in a basketball court. So, they're going to have 4 square and some things that the kids really wanted to see over there. And we're also going to light that basketball court. We have got the Twin Rivers playground replacement project that is going on and we are removing the playgrounds at Pheasant run and Coyote and the replacements will be coming by the end of the year. So, we're going to have signage on the site. There's going to be QR codes for people to scan and give us their feedback for what they'd like to see. We are finalists for the Delta Park project for an impact award through the Urban Land Institute. In April they will make their decision.

**Diana-**

Play knows no boundaries of language, ethnicity. You don't need to speak the same language to play together, and I think Delta Parks an excellent example of that. Background on Playground replacement: Right now we're sort of juggling need verses how much money and what is coming to the forefront. We have talked about Centennial Pool before. There are things on the verge of breaking, we're delaying other things so we can take care of the most immediate needs. Eric brought forward this is now a safety concern and so we brought in a third party consultant who inspected the parks and agreed. Working with budget using city wide money we will need between \$800,000 to 1,000,000 to do these two playgrounds. So we are going forward with the removal for the safety concerns and then will work to figure out the money.

Communication and engagement – We are putting up QR codes on signs, however the school district will not send home information packets. Being out in the public to hear the things that the children are asking for these days.

**8. OLD BUSINESS – NA**

**9. NEW BUSINESS –Calendar Review of upcoming events.**

**10. UPCOMING AGENDAS – List of 2026 meetings for review.**

**11. NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 6th, 2026.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT – Eric Parrish called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, was seconded by Sharon Wright at 8:03.**

Respectfully submitted:

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*Greg McIntosh*

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Greg McIntosh, Chair

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*Diana Frick*

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