



## MINUTES

### City of Glenwood Springs Parks and Recreation Commission

#### Zoom Meeting

March 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm

1. Roll Call at 6:03pm
  - a. Commission: Laura Speck, Andrew Mueller, James Fosnaught, Bill Coleman
  - b. Staff: Brian Smith, Karstin Moser
  - c. City Council Representative:
  - d. Guests:
2. Citizen Comments:
  - a. Annie Olson – Summer of Music
    - i. Single concert being considered for first Wednesday in August in Two Rivers Park. Final decision by May 4<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Craig Amichaux – Requesting update on South Canyon development for this Spring and Summer from Brian Smith.
    - i. Council originally asked staff to put out RFP for hot springs development. Staff pushed back and requested planning first. This spring there will be improvements to the archery range and parking lot at lower trailheads. Alpine trail not to be built this year. Upper loop trail signage to be update to May 16<sup>th</sup> opening.
3. Approval of February Minutes
  - a. James Fosnaught moved to approve the February minutes as written, Andy Mueller second. All in favor.
4. RFTA Fill Material
  - a. RFTA purchased City's former MOC on Wulfsohn. They have red dirt fill material that the City may be able to use. Fill being considered for a sledding hill possibly near retention basins on Wulfsohn, drive in theater, or outdoor amphitheater.
  - b. Andy expressed concerns that sledding hill would be muddy at melt if not vegetated. Brian explained that hill would be covered in a carpet like material.
5. Silver Sage Easement
  - a. Easement agreement drafted with Glenwood Land Company. Being reviewed by City attorney.
  - b. Property is roughly 50 acres. Owners would grant a conservation and trail easement to the City. Commission advises City to explore operating cost of maintaining land and liability associated with it and consider requesting financial compensation from donor for maintenance.
6. Addressing Recreational Needs of Underserved Populations
  - a. Meeting with Outdoor Recreation Roundtable next week regarding Gear Library.
  - b. Brochure is changing to a monthly newsletter with activities featured in English and Spanish.
  - c. Parks hiring a temporary position to aid in outreach made possible by part of GoCo Resilient Communities grant funding.
  - d. Trails signage in Spanish being work on by Parks and Streets.
  - e. Community Center will serve as mobile vaccine clinic hosted by Voces Unidas on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Will serve as a pilot for a large county mobile vaccine clinic later.
7. Homelessness in Parks
  - a. An issue we don't have a resolution for (societal and mental health issue).

- b. ECOS to clean encampment under 12<sup>th</sup> street culvert. They also just completed a clean up near the water tank and tunnel in Glenwood Canyon.
  - c. Transient issues at the Community Center (sleeping and lude conduct) and downtown (health hazard, physical assaults, vandalism). City has reached out to other agencies to try to get help for individuals.
  - d. City has submitted grant application to help with clean up of about half the abandoned grants. If grant isn't awarded, city will work on a budget appropriation.
8. Visions for Future
- a. Modified Strawberry Days activities being discussed among downtown businesses, Kiwanis, and the chamber.
  - b. Historical Society is celebrating 50 years. Consider supporting that with small event.
  - c. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Landing aesthetic improvements include sodding the area. Commission and public encouraged to approach Council with desire to move forward with future improvement to the area.
  - d. Flags on Grande Ave. Bridge is under DDA.
  - e. Desire to see Confluence Park development.
  - f. Vaccinations hopefully lead to more open events and gatherings in August and September.
  - g. Rotary Club still has an adaptive playground planned for Sayre Park. Hoping to have it be a community build effort.
9. April Agenda Items
- a. Homelessness Updates
  - b. Underserved Populations
  - c. Visions for the Future
  - d. Landscaping Plans around City
  - e. Director's updates on plans for loosened restrictions
10. Motion to Adjourn at 7:30pm by James, second by Andrew. All in favor.