

## **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