

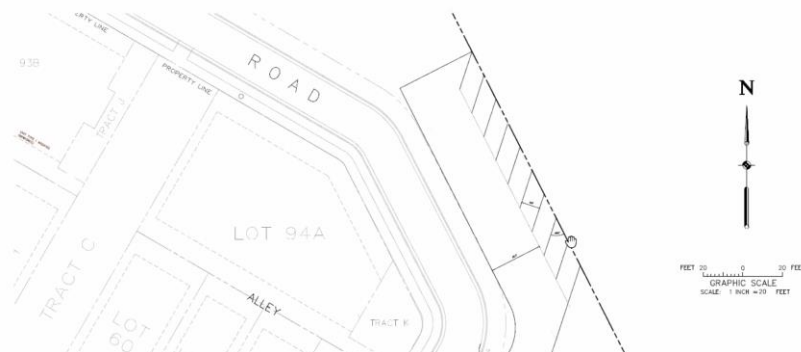


MINUTES

City of Glenwood Springs Parks and Recreation Commission Zoom Meeting

September 2, 2020 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call: 6:10pm
 - a. Commission: Bill Coleman, James Fosnaught, Laura Speck, Andrew Mueller, Jasmin Ramirez, Dawn Randolph
 - b. Staff: Brian Smith, Karstin Moser, Lisa DiNardo, Dan Roper
 - c. City Council Representative: Steve Davis
 - d. Presenters: Abdi Pirzadeh, Jacob Baker
2. Citizen Comments:
3. Approval of July Minutes:
 - a. Andrew move to approve. Bill second. All in favor, none opposed.
4. Parks Superintendent – Dan Roper
 - a. Dan Roper has taken the Parks Superintendent role. Was the City's former Trails & Open Space District Lead in Parks.
5. Cardiff Parking Proposal – Abdi Pirzadeh



- a.
- b. There is a parking shortage in Cardiff Glenn. Proposing the turn overgrown area southeast of the community garden (Summerville Park) into an auxiliary parking area. The area is designated parkland.
- c. Motion: Bill – Recommend to Council that a license agreement be drafted with the 3 HOAs to construct and have a responsibility maintain 16 spots, 2

dedicated to Community Garden, surface be pervious, not to create any storm drainage issues. Andy Second. All in favor. Motion passes.

6. RFOV Activities Update – Jacob Baker

- a. Completed Projects July – August 2020: Maintenance of Mitchell Creek
 - i. 30 project hours from July – August 20, 2020 in Glenwood Springs
- b. September – October 2020 plan to continue work on Mitchell Creek and CMC Spring Valley.
- c. Young Stewards is a RFOV program working with schools, after-school programs, and Park & Recreation Departments to provide outdoor educational opportunities.
- d. Glenwood Canyon Restoration Alliance’s purpose is to provide clarity and transparency for 3 fundraising efforts, provide news and volunteer opportunities for community members, and a way for the community to get involved with restoration of the Glenwood Canyon from the Grizzly Creek fire. On-the-groundwork will not occur until Spring 2021 at the earliest.

7. Underserved Populations – Brian Smith

- a. Underserved Populations
 - i. 11,356 people in Garfield County with a disability and of that, roughly estimated that there are 120 kids in Glenwood Springs with a disability.
 - ii. Another underserve population is the Latinx population, approximately 30% of the population of Glenwood Springs majority of which are non-English speakers.
- b. Identify barriers and evaluate ways to serve disabled population
 - i. How are they effected
 1. 9 in 10 families that had a child with a disability did not feel their child had the same opportunities to play as other children. Nearest inclusive playground is 175 miles away.
 2. Difference between special/adaptive recreation and inclusive recreation. Adaptive recreation is designed specifically for those with disabilities whereas inclusive is designed for everyone, all abilities, to participate in.
 - ii. What are we doing?
 1. ADA evaluation of facilities was conducted in 2012. Recommendations for ADA improvement will be incorporated into Master Plan in 2021. Additionally, programming inclusion plans will be included also.

2. Assessed handicap accessible parking availability and ADA access within our building about a year and half ago and have been incorporating improvements into Capital projects.
3. Other areas of elevation for ADA compliance include parks accessibility, drinking fountains, restrooms, trail head access, and river access.
 - a. Looking into Fishing is Fun and GOCO grants for river access projects.
4. Two Rivers Park river trail completed in 2020 was surfaced to be more ADA accessible.
5. Many of the recommendations are being put into place in the Sayre Park plan including plans to install an inclusive playground in Phase 2.
6. Inclusive programming has not been at the forefront but will be included in the future.
7. Regarding language barriers, plans to publish the activity guide in Spanish and currently offering interruptive services at open houses.
8. Awareness events in the future.
9. Grant Opportunities being sought to increase outreach to Latinx communities
 - a. GOCO Resilient Communities Grant (\$250k ask)
 - i. Latinx communities are underserved with respect to access to parks and recreation programs in Glenwood Springs. Grant will help to develop bilingual parks and trails maps and informational materials, opportunities for Latinx input on parks and trails maintenance, bilingual trails signage, and creating walkable access to parks and trails.
 - b. Recreation Economies in Rural Communities Initiative Grant
 - i. Listening session with Latinx community to gather their feedback on recreation. Take-aways included that it is hard to tell what is public/private land, the high cost of health care and insurance makes some activities undesirable because of risk of injury, many activities are not affordable, some do not feel welcomes in certain activities, there is a need to educate on activities/safe behavior/injury

prevention/opportunities, expanded river access is desirable, more information online in Spanish is desired, and there is a desire to have improved infrastructure (parks, trails, sidewalks, public transit, walkable access).

- iii. Andy would like the city of explore ideas on how to help underserved populations learn about and experience outdoor activities that are expensive to get involved in. Possible partnerships with private and public businesses.
- iv. Jasmin emphasized the importance of having bilingual staff available at events and Community Center.

8. Street Tree Ordinance

a. Tree City USA program

- i. Four requirements of the program: Tree board or department, tree ordinance, community forestry program with annual budgets of \$2 per capita, Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

b. Trees on public and private property

- i. Currently, trees on right of way are the adjacent homeowners' responsibility. Parks department is working on communicating with homeowners on their responsibilities and seeking grants to help homeowners maintain the trees.

c. City staff plans to make suggestions on changes to the ordinance which will go to the commission to review. Changes will include ways to help homeowners maintain the trees and how to get educational information out about the canopy in Glenwood Springs.

- i. Recommendations from Lisa for changes: all work on City trees needs to be done by certified arborist, updated GIS, public education.

9. Sopris Views Trails and Picnic Area – Laura Speck

- a. Tabled until next meeting.

10. October Agenda Items

- a. How to better serve underserved populations
- b. Sopris Views Trails and Picnic Area – Laura Speck

11. Adjourn at 8:20pm.