



MINUTES - **Draft**

City of Glenwood Springs Parks and Recreation Commission Zoom Meeting

July 1, 2020 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call: 6:10pm
 - a. Commission: James Fosnaught, Laura Speck, Andrew Mueller, Jasmin Ramirez
 - b. Staff: Brian Smith, Karstin Moser, Lisa DiNardo
 - c. City Council Representative: Steve Davis
2. Citizen Comments:
3. Approval of May Minutes:
 - a. Andrew move to approve. Jasmin second. All in favor, none opposed.
4. Street Tree Lighting – Lisa DiNardo
 - a. 800 & 900 blocks of Grand Avenue have lights on trees. Lights should be removed annually, have not been which has caused girdling. Parks would like to replace the lights on the trees with industrial LED lights and try a two-year wrap (request loose wrap) in fall of 2020 to be removed early spring 2022 and restrung again in the fall; thereby allowing the trees a “rest period” every other summer.
 - b. \$16k is allocated by the City to maintain and replace the lights on trees downtown. \$50k has been allocated by DDA for lights on trees downtown.
 - c. Tree lighting contract had originated with the DDA and was transferred to the City about 3 years ago. Contract will continue with City.
 - d. Many would like to see and feel that the original intent was to have lights on the trees year-round.
 - e. Resolution proposal by Laura – The Commission proposed the City take the advice of Lisa DiNardo and have the trees loose wrapped every two years providing for year-round lighting. Andrew second. All in favor, none opposed.
5. RFOV Update – Jacob Baker
 - a. 434.5 project hours from May 2020 to June 2020 in Glenwood Springs.

- b. May – June of 2020 completed two public projects:
 - i. Scout Trail: disassembly of rustic structures, social trail closure, waterbar cleaning, trail alignment.
 - ii. Wulfsohn Trail: Rerouting (e.g. “Defiance”), brush clearance, waterbar cleaning, trail alignment.
 - c. In progress on Scout Trail Commemorative bench, CMC Spring Valley, and Michell Creek (USFS).
 - d. July – August 2020 planned projects include Scout Trail Forest Hollow (BLM), Wulfsohn Trail (Group workdays), Doc Holliday Trail (Group workdays). Proposing to work on swinging bridge connector trail in Basalt, 12th Street Ditch Trail connecting to Doc Holliday Trail (GWS), Midland Avenue Water tanks (GWS), Vista-Light Hill Connector Trail in Basalt, Basalt Library Pollinator Garden, planting at the Garfield County Library.
 - e. RFOV initiative called “Trails & Ways” includes partnering with Ascendigo Autism Services and Challenge Aspen to create accessible trails for those with physical, sensory, motor, and intellectual disabilities.
 - f. Steve would like to suggest additional trails that have river access. Andrew would like to coordinate with the River Commission on this topic.
 - g. Parks & Recreation pays \$5k per year to RFOV for trail maintenance as a donation.
6. Director’s Report
- a. Funeral attendance restrictions lifted.
 - i. Was a limit of 10 people at funeral sites.
 - b. Cemetery System
 - i. Rules and Regulations developed in 2016.
 - ii. Working to including in GIS mapping system.
 - c. Community Center Update
 - i. Reopened two weeks ago.
 - ii. 90-minute sessions for fitness areas, 45-minute sessions for lap swimming. Today, the activity pool opened for reservations in 1 hour & 45-minute slots. Currently filling about 20% of slots available.
 - iii. Currently, no programming. All part-time staff still laid off. Staff has made proposals on limited programming that is self-sustaining.
 - d. Current status of Parks & Rec amenities and facilities
 - i. Playgrounds open for up to 10 people at a time
 - ii. Sports court and fields up to 25 people, discouraging spectator attendance
 - iii. Pavilion rentals available

- iv. Special event permits for up to 50 people with social distancing measures in place
- v. Hot springs at South Canyon restrictions lifted
- vi. Skate park is open
- vii. Whitewater is park open to 25 people
- viii. Trails all open
- ix. Hanging Lake open by permit for 240 people per day, was 120 people per day. No shuttle service.
- e. Parks Division transition
 - i. Al Laurette has moved on. Parks Superintendent position closes this week. Brian would like to know if someone from this commission would like to sit on the interview panel.
- f. 4th of July plans
 - i. Decorations downtown and handing out mini flags. At 8pm of 4th of July, celebration by noise -fire department sirens, encouraging the “Colorado Howl”.
- g. Special events status
 - i. Glenwood Adventure Games – River in water competition of water sport in late September.
 - ii. State outdoor event guidelines include tiered criteria for how many people with what guidelines. Considering using these guidelines to do a few downtown activations.
 - iii. Riverfest will happen but with modifications. Smaller broken up groups for clean-up.
- h. Fee structure update
 - i. Special event permit and park reservation fees being revised.
 - ii. Planning to budget for 2021 with a 15% cut in operational and capital budgets.
- 7. August Agenda Items
 - a. Proposed Special Event Permit and Park Reservation fees
 - b. Request for staff presentation on evaluation of services (past and future) for communities of color and historically disadvantaged communities.
- 8. Adjourn at 7:45pm.