



## MINUTES

### City of Glenwood Springs Parks and Recreation Commission

#### Zoom Meeting

April 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm

1. Roll Call at 6:04pm
  - a. Commission: Laura Speck, Jasmin Ramirez, Kris Smulczenski
  - b. Staff: Brian Smith, Karstin Moser, Dan Roper
  - c. City Council Representative:
  - d. Guests:
2. Citizen Comments:
3. Approval of March Minutes
  - a. Jasmin moved to approve the March minutes as written, Laura second. All in favor.
4. Lease of Boat Ramp in West Glenwood
  - a. Lease renewal to be placed on May 1<sup>st</sup> Council agenda.
  - b. Proposed changes to lease agreement would shorten lease timeframe from 20 years to 10 years and would raise the rate to \$150 per year with a 3% increase annually.
  - c. This boat ramp not an improved facility.
  - d. Suggestions for changes in the lease agreement include making it clear that the boat ramp could be used by the public at any time without interference.
  - e. Jasmin moves to approve the terms of the lease renewal but would recommend a 5-year term and that the language regarding public use be clarified. Kris seconds, all in favor.
5. Homelessness Updates
  - a. Laura's update: County Commissioners are moving forward with getting clean-up date set once County has deemed the site behind Walmart an environmental hazard. Debbie Wilde working with the group to provide support for individuals located in the area.
    - i. A possible solution would be to create a recreation easement to activate the area and would allow the private landowner to trespass individuals.
  - b. City is pursuing grants for clean-up funding.
    - i. There are about 80 encampments in Glenwood Springs and clean-up costs for those is estimated at \$200,000.
  - c. Many properties with encampments are outside of the City's jurisdiction which limits the City's ability to do any kind of enforcement.
    - i. If properties are annexed into the City, they can become public lands, but enforcement is still a challenge because there is a constitutional right to rest which can allow for extended stays in on public land.
  - d. Idea to incentivize trash disposal to help lessen trash around town.
  - e. City clean-up on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> in 3 different areas within the City. City, Boards, and Commissions on the 30<sup>th</sup> and the public on May 1<sup>st</sup> in public spaces.
6. Underserved Populations
  - a. Gear Library
    - i. Grant funds received, program set to launch June 7<sup>th</sup>, gear to be purchased from Colorado based companies.

- b. Outreach Coordinator
  - i. GoCo Resilient Communities Grant funds awarded to fund this position that will work with the community to become more involved in Parks.
- 7. Visions for the Future
  - a. Path stripping in Two Rivers Park.
  - b. Fourth of July being planned with activities at Two Rivers Park. Could tie in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the improvements at Two Rivers Park.
  - c. Mother's Day event or activities in the park(s) geared towards the LatinX community.
  - d. Arbor Day activities.
  - e. North Landing landscaping and renaming.
  - f. Strawberry Days – "A Berry Special Celebration"
    - i. Laura to get in contact with Pat and Dan about activities and Parks & Recreations potential involvement.
- 8. Director's Update on Plans for Loosened Restrictions
  - a. State will be devolving the COVID-19 dial soon and allowing Counties and Cities to regulate their own restrictions.
  - b. Parks and Recreation will be recommending to Council that they would prefer the mask mandate remain in place for indoor activities at the Community Center, KidKamp, and Arts Center but drop it for outdoor activities.
  - c. Community Center layout to be reconfigured (fitness equipment all moving back to fitness mezzanine) to allow for room rentals again.
  - d. Spectators will likely be allowed for programs again.
  - e. Planning to be fully open by summer.
  - f. Other updates:
    - i. Hiring for the Outreach Coordinator and Custodial Supervisor.
    - ii. Whitewater Parking and Pedestrian Design RFP was put out and the prices returned were much higher than expected. Exploring alternatives.
    - iii. Working on trail connections and retaining wall on the Rio Grande.
    - iv. Design Build RFP going out for the Parks Headquarters Building.
    - v. Park restrooms will be opening soon along with other trails that closed for the winter season.
    - vi. New spring/summer programs and events coming up.
- 9. May Agenda Items
  - a. Visions for the Future
  - b. List and Map of parks and trails
  - c. South Canyon Planning
  - d. RFTA Fill Material
  - e. Strawberry Days conversation with Pat Miller
  - f. Arbor Day Activities
  - g. Update on Services for Underserved Populations
- 10. Motion to Adjourn at 7:58pm by Jasmin, second by Kris. All in favor.