



## **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> , 2026 – 7:00am  
Family Funplex 1501 65<sup>th</sup> Ave Greeley, CO 80634 Community Room A

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### **Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Agenda Approval**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
- 5. Citizen Input**
- 6. Board Member Committee Reports: Art Commission – Sharon Wright**
- 7. Staff Reports**
- 8. Old Business – Updated Goals, Calendar of Events update, Meeting locations**
- 9. New Business –**
- 10. Scheduling of Meetings – Friday July 10th, Ice Haus**
- 11. Adjournment**

**Our Mission: Provide services, experiences, and spaces that promote community, health, and wellbeing for all.**

*The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meets the first Friday of the month at 7:00 am. For information on how to place an item on the agenda, email: [Jema.Moody@Greeleygov.com](mailto:Jema.Moody@Greeleygov.com) at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting date.*

**GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES – May 1st, 2026.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, May 1st, 2026, at 7:00am at the Greeley Recreation Center. Board members joining: Rand Morgan, Sharon Wright, Kirsten Daniel, Beth Kleiber, Greg McIntosh, Eric Parrish, Savanna Bennett and Daniela Hernandez. City Council Liaison Deb DeBoutez.

Staff joining: Diana Frick (Director of Culture Parks and Recreation), Daniel Lawrence (Deputy Director of Culture Parks and Recreation), Jill Krantz (Deputy Director of Culture Parks and Recreation), Eric Bloomer (Parks Division Manager), Justin Scharton (Natural Areas and Trails Division Manager), Becca Mack (Recreation Division Manager), and Jema Moody (Business Service Manager).

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Eric Parrish, made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, which was seconded by Greg McIntosh, and passed unanimously.

**4. CITIZEN INPUT** – None

**5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS – Art commission – Sharon Wright** – Presentation from Stephanie from Richmark on the civic campus overview and the new look downtown is going to have. Deb DeBoutez - Demolish City Hall and the Methodist church and start construction later this year. The first to go up will be the county judicial and then we will see about City Hall. Arts Picnic will be the last weekend of July. Meeker home has a collaborative project with museums in the outside projection system, is currently on hold.

**6. Staff Reports-**

**Diana Frick** – Becca Mack has filled the Recreation Division Manager position formerly held by Daniel and Daniel Lawrence got promoted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Director.

**Eric Bloomer -Parks** – Grand opening of the Brentwood Park playground on Monday. We did that in collaboration with the school and worked with the kids there to help design that. The school brought some of the kids to the grand opening. Some community folks were there, with the mayor and the company that we worked with to provide that playground brought balls and fun stuff for the kids. We have started with the replacement playground at Twin Rivers, Peak View, Coyote Run Park and Pheasant Run Park. Red Tail Park is moving along pretty quickly but the Greeley/Loveland irrigation ditch that will feed the site has decided not to come on until June 1<sup>st</sup>, so we then we can test the irrigation system and start planting. Watering will take a lot of coordination this summer. Arbor day went well. Milissa McDonald came and read the proclamation. Approximately 180 trees were planted. And then the whole week we spent in the school district reading the Giving Tree book to about 1300 kindergartners. Celebrating our 54<sup>th</sup> year as a Tree City USA. We are probably 50-50 potable and non-potable water. A lot of major parks are Non Potable, Bittersweet, Sanborn, Twin Rivers and Monfort with plans to move other parks like Lincoln Park to non-potable. Centennial Park and Butch Butler Field is going to tie into the ditch the comes right through that area.

**Justin Scharton - NAT** – Capital project update in the agenda packet: Poudre ponds Upgrades, Poudre River Trail – 59<sup>th</sup> Ave, 25<sup>th</sup> Ave, Narrows, and Marin Marietta. Previously mentioned to this board that we were awarded a regional partnership initiative grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Our territory is the six counties in the Northeast Colorado. We are leading that collaborative effort to look at opportunities for conservation and outdoor recreation. So we will see some projects and initiatives in Greeley and on the ground in the coming years.

**Becca Mack – Recreation** – Agenda packet included some year over year comparison of visitation data. Will update monthly on where we stand on overall visitation at our primary recreation facilities. We are ramping up for our busy season. We focused on completing any repairs to the splash pads, resurfacing, getting the pump houses ready and the outdoor pools filled. Some of the openings to be aware of is Centennial Pool does open on May 11<sup>th</sup> for club swim and lap swim. Memorial Dy weekend is when the remaining outdoor facilities will open to the public. Closures – Greeley rec Center scheduled maintenance is May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup>. And the Family Funplex pool closure is going to be closed May 13<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> to repair the green slide. The Family Funplex steam room is about ready to open. They finished all the floor and seating tiles. We Received \$10,000 for our youth assistance funding through United Way. The Active Adult Center front desk remodel is complete. The Rodarte Community Center through grant funding and the partnership with Trust for Public Land were given and addition program space to build a community garden. All the garden spots are installed along with the pocket forest. They are installing the outdoor classroom for the kids and staff to be able to lead some outdoor education and gardening classes.

