



MINUTES

City of Glenwood Springs Parks and Recreation Commission

Zoom Meeting

February 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm

1. Roll Call at 5:58pm
 - a. Commission: Laura Speck, Dawn Randolph, Aeson Akins, Jasmin Ramirez, Andrew Mueller, James Fosnaught, Bill Coleman
 - b. Staff: Brian Smith, Pat Miller, Cristi Newton
 - c. City Council Representative: Steve Davis
 - d. Guests:
2. Citizen Comments: None
3. Approval of January Minutes
 - a. Bill Coleman moved to approve the January minutes as written, Andy Mueller second. All in favor.
4. Election of Commission Chair
 - a. Motion to nominate Laura Speck to the position of Parks and Recreation Commission Chair by Andy Mueller, Second by Bill Coleman, All in Favor.
5. Recreation Department 2021 – Pat Miller Presenter
 - a. Introduction of Recreation Division Staff and Organizational Chart
 - b. Overview of Athletic and Community Program offerings for 2021
 - i. Current offerings include Hockey League, Youth Archery, Youth Climbing Classes
 - ii. Upcoming offerings including Girls Archery, Home Brewing Class w/Ball Brewing, Schools Day Out Day Camps, Basketball Skills & Drills, Cross Country Skiing/Snowboarding, Adult Softball League, Youth Baseball, Lifetime Sports, Lacrosse Skills and Drills, Floor Hockey, Pickleball
 - iii. Contracted offerings including Art Camp, Dance, Fencing, Skateboard Workshops
 - c. 2021 Goals
 - i. Quantifiable including Fiscal, participant numbers and evaluations
 - ii. Non-Quantifiable including making sure participants are comfortable and safe
 - d. 2021 Events Update
 - i. Plan to host smaller, community-based events that will draw people to the downtown corridor
 - ii. Hope is to return to large events in Fall with Oktoberfest and New Year's Eve events
 - e. Questions/Comments
 - i. James: When considering smaller events please consider incorporating all of Glenwood and not just the downtown corridor.
 - ii. James: Is there any plan to address the void being left by the cancelling of Strawberry Days in June? Pat: There will be other things going on the Community such as MG Car show & Little League Triple Crown Tournament
 - iii. Jasmin: Would like to see the Department work on better marketing programs and events
 - iv. Dawn: Is there an opportunity to partner with the Post Independent to increase Recreation marketing and awareness? Pat: Yes, we are working on this for 2021.
6. Gear Library
 - a. The Recreation Department is very excited to be the recipient of grant money to create a gear library in 2021. This library will help provide equipment for the community that they may not otherwise be able

to afford and allow them to do and try outdoor activities such as camping, snowshoeing, fishing, & bicycling.

- b. Dawn suggested contacting Leadville as they have an open and functioning gear library that has been successful. She also suggested that gear that could be used in our parks be included in the library such as horseshoes, baseball gear, balls, gloves, etc.

7. Silver Sage Conservation Easement

- a. Brian presented the proposed 32-acre conservation easement. New and improved trails including a potential 1.75-mile loop trail that would align with airport road and 4 Mile, as well as two additional connecting trails through the Silver Sage property are proposed for this land. This land will provide a great opportunity for the City to tie the existing trail on 4 Mile to Airport road which would provide safer access for the public.
- b. The developer is ready to gift the land now. Staff is requesting support from the commission to move forward with the agreement. The proposal is on the Council agenda for Thursday, Feb 4.
- c. James asked if there may be other uses for this property and what extent of activities could be done within the easement. Answer: The developer's preference is for the property to remain open space to be used for public access and recreational use. Their idea was to use it for trails and preserve the land from development however other uses could be discussed.
- d. Dawn: Idea to add interactive stations on the trail such as exercise or educational stations
- e. Andy voiced his concerns about supporting the easement, at this time, due to the lack of information provided, the complexity of easements and a lack of understanding of the carrying costs of the land. He volunteered to help work with Staff to make sure that all bases are covered and there is a thorough understanding of the transaction.
- f. Motion by Andy Requesting Council direct Staff to provide a detailed outline of the proposed transaction at the Commission's next scheduled meeting to include the cost and benefits to the city, carrying costs of the land, and native vegetation and invasive species so that they can weigh into the transaction in meaningful way and make an educated recommendation on the agreement prior to Council approval. Second by Bill. All were in favor, none opposed.

8. Commissioner's Visions for Future Spreadsheet Review

- a. James, Jasmin, and Bill met with Council in January and conveyed to them the Commissions' desire to budget annually for trail development and upkeep. James requested that South Canyon trail system and the LOVA trail be added to the Visions for the Future.
- b. Dawn, Jasmin, and James felt that the Gear Library should be added.
- c. James asked that the spreadsheet be recirculated to the Commission with the additions from this meeting and that this item be added to the March agenda for further discussion.

9. Director's Update

- a. Staff is working on and will bring an update to the Commission regarding the dog leash ordinance.
- b. Staff are working on a Resilient Communities Grant for funds to help address local homelessness and camp clean up as well as several other grant opportunities.
- c. Downtown seating has been well received and is going well. The cleaning schedule for the igloos has been increased.
- d. Changes from the state on restrictions on Recreation are going to allow us to start offering more sports opportunities. The department will continue to monitor and add programming as allowed.
- e. Steve Davis interviewed new applicant however he does not live within City limits. Per City code only one member of the commission can live outside the City limits and that position is currently being filled by Dawn. The Commission asked that Council review this requirement and allow the applicant to serve as an alternate.

10. March Agenda Items

- a. Visions for the Future
- b. Silver Sage Easement
- c. Addressing Recreational Needs of Under Served Populations
- d. Homelessness in the Parks

11. Motion to Adjourn at 7:56pm by Bill, second by Andy. All in favor.