



Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes  
Joint Meeting with River Commission  
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:00 PM  
Community Center – Red Mountain Room

1. Call to Order at 6:00pm
2. Roll Call
  - a. Parks and Recreation Commission: Christina Pearson, Katy Knapp, Amanda Madden, Laura Speck, Ashley Moffatt, Matt, Kris Smulczenski, Tyler Benton
  - b. River Commission: Scott Schreiber, Erika Gibson, Chris Treese, Christopher Sharrow, Kyle Holt
  - c. City Council Liaison: Paula Stepp
  - d. Staff: Karstin Moser, Cristi Newton, Bryana Starbuck, Chad Smith, Dan Roper, Steve Boyd, Steve Frederick
  - e. Guests: Chad Rudow
3. Approval of February Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve Parks and Recreation Commission February minutes by Matt, second by Kris. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
  - b. Motion to approve River Commission February minutes tabled.
4. Citizen Comments
  - a. Staffing updates from Steve Boyd.
    - i. Rod Tarullo – Parks and Recreation Director starts March 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Beverli Marshall – City Manager starts March 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Chad Rudow – Roaring Fork Conservancy is here as a resource for the commissions and City.
5. Increasing/Improving River Access
  - a. River commission has recommended additional boat ramp within the city, upstream on Roaring Fork.
  - b. Access mapping efforts – locations and type of access
    - i. River Commission developed a river access map and supporting information.
      1. Scott to send invite to Chad to get maps and work with Chamber.
    - ii. River Commission Invited Parks and Recreation Commission to float/visit the river access points sometime in May.
  - c. City was awarded 2023 RFOV project to improve the river access points (5) at Lone Pine, volunteer opportunities for commissions on September 30, 2023.
  - d. 6F property exchange for the area at the bottom of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street ditch is on the Forest Service docket. Cannot improve property until designated as a park.
  - e. Park East access point will also be improved with Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers.
  - f. River Commission will do a riparian planting around Lone Pine project on September 30, 2023.
  - g. Christina Pearson will be the liaison between Parks and Recreation and River Commission.
6. Water Use/Restrictions
  - a. Coordination with other communities in valley on communication efforts on watering restrictions.
    - i. River Commission will be putting on a webinar about the planting guide and watering restrictions. River Commission has invited Parks and Recreation Commission to participate.

- ii. Watering restrictions put in place from Grizzly Creek will become permanent.
    - iii. Recommendation to make a watering restrictions pamphlet.
    - iv. Turf buyback program being implemented.
    - v. Water department gives out irrigation timers.
  - b. Xeric demonstration garden going in at Zig-Zag Trail at the top of 8<sup>th</sup> Street at Midland.
  - c. Signage and educational standards.
    - i. River Commission has added some signage near parks and has plans to create more. Would like input from Parks and Recreation Commission on signage they would like to propose for North Landing. Commissions would like to be involved in the North Landing signage discussions when the City gets to that point.
    - ii. Part of the City's Art Plan mentioned art as signs, possible cooperative project.
- 7. Invasive Plant Species
  - a. Education opportunities/efforts to the public about invasive species.
    - i. RiverFEST booths for Garfield County Vegetation Control and/or the Parks department to provide education to the public on both riparian and other invasive plant species.
    - ii. River Commission has also talked about doing a volunteer event to cleanup invasive species.
- 8. RiverFEST
  - a. How can Parks and Recreation Commission help support the event?
    - i. First Saturday of August. Clean up in the AM, celebration in the afternoon. River Commission has asked the Park and Recreation department to partner more this year. Open to any involvement from the Parks and Recreation Commission (recommendation on caterers, educational activities, day of volunteering, gathering teams, etc.).
- 9. River Commission Comments
  - a. 3 Mile Creek bids due back next week. Native revegetation restoration project.
- 10. Staff Report
  - a. South Canyon master plan kick off meeting tomorrow. Involvement opportunities will be announced for boards and commissions.
  - b. Alpine Slide construction and Lower Grandstaff repairs will begin once the snow melts.
  - c. Tennis Courts construction will resume when overnight temperatures are over 40 degrees for two weeks.
  - d. Silver Prom and Family Ball this last weekend were successful.
  - e. Summer Clubs, replacing camp, are live for registration.
  - f. Ice Hockey and youth basketball seasons just wrapped up, maxed out spots. Indoor volleyball going on now. Youth flag football registration up now.
  - g. Art programs and events happening at the Community Art Center regularly.
  - h. New Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor on and creating adaptive and inclusive opportunities.
  - i. Community Outreach is partnering with First Bank to hold a financial literacy class in Spanish.
  - j. Summer event planning is underway.
  - k. Creating a mobile recreation trailer to create on the go recreation opportunities in the parks and communities.
  - l. Gear Library inventory growing. Store front is located at the Community Art Center. Working with CMC to expand the library.
- 11. April Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda Items
  - a. Meet new Parks and Recreation Director
  - b. Pick date for Cardiff School House Tour
- 12. Motion to Adjourn at 7:40pm by Ashley, second my Amanda.