7. **OLD BUSINESS** – Calendar of Events Update, Meeting locations,  
**Diana Frick** – Discussed a 3-4 hour tour, August 7<sup>th</sup> in the morning.
  
8. **NEW BUSINESS** – Park naming – Ferguson Family, 27<sup>th</sup> Acres total. Move to suggest to City Council to name the park, Ferguson Park made by Greg McIntosh and seconded by Savanna Bennett, and passed unanimously.  
Dog Park naming – Move to suggest to City Council to name the dog park, The Barkyard by Eric Parrish and seconded by Greg McIntosh, and passed unanimously.
  
9. **UPCOMING AGENDAS** – Updated Goals and Budget information.
  
10. **NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>, Family Funplex.
  
11. **ADJOURNMENT** – Eric Parrish, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, was seconded by Kirsten Daniel.

Respectfully submitted:

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Rand Morgan, Chair

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Diana Frick, Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation

## **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 2026-2028 Goals**

### **1. Community Awareness & Advocacy**

#### **Possible Goal Directions:**

- Champion major projects (Lincoln Park, Island Grove, Poudre River Restoration)

### **2. Equity, Access & Participation**

#### **Possible Goals:**

- Promote scholarships and access programs

### **3. Becoming Strong CPRD Ambassadors**

#### **Possible Goals:**

- Regular site visits to see real conditions and opportunities

### **4. Strategic Projects & Council Priorities**

#### **Possible Goals:**

- Track progress on Island Grove Master Plan or Lincoln Park
- Understand the current budget environment and structural challenges

### **5. Board Effectiveness & Engagement**

#### **Possible Goals:**

- Improve communication flow and agenda structure
- Increase board presence at CPRD events or project milestones
- Strengthen subcommittees or working groups (if applicable)

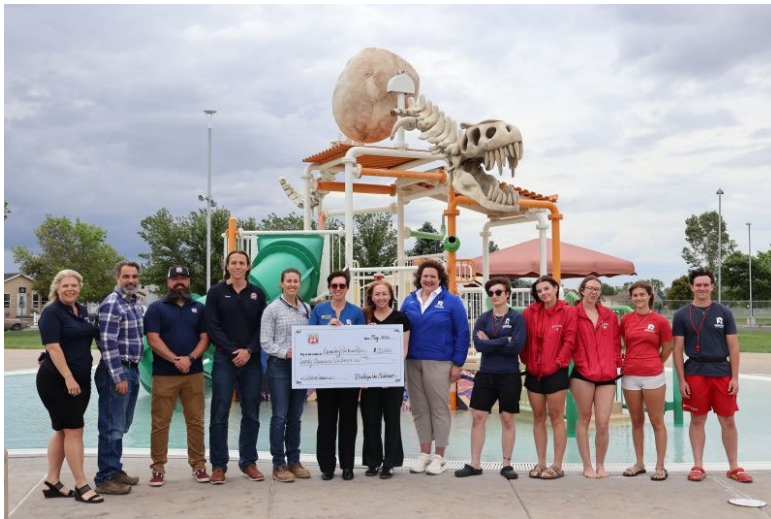
## **Closing the Discussion**

- 1. Which of these areas matter most for 2025?**
- 2. What does success look like by year-end?**
- 3. What is reasonable for this board to commit to?**



## **General Updates**

### Phillips 66 Grant Award



#### Press Release:

#### Phillips 66 Midstream Donates \$20,000 to Swim Lesson Assistance Fund

GREELEY, Colo. — The City of Greeley Recreation Division received \$20,000 from Phillips 66 Midstream – Weld County on Wednesday, May 27. An oversized check was given to staff at Discovery Bay Waterpark. This generous donation provides local access to swim lessons and teaches water safety to individuals.

“We are proud to support the City of Greeley’s Swim Lesson Program through this grant,” said Craig Pralle, Senior Operations Manager. “This investment goes beyond swimming. It promotes safety, builds confidence, and expands access to opportunity. This funding helps more children and families take swim lessons, including Spanish-speaking families, English language learners, and individuals with special needs. It also helps more residents learn important water safety and life-saving skills.”

Funding from Phillips 66 has enabled the expansion of swim lesson offerings. “This financial commitment provides access to water safety education in our community,” says

Jaimee Borgeer, Recreation Coordinator – Aquatics. “We’re honored to receive scholarship funding from Phillips 66 for the 2026-2027 swim lesson season.”

### Phillips 66 Swim Lesson Assistance Fund

The Phillips 66 Swim Lesson Assistance Fund is available to families who qualify for the following programs: · Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Fund (SNAP) · Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) · The Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP)

Each qualified individual receives \$150 towards the cost of swim lesson registration. Applying for this scholarship does not exclude an individual from applying for Greeley’s Youth Assistance Fund.

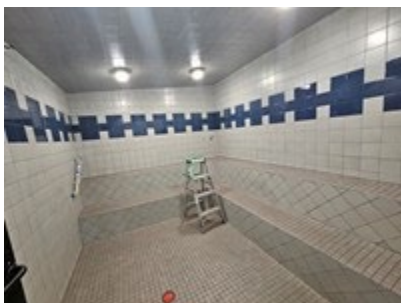
For more information on this program, call 970-350-9400 or visit [GreeleyRec.com/Assistance](http://GreeleyRec.com/Assistance).

