



DRAFT AGENDA

TOWN OF LYONS

Feb. 11, 2019 6:00 PM

Parks and Recreation Commission

Lyons Depot

1 ... ATTENDANCE ...

LAVERN JOHNSON, DAVE COSGROVE, IAN BRIGHTON, VERONIKA GAIA, CHRIS COPE, RANDY POLLARD, YELENA HUGHES

2 ... AGENDA ...

1. Minutes approved unanimously for previous meeting.

2. Welcome of new members and discussion of timeline to vote for new positions

- At the regularly scheduled BOT meeting on Feb.4, 2019, Mayor Connie Sullivan officially appointed three new members to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
 - We welcome **Ian Brighton** back to PRC and new members: **Randy Pollard and Yelena Hughes**.
 - PRC members introduced themselves.
- Motion and unanimous vote by PRC: The members of the PRC would like to both acknowledge and express gratitude to Pam Barnes and Doug Stahl for their years of dedication and service to the PRC. Thank you!
- **PRC Voting Timeline:** upcoming meeting when full PRC is present

3. Pedestrian Bridge Update/Discussion with Confluence town residents present for public discussion: Mason Wechsler; Cat, Dave, Avery Wechsler; Thomas Bishop; Michele Leonard; Doug Miller, Pam Barnes.

Dave: Update

- 3rd Avenue Bridge is priority with current funding through FEMA PAAP/pilot program
- Approval process was submitted through FEMA HMGP to place bridge abutment on buyout parcel (commonly referred to as Stacey Parcel) – west side and do not know the timeline under review with no guarantee that it will



be approved - status unclear until process approved through FEMA – so, priority.

- Design will be similar to those in parks.
- 4th Ave Pedestrian Bridge - currently submitted as part of a Safe Routes to school Grant and will need to conform with ADA standards should that grant be approved. Both bridges have been prioritized – board would like to see both pedestrian bridges. However the 4th Avenue is more costly and has more challenges related to floodplain and permitting.
 - 4th Avenue is more costly with ADA design with Federal dollars and felt resistance from homeowner - all factors with prioritization.
 - 3rd Avenue bridge is cheaper quite a bit different ADA Standards that must be met if using Federal dollars.

No route now so cannot apply for money to support accessibility.
Discussion of ADA standards and number of access routes needed.

PRC Discussion with Public Participation

- Grant – “Safe Routes to School” travel grant – update:
 - Dave did not write – Kim Mitchell did.
 - Seems to be lack of communication regarding questionnaire. Grant was submitted without a lot of people being able to participate.
 - Discussion:
 - Typical first time apply don’t get and use feedback to re-apply.
 - What is Plan B if we do not get money and how can we help?
 - Survey was not communicated well and people concerned that no opportunity to participate.
 - Process question. Research what data was used to support it.
- Resident Concerns:
 - Viable access to downtown – 4th Avenue Bridge supports town pedestrian flow.
 - 3rd Avenue Bridge came from buy-out process for the limited activity on the Stacey parcel – point of entry.
 - Residents wanted to know: What is it for? No parking and does not bring people downtown for business. Homeowners in general want bridge at 4th avenue.
 - 4th Avenue Bridge is not on flood recovery website – go on the website to show it is on the radar.



- Discussion on lighting – consider designation as nature preserve rather than recreation so becomes passive
- 2019 FEMA – projects need to be completed by October or need extension but no guarantee that extension will happen.
- Dave ~ Action Plan: See where grant approval is and check on grant and get on website.
 - Ian will send updates from Dave to concerned citizens at meeting.
- Dave expressed that it is a priority for the town and working with funding issues.

4. Skate Spot/Plaza Public Process Timeline/Plan

BOHN PARK SKATE PLAZA PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS

Thursdays, February 7 and 28 | 6 to 7:30 p.m. | Lyons Town Hall

- Feb. 7th - had 1st meeting for public input for design process for skate park to be constructed as part of Phase II, Bohn Park. Contractor DHM: working with Team Pain – a company with a great reputation.
- Discussed history of project and initial concept and received feedback from both kids and adults. Received great feedback and was well attended with approximately 26-30 people. Three concepts evolved from the meeting

1-incorporate into current concept the feedback related heard in the first meeting regarding the concept presented by team pain for the street features presented – modifications to rails, adding transitions and pads, allowing for expansion in the future but stay within budget.

2-keep footprint the same as proposed, but incorporate the half pipe and remain within budget. This would reduce available space for the street features.

3-Expand the overall size/footprint to add the half pipe to the existing concept presented, incorporate the feedback from the public meeting regarding the street features– modifications to rails, transitions, etc., allowing for expansion in the future. This will trigger a change order or additional cost to the overall project that Team Pain will need to quantify and be presented to the BOT for approval should it