



MINUTES

City of Glenwood Springs Parks and Recreation Commission

Zoom Meeting

May 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm

1. Roll Call at 6:00pm
 - a. Commission: Laura Speck, Kris Smulczenski, Andrew Mueller, James Fosnaught, Jasmin Ramirez
 - b. Staff: Brian Smith, Karstin Moser, Pat Miller, Dan Roper, Lisa DiNardo, Terri Partch
 - c. City Council Representative: Steve Davis
 - d. Guests: Jacob Baker and Becca Schild (RFOV)
2. Citizen Comments:
3. Approval of April Minutes
 - a. Kris moved to approve the April minutes as written, Laura second. All in favor.
4. RFOV Upcoming Season
 - a. 2021 theme is Renewing Landscape and Community through Collective Action.
 - i. Programs for 2021 include Community Projects, Group Projects, Adopt-a-Trail, Community Education, Young Stewards Program.
 - b. Glenwood Canyon Restoration Alliance has been launched and lead by RFOV.
 - c. In COGS, RFOV will be working on group project sites (Red Mountain, Wulfsohn, Scout Trail, Doc Holliday, City parks, Rio Grande Trail, Mitchell Creek), signage installation to include trail notes on Scout Trail, trailhead tables for Red Mountain, and a Community virtual gear closet.
 - d. Trails & Ways will have a demonstration project on Ponderosa trail in downtown Basalt for sensory, motor, physical, and cognitive challenges.
5. Sayre Park Design & Basketball Court Options
 - a. Sayre Park 50% Construction Design plans ready.
 - b. Basketball Court Color Option #8 is preferred by the Commission.
 - c. Preference for hoops is all fixed except one set of adjustable.
6. South Bridge Landscaping Review
 - a. Bio-swale will be a green option for storm drainage.
 - i. Will also provide some containment removal.
 - b. Low maintenance and low water native landscaping.
 - c. Sound wall currently proposed but City is going to survey the neighborhood to see if they would prefer a tree wall instead. Will explore the tree wall option with the environmental study. Also going to investigating pushing the wall back to the ROW.
7. RFTA Maintenance Agreement
 - a. Pedestrian tunnels to be built under 27th Street and Grande Ave. to serve the current park and ride. RFTA has asked City to maintain tunnel under Grande and the adjacent landscaping. Additionally, they have requested the city be responsible for the snow removal on the SE corner ramp.
 - i. City has asked RFTA consider installing snow melt system on ramp and stairwell area.
 - b. RFTA will handle WiFi and a portion of the utilities for the tunnel areas.
 - c. Various commission members felt RFTA should maintain the sidewalk long their station, not the city and voiced concerns about the lack of sustainability in a snow melt system for the ramp.

- d. **Motion** by James: “The Parks and Recreation Commission asks City Council and staff to negotiate with RFTA so that the allocation of responsibilities for work that is done on this project is borne out by the ownership of the properties that are being maintained and that any project moving forward be consulted with somebody who has experience in sustainability and the environmental impacts of the project.” Second by Andy. All in favor, none opposed.
8. Strawberry Days Conversation
- a. “A Berry Special Weekend”, June 18th – 20th
 - b. Chamber will be doing activities with downtown businesses.
 - i. Window decorating contest.
 - c. Possible City sponsored activations:
 - i. Live music downtown
 - ii. Help with supply of strawberries and ice cream
 - iii. Berry themed art project activity
9. Arbor Day Activities
- a. Dan recapped Earth Day activities (preschool aged book reading, crafts, and seed plantings).
10. South Canyon Planning
- a. South Canyon current issues and actions include archery range improvements, parking lot location, trail head access, hot springs public usage, gun club usage, access agreements with adjacent landowners, City landfill, dead timber removal, coal seam fire mitigation, evacuation routes, trail proposals and improvements, unauthorized dumping.
 - b. Council is interested in plan for South Canyon, especially the hot springs.
 - c. City staff will seek council’s direction on how they want to proceed with planning.
11. June Agenda Items
- a. Sayre Park Plans Review
12. Motion to Adjourn at 8:01pm by Andrew, second by James. All in favor.