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*Park & Recreation Commission  
Lyons Town Hall, Lyons, CO  
Meeting Minutes: November 9th, 2015*

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*Attendance: Mary Chase, Doug Stahl, Pam Barnes, Veronika Gaia, Dave Cosgrove, Fay Marshall, LaVern Johnson, Ian Brighton  
Secretary: Claudia Kean*

*Not in Attendance: Dave Orback, Chris Cope*

*Approved: Previous Minutes (November 9<sup>th</sup>,)*

*Public Participation: None*

*Agenda items for discussion:*

**Fay** —Is Boulder County opening trailhead from Meadow to Hall Ranch?

- Dave – No – take permit only allowing work, not trail building on Corona Hill, above is Boulder County Parks and Open Space. Trail would be an additional project that would impede eagles – not flood related.
- High school kids raised 13000, supposed to be trails, Steve thinks its ecology related?

Dave - funds are with LCF – and is trying to find out how to proceed, where funds should go.

We need matching funds for several projects.

Veronika – Stephanie Busby should know, art teacher.

- Request from eco club at Lyons Elem. For Earth Day vs. Arbor Day – would it be ok to do a parallel activity? Planting?

Dave – Tree certification – need a formal Arbor Day recognition – Elementary School has been the traditional setting.

Clean up and restoration in parks, planting for white water, etc can be done as vol effort.

We will see – seeding in buy-out? Other work there?

Dave thinks we can work it out.

**1) Approval of November Meeting Notes – done.**

**2) Parks Flood Recovery Planning Update-Approval of Bohn Plan, Discussion of Estimated Timeline, Next Steps**

Public process complete. All meetings (9) done. Consensus reached on all major areas: Bohn, LV River, Meadow, Potential Acquisitions, Operations and Maintenance.

Bohn plan approved, RFP draft is completed. Fine tuning RFP– release no later than 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, final proposals Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, week of 7<sup>th</sup> of March bidder chosen, Mid March through July is work window.

Bid for construction – start Bohn: Aug – Sept interior park, river in fall winter, Opening July 2017

**Lyons Valley River Park 2018** beginning fall/winter 2017-possible opening summer, 2018. Dependent on planning, cash flow, and other town projects.

Land management plan for acquisition properties – needs public process and detailed planning.

**Veronika – process with adjacent owner in Bohn? – skate park size, lighting?**

Dave- kept them informed, they were open to amending current agrmt. For instance, the original agreement said no lighted ballfields in 25 acres, no road in south, etc.

“Preferred Alternate” plan will be workable for them, lighting should be newer tech, not impeding.

Skate park should not be over 12,000 square feet, not grow. Hours of operation should be in place.

Adjacent owners willing to allow special events and overflow parking to go to dog park area, but traverse on eastern and southern areas, not north or west.

This was passed by BOT contingent on passing of final Bohn plan.

Town’s cash flow will be important for other schedules on bridges, River project. Funds must be reimbursed.

Trying to complete one before next starts in order to keep from stalling out.

**Ian – can design phase for both Lyons Valley River Park and Bohn Park happen simultaneously to possibly lower costs**

Dave – we added services onto Parks Flood Recovery – entered into Grading Plan and Hydrology/Modeling which will work off 30% design process – Hydro modeling needs to be done to see if it will work – moving from upstream to down.

Stream team IS doing design/build – how is flood plain being manipulated going to change flood elevations...trail alignment can change, and approval will be needed again. FEMA approval already takes 6 months.

We need to be strategic.

Bridges are being done as design build. More topical items like parks – slower steps. Get more heated discussion.

Detailed grading and hydro modeling – fuse plugs- ponds – and current bridge design will all work together in this area.

**LaVern – Swift Water Rescue? Happening? Not known.**

**3) Lyons Valley River Park initial Grading Plan and Hydrology/Modeling**

Under way.

Done by end of Feb 2016. Need this info for bridges. Funding ramifications. Hopefully 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave bridge and Bohn will not be done at same time!

**4) Meadow Park Phase II Update and Status**

We were issued a 5 year permit to work without eagle problems – good for anything within half mile radius, funded public projects. We must do some monitoring.

Trip over to Meadow Park – for commission – we have started constr. On river, 2 structures done, 3 and 4 finishing up...8 is the diversion structure by Hole. Gas line and elect conduits in, foundations being poured, new restroom framed, River work is continuing, delivery of Ped bridge connecting Meadow to new Haines property island.

WPA shelter, new front shelter, concession will all be framed.

Trails, camping, fire pits are final phase. **Complete by May 2016.**

May- June 6-8 weeks for turf growth. **July 1 opening.**

**RV camping for Memorial Day hopefully.**

Kriche Construction has been great.

## **5) Parade of Lights Overview**

Dave – Positive feedback, just a little low on entries, a few that didn't show. Light show happened, and downtown was lit well.

Rev and expenses:

9250 budget –

6500 spent. Projected 7500 rev 7218 received. Pretty good.

We just ask for donations, so turned out pretty well. We did get a 5000 donation!

Goal – how can we do more outreach and marketing – activities to bring more people in?

Add to parade without adding cost? Musical? Floats? Organizations?

LaVern – light show advertising?

More bands? Competition with Denver and Boulder. Estes – Catch the Glow.

## **6) Project and Programming Updates**

### **-Lyons Parks/LYBSA**

LYBSA board is asking Town to take over. Current board doesn't have capacity or parents to facilitate any longer. Town is fine doing that, upfront that we will not continue the 501c3. They will turn \$ over to town as long as it continues. Town is facilitating thru Longmont leagues, with Lyons coaches and sponsors – kids will participate in Longmont then when our fields are ready, we can support games for leagues here.

Hopefully, with new parks system, parents will step up again. Confusing for parents and leagues.

We will be happy to engage. We are using high school fields, and other useable land for practice. LYBSA were able to buy uniforms – Lyons Lions hats and jerseys. We don't know if we can do that. Longmont will provide through fees. We can provide clinics and do training for coaches and umpires.

### **-Good Old Days Survey/Discussion**

Board requested – would like us to put out a survey that asks about town events, Outdoor Games, and Good Ol' Days. We will get a draft from Dave and ask Commish for comments.

Get to the heart of what people want to see, help at, not have, locations, what's provided...

LaVern liked the youth activities. Reunions – get a place and time and reason to meet.

Not too many gripes about it. Walt Self breakfast was good. We are funded for GOD through LCF.

### **-Newsletter Announcements**

Old Man Winter event is 7<sup>th</sup> of February – Bike Race, 25, 50, 100 mile race. Canned Aid – starts at Sandstone, parking at Bohn.

We will be adding art programs, kids kayaking, thurs night basketball, CPR first Aid, hunter aid, teen yoga,

**Dave – election for trustees – LaVern can't run again. Parks essential for econ dev, big part of our main street, why sales tax gone up, and why events are basing here. Differing opinions. Board of T – we don't know if our strong advocates will be reelected – who should think about running? Closes the 25<sup>th</sup> of Jan.**

***Next PRC meeting: Monday, February 8th @ 6  
p.m.***

*Meeting start time: 6:00 p.m.; Adjourned 7:35 p.m.*

*Minutes submitted by: Claudia Kean*