- All 3 locations for Fun in the Sun summer camp are open. We have officially entered the outdoor pool and splash pad season and summer sports are in full swing with T-Ball, Coach Pitch and other summer sports (pun intended) 😊
- 597 June swim lesson participants, exceeding June 2025 lesson participation.

### **Facility Updates**

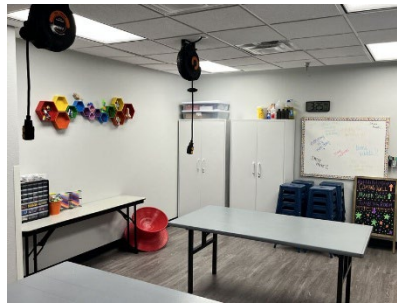
#### **Family Fun Plex Steam Room**

- All new tiles and membrane behind the tiles.
- New LED lighting increased from two fixtures to four and relocated to the ceiling for better coverage.
- Two new ADA railings were added on each wall.
- Upgraded brass fire sprinkler.
- Entire new steam generator installed.



## **Greeley Recreation Center Maintenance Week**

During our annual maintenance shutdown, we gave our Makerspace a fresh new look for summer camps, completed deep cleaning and painting throughout the building, and added new fitness equipment.



## **Staff Updates**

New Recreation Manager- Jen Baiamonte

- Experienced municipal government employee with the City of Evans and involvement with boards and commissions with Eaton, CO
- Has over 17 years of direct recreation leadership experience
- Has over 13 years of supervisor experience
- Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP)
- Serves on the Greeley Stampede Board

Final Round Interviews for Recreation Supervisor- Aquatics week of June 8, 2026.

Second Recreation Manager position awaiting offer and acceptance.

# PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

## STAFF REPORTS – June 5, 2026

### Justin Scharton – Natural Areas & Trails

#### March 2026 Counts

LOCATION	Month Total	Year 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)	5579	16,366	186 ↑27.1%	136 ↑4.8%
Triple Creek Spur @ Mountain Vista TH (re-installed Aug 18, 2020)	1448	5894	48 ↓9.0%	49 ↓40.4%
Poudre Trail @ Island Grove (installed Aug 2020)	3697*	6849	123 ↓8.2%	65 ↓16.2%
Poudre Trail @ Rover Run (new counter w/bike detection installed 3/6/24)	5865***	10,374	195 ↑37.2%	90 No data Jan-Mar ↓45.3%
Poudre Trail @ PLC (installed Aug 2020)	2849**	6834	95 ↑71.1%	57 ↓23.2%
Poudre Trail @ Poudre East (Kodak TH)	17,369	30934	579 ↑221%	258 ↑78.7%
****Missile Site TH (Arroyos del Sol) (installed 3/22/24)	1019	2856	34 ↑24.7%	24 ↓52.6%
****Missile Site Car/Bus (installed 3/19/24)	n/a	n/a	n/a ↓n/a	n/a ↓n/a

\*JBS Strike in early April affected trail counts. NOCO Urban Ultra Race on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*Trail reopened 4/2. NOCO Urban Ultra Race 4/12.

\*\*\* No data Jan-Mar 11. NOCO Urban Ultra Race 4/12.

\*\*\*\*Missile Site Car/Bus - battery depleted 4/16, only partial month data

#### McCLOSKEY NATURAL AREA VOLUNTEER PROJECT

Through the partnership between NAT and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, the first volunteer project of the season kicked off at McCloskey Natural area on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Twenty volunteers, crew leaders, and NAT staff worked together to improve the trailhead at McCloskey Natural Area. Erosion and wear and tear on some soft surface trails at the trailhead were in need of some TLC, and the volunteers made quick work of the project, constructing eight trail stairs and replacing a culvert across the trail during their workday.

The 131 volunteer hours the group contributed, worth \$4,734, significantly leverages NAT staff capacity and provides a vested interest for volunteers as they help build and maintain the NAT trail system.



*Volunteers construct trail stairs at McCloskey Natural Area as part of a volunteer project day.*

## GENERATION WILD



*Generation Wild practitioners from across Colorado gathered in May to share wins and techniques to improve all Gen Wild experiences for community youth.*

Greeley's Generation Wild program continues to thrive, and exciting foundational work is happening across the community with project partners.

Generation Wild leaders from across the state met in Alamosa in May to share wins, losses, and ways to improve and grow Gen Wild programs across the state. The Greeley team also met with the UNC Active Schools Institute and partners from the Community Impact Collaborative to build best practices and benchmarks into the Greeley program.

Finally, the Greeley Gen Wild team is partnering with the Northeast Regional partnership, Great Outdoors Colorado, and CSU Extension to partner on extending Gen Wild into NE Colorado for youth in the rural parts of the northeast region of the state.

## IMAGES FROM THE TRAIL

