



MINUTES

City of Glenwood Springs Parks and Recreation Commission

April 6, 2022 at 6:00 pm

1. Roll Call at 6:04pm
 - a. Commission: Christina Pearson, Laura Speck, Jasmin Ramirez, Kris Smulczenski, Matt Armentrout, James Fosnaught
 - b. Staff: Brian Smith, Steve Frederick, Joe Van Wyk, Dan Roper, Cristi Newton
 - c. City Council Representative: Ingrid Wussow
2. Citizen Comments:
 - a. Natalie Kellum with Roaring Fork Kayak Club introduced the club and what they are bringing to the community.
3. Approval of March Minutes
 - a. James moved to approve the March minutes as written, Jasmin second. All in favor, none opposed.
4. Marketing Coordinator Introduction – Joe VanWyk
 - a. Started mid-January and is working on updating all marketing for Parks and Recreation.
 - b. Focus over the next 30 days is converting the current paper newsletter to an emailed newsletter. New emailed newsletter will go out on April 27th for the month of May.
5. South Canyon RFQ Draft
 - a. Brian Smith reviewed the draft RFQ for South Canyon with the commission.
 - b. A work session with this commission and Council has been scheduled for May 5th. The draft will be provided to the Commission by Friday, April 8 for their comments and review. Brian asked that all commission members provide their feedback prior to the work session.
 - c. Currently, there is \$65k allocated for Lone Pine Planning but since that likely will not take place this year. Staff would ask Council to have the funds be reallocated to South Canyon Planning.
 - d. Public Comment:
 - i. Ty Richardson: Wildlife advocate and long time local.
 1. Asked if the closure of upper trails in South Canyon could be extended for an additional 2 weeks so that the elk could have a larger calving season.
 - ii. Craig Amichaux
 1. Thanked Brian and the department for their work on this project.
 2. Was in favor of some small commercial hot springs but voiced concerns about fire evacuation and traffic in South Canyon.
 - iii. Breanna McCallum
 1. Thanked department and City for doing the study and for allowing the public stakeholders to have a voice in the project.
 2. Wanted to know the City's priorities for South Canyon and wanted to make sure that evacuation and the safety of the residents in South Canyon was a top priority.
 - iv. Discussion by commission about closure dates for the Coal Camp Loop trail.
 1. **James moved that the closure dates be placed on the May Parks and Recreation Commission agenda and that the proper stakeholders be invited and present at the meeting including CPW. Motion was seconded by Matt. All in favor, none opposed.**
 2. This is an important topic that needs to be supported by data.

6. Tennis Court Discussion – Cristi Newton
 - a. The RFP to renovate the Community Center Tennis Courts was posted March 13th. Two potential contractors attended the pre bid meeting.
 - b. Next steps include getting a soil study completed as well as a survey. Both items are scheduled and should be completed in the next several weeks.
 - c. Project will include complete removal of Courts 1 - 3 and replacement of asphalt courts with post concrete, new fencing, new LED lighting, new ADA entrances, and spectator viewing. Court #4 will also be resurfaced.
 - d. Public Comment
 - i. Sue Geist: Tennis Pro and Contracted instructor for City of Glenwood Springs
 1. Would like to start planning her summer programming and was asking for start date.
 - ii. Jon Zalinski
 1. Asked about the addition of gates on the parking lot side of the pool.
 2. Would like to see additional courts added to Glenwood.
7. Musco Mini Pitch Soccer System at Veltus Park – Dan Roper
 - a. Dan and staff had a discussion with Musco about installing a mini pitch soccer system where the current Tennis Court is at Veltus Park. The system would fit perfectly on the current court.
 - b. This system used as a multi-use court and could potentially be used as an Ice Rink in the winter.
 - c. Approximate cost for the total project would be just over \$175,000.
 - d. Kick it Forward would like to Partner with the City to help with fundraising.
 - e. Other community partners could include Glenwood Springs Soccer Club and the Roaring Fork School District.
 - f. Jasmin voiced concerns over it being used as a multi-use court.
 - g. Members of the commission were generally in favor of staff continuing to pursue the planning of a mini pitch system.
8. North Landing Update – Matt Armentrout and Laura Speck
 - a. Matt was encouraged by the number of people there to provide input but was concerned about the simplistic list of wants for the area and hoped more detail would be flushed out in the next meeting. Did not like the voting on the concepts at the end since it didn't coincide with the work they'd completed just before on what everyone would like to see in the area.
 - b. Laura liked the discussion but did not like the concepts presented.
 - c. A second meeting is scheduled for May 9th.
9. Parks Cleanup Day Volunteer Event Ideas
 - a. James would like to see the department have a Park Cleanup Day like Riverfest.
 - b. The community could be invited to participate. Having business sponsors, service groups, and the public create teams and making it a competition.
 - c. Jasmin suggested doing the event on National cleanup day which is September 17th.
 - d. James suggested adding this item to the May agenda and asked staff to come back with additional ideas and potential costs.
10. Director's Report
 - a. Brian went through the Division Reports for the Department.
11. May Agenda Items
 - a. Laura to present her Botanical Gardens Idea
 - b. Downtown and Public Spaces Supervisor Introduction
 - c. Trails and Open Space Supervisor Introduction
 - d. Parks Clean Up Day Event Ideas
 - e. Extended closure of upper trails in South Canyon
12. Motion to Adjourn at 8:20pm by James, second by Laura. All in favor, motion carried.