
*Park & Recreation Commission
Lyons Town Hall, Lyons, CO
Meeting Minutes: Feb 8, 2016*

*Attendance: Mary Chase, Doug Stahl, Pam Barnes, Veronika Gaia, Chris Cope, Dave Cosgrove, Fay Marshall, LaVern Johnson, Dave Orback, Jeff Christy, Ian Brighton, Lori LeGault
Secretary: Claudia Kean
Not in Attendance: all present*

Approved: Previous Minutes (Jan 11)

Public Participation: None

Agenda items for discussion:

1) Meadow Park Phase II Project Update

Despite weather, all on track – still on schedule. New restroom framed, masonry almost complete – existing one updated with paint, utilities, new fixtures, lights, matching other new bldgs.. In-stream river features complete to no. 4 east to Swim Hole. Water line - 12” line thru river bend to serve Apple Valley – complete now to River Bend. WPA and Concessions bldg starting same time soon. Next few months- bridge to island, playgrounds, interior of restrooms, ice rink, pump house, light poles, landscaping, irrigation.

Complete by May 15 latest, planning for community opening during GOD, BBQ Lyons only – then July 1st opening for public. Invite Gov, GoCo, etc. for ribbon cutting etc.

See BOTTOM for Meadow Park PRC tour information on March 14th.

Meadow Park Change items – a few – trees that weren’t surveyed, moving water lines, removing walls, changed some layout – volleyball from south to north side. Too close to tent camping and river corridor. Honoring public comments and parks planning process. Epoxy on restroom floors needed, now added for longevity. Graffiti guard on buildings, needed. Saves cost later. Fish habitat – Lavern Question. – DC: – this included in design, in conjunction with Colo Div of Wildlife. Water from diversion structure will ensure water in this Preflood channel. Swimming hole – occurred because of diversion structure, by putting this back in, things should be the same. Hours – agmt with River Bend property and Board – Renters of venue – area could be used as part of a wedding. They could ask to reserve it. Town will try to monitor that with Park Host. No fencing will happen. There are hours involved- not all day, but in evenings. The clients, not River Bend, will trigger this. Noise and commotion could be an issue. Signage will help.

**2) Bohn Park Flood Recovery Project-RFP and Final Design/Bid Document
Timeline**

Pre-Proposal Conference	Feb 10, 2016 @ 1:00 PM
Deadline for Questions	Feb 17, 2016 by 3 PM
Final Addendum Issued	Feb 19, 2016 by 3 PM
Proposal Due Date and Time	Feb 25, 2016 by 3 PM
Approximate Contract Approval	Mar 7, 2016
Notice to Proceed	Week of March 14, 2016

RFP is out, posted last week to 700 entities. Many are good and qualified, and known teams. Pre proposal Meeting this Wednesday,

RFP scoring – criterion based on 5 areas, company personnel and qualifications, experience, approach to scope, etc. A committee of town engineers, parks staff, finance dept, Victoria or her proxy choice, and some Board or Commission members.

Construction start Sept 1st - river work mid winter, 25 acres also, then available for next season – entire park July 2017 hopefully.

RFP on website

Releasing LVRP after that. We have been able to maintain our timeline for parks.

Lyons Valley River Park or Bohn – costs estimates on 30% design – we have funding for some, but may need phasing decision. Skate park for example was not flood damage – we have additional things in plan that were not there before, so may need coming back to securing more funding.

Prelim cost estimate – would put us around 8 million, and we only have around 6.5 – 7 million. 2 tennis courts, shelters, skate park would be the difference that may have to wait for other funding sources.

LVRP also has amenities that were not there pre-flood – McConnell Pond yes, but other things will need additional funding.

We needed extension and got it from GoCo – and we can submit for grant for skate park.

Ian – Gov wants trail system, bridges part of network? For Governor’s grand vision?

Repurpose county and regional links? Conversations happening...

Gov’s 16 priorities for trails – really wants that Estes Park link.

3) Parks Special Event Survey-Review of Results to Date

Recd. 299 survey responses – most very positive, how people want to hear about events, what they like – Generally they love our events. Impressed with number and types of events for our size.

Highlights – Facebook is big, and website. Ranking- Parade of lights is number 1, then Summer Concerts, GOD, Halloween events, Outdoor Games, 5K - very close, all.

Favorite -

People do feel heritage and history should be celebrated, GOD in Bohn or High street overwhelm. 2 day event – Friday night, and Saturday day and evening.

Overwhelm they want carnival rides and games, but also love climbing and kayaking Rock, Country big. 83% like the Diva, etc “Canned” events.

Stevie LaRue brought to our attention through LaVern– Apr 2, 2016 Lyons will be 125 years old. Centennial stamp, envelope, Celebration of our history. Speaker to talk history. Celebrate this during GOD

4) Recreation Programming Update-Lori LeGault

Working on Senior programming, youth programming, and some adult (summer) programming. Marissa and L talking about incorporating things at Meadow, but not clear on usage there. Planning maybe second half of summer..

Senior programming – today was last intergenerational Art program with Jennifer Quinn, good day today. Got Feedback – pull middle school more than younger if poss. 4 seniors most so far. Now finished – taling to DeCoster and Kahlie Sue about something through Arts and Humanities commission.

