



## MINUTES

### City of Glenwood Springs Parks and Recreation Commission

#### Zoom Meeting

June 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm

1. Roll Call at 6:05pm
  - a. Commission: Laura Speck, Bill Coleman, James Fosnaught, Kris Smulczenski, Andrew Mueller, Jasmin Ramirez
  - b. Staff: Brian Smith, Karstin Moser, Dan Roper, Debra Figueroa, Bryana Starbuck
  - c. City Council Representative: Ingrid Wussow
  - d. Guests:
2. Citizen Comments:
3. Approval of May Minutes
  - a. James moved to approve the May minutes as written, Bill second. All in favor.
4. Welcome new Council Liaison – Ingrid Wussow
5. Special Event Permitting
  - a. During pandemic, part-time staff in Parks and Recreation were laid off and classes were allowed in the parks during this time since the service was not able to be offered fully by the City.
  - b. Recently, Council granted a private instructor the ability to offer classes in the parks for 45 days without fees even though pandemic restrictions are not longer in effect and, in the past, recurring activities by commercial entities have not been permitted outside of boat ramp use and use agreements.
    - i. If other entities are interested in conducting business activities or ongoing activities within the parks, they're to be directed to Council to request permission during the Citizen Comment portion of the regular Council meetings.
  - c. Code language around special event permitting and activities in the parks is being revised.
  - d. Commissioners feel there should be some kind of regulations around commercial activity within the parks and would like to help form the language around the regulations and code.
    - i. **Motion** by Andy: Send James as our [Parks & Recreation Commission] representative reflect our thoughtful comments about asking Council for time to consider this and make a recommendation for a new regulatory scheme that may define which commercial uses are allowed within the parks and under what terms and conditions. Also, that they [City Council] direct us [Parks & Recreation Commission] to work with staff to come up with that recommendation. Additionally, that Council not act to enact new code regulations related to this matter until we've had an opportunity to bring that recommendation to them.
      1. **Seconded by Laura. Bill, James, Jasmin in favor. Kris opposed. The ayes have it.**
      2. Subcommittee volunteers: James, Kris, Laura
        - a. Subcommittee's recommendations will be presented back to Parks & Recreation Commission before final recommendations to Council.
6. South Canyon Planning
  - a. Council would like City staff to put out an RFP to develop the hot spring.
  - b. Staff recommending South Canyon planning be address in a phased approach that includes public input, possibly starting with the hot spring.

- i. Each area of phase of the plan would be specified to the amenities, topography, and ecology of each area but still mindful of the area as a whole.
    - c. Options for the hot spring could include:
      - i. Develop the hot spring as a public open amenity – improve natural filtration for better water quality, trail improvements for better access, place trash receptacles and a portalet.
      - ii. Develop the hot spring as a formalized public paid day use facility – install and maintain a circulation system and hardscape the area.
      - iii. Contract with private entity to develop, manage, and maintain hot spring.
      - iv. City develops the area and partners with private entity to manage the site.
    - d. This item is on the June 17<sup>th</sup> Council agenda.
    - e. **Motion** by Andy: The Commission recommends to Council that the City engage in public planning process prior to implementing, committing to, or putting out a Request for Proposal for and major commercial activity in South Canyon.
      - i. **Second** by James. All in favor.
7. Silver Sage Conservation Easement & Dedication
  - a. The agreement that was originally presented to the Parks & Recreation Commission included an easement through 5 acres that made a loop along Airport Road in addition to the 45 acres. The 5 acres and easement has been removed and changes the access to the area from Airport Road and the value.
  - b. **Motion** by Andy: Commission is in favor of the City acquiring a conservation easement to this property followed by the aquation of fee title to this property at the appropriate time on condition that the proponents of the landowners actually secure an adequate access easement to Airport Road and encourages staff to work with them to get that.
    - i. **Second** by Laura. All in favor.
  - c. Changes will be made to agreement and taken back to council.
8. July Agenda Items
  - a. Special Event Permitting
  - b. South Canyon Planning
  - c. Updated Fee Schedule Draft
  - d. Boat Ramp Lease Fees
  - e. Gear Library
  - f. Department Marketing and Communications (how is information on programs and activities being put out)
  - g. Parks & Recreation Staffing Challenges
9. Motion to Adjourn at 8:03pm by Jasmin, second by Andy. All in favor.