Actual classes were also offered for cost.

Other – monthly birthday celebrations, 4th Friday every month at Walt Self 1-3 PM – cake and coffee – massage therapy, speaker, music. All ages, birthdays of the month.

Other – seniors fitness class – meetings at church, did survey, seniors wanted a more active seniors class. Longer, broken into pieces, join, leave.- Walk, strength training, flexibility portions.

Book club also something to get started at Senior Center.

2 group trips – Rockies game, Theatre production at Arvada Center.

Working on what came out of survey. Working with Aging Commission (HSAC) Jocelyn Fankhouser, county.

Youth programs – tennis in May starting. Booked May and June, until construction interferes – we will try to keep access depending on contractors.

One week CAMP at Meadow park for youth – short window btwn Bluegrass and opening.

These things will be in Parks and Rec Calendar – hard to look at – but can get notifications of new things added.

No rec brochure this year – (DC) will be more on line in future. Biannually later.

Calendar updates are a different update than the Town eblast. Jackie and Arielle Hodgson are in charge of FB, Communications...Some confusion about where things are posted, etc. Need one avenue.

More youth programming – at risk youth – Youth Mindfulness series in park post-flood – 4 sessions Mid June, July – ages 11-16 Yoga, journal writing, volleyball, jam sessions – anti-bullying, drug prevention. With HSAC (Human Services on Aging Commission)

Parents want rec teams that are fun and not competitive. Soccer, pick up style, limited by lack of multi-use – kickball, adult stuff too.

Parenting series – needs childcare and dinner.

American Red Cross classes – baby sitting, CPR, first aid for 11 year olds and up...

Good revenue for town. 10-25 bucks, Longmont charges 95, different amt of days offered. Wilderness remote aid for adults.

Lori wants to be cautious about promises due to possible conflict with contracting work in park.

DC – we will be doing Challenger Soccer camp, fitness camp, Mt. biking work, getting programs back on line with opening of Meadow Park. Trying to get back to where we were pre-flood.

5) Review of LRAP Update/Meeting as it relates to Parks

Generally, the consensus is that we are meeting goals and expectations as stated in LRAP. (Dave C may attach more specific information here.)

Lyons Recovery Action Plan- Board and Commiss folks got together to do update for areas of plan.

Each section has area that states amenities are consistent with Flood Plain regs, and permits must be in place, following regs, parks must follow this as well. 1.1.1 and .2 Meadow Park master plan – to be completed July 2016.

Bohn Park plan completed and gone for bid July of 2017 completion.

River corridor LVRP – implement plan for trails, with regs, permits - Eastern Corridor – LVRP through Nov hole – anticipated plan winter 2017, completed 2018.

Trail system – develop master plan – repair bridges, trails access to downtown, st vrain trail reconst. Implement regional trail – we are working with county, Green way, etc. Hall, regional. Lyons to Boulder going nowhere – ditch company won't happen anytime soon. Private property issues.

6) Upcoming events/programs

Old Man Winter went well, even with Super Bowl. Good for Oskars. Running event portion happened with permitting through Boulder County – ran to Picture Rock, Old South – good for us in future. We will have recap meeting later in week.

Ian concerned about trails – but bikes were all on pavement, no prob. Also we can charge for repairs.

Footrace went east side of Bohn, past dog park, diagonally across county 10 acres, then to Red Gulch- not up Picture Rock.

7) Other discussion including 404 buyout land

Pam – we have closed on 19 properties – properties have a time line for demolition, grading, and returning to nature. 90 days post-closing.

Total of 27 in process. Can back out at any time until closing. Town has submitted for grant to talk public process on how to manage these properties. Water? Mowing? Land management plan, and public process including leasing back to property owners.

Confluence- Pam – we should be on the same page in reference to public.

Town has submitted for grant DOLA to facilitate a land use and management plan public process. We need to know what it will take to operate and maintain, and possibly later develop – leaseback? Fold into park property?

Only things allowed – gazebo, restroom, passive recreation – ballfields, FEMA floodplain Okd. Art installations, outdoor classrooms, ok. Open Space? No fences allowed in flood WAY. Fema may be involved in how a lease would work. Not known yet.

Mary. We are pursuing Grant for public process. We should not make a statement beyond that, we are still waiting to get grant money for this public process. We will make sure this process happens.

Historic corner in Old Lyon property area? LaVern.

Veronika – approached about Archery practice...possible? In the 10 acres beyond dog park? Somewhere in park planning? DC – huge liability issue – would need to be treated like a shooting range, and we need more info to answer. Public process would be needed to gauge demand.

We might do an intermittent basis in a program.

Veronika – big banjo – any chance for Parks to take on? Rejected previously by town due to liability – But arts and humanities has a process for this.
Set of criteria.

**Tour – PR Commission – March 14th is next meeting – try for 5:00 -
Meet here at office, then walk over. Hard hats and vests needed.** Public
can come but must contact Dave.

Next PRC meeting: Monday, March 14th @ 5 p.m.

Meeting start time: 6:00 p.m.; Adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Claudia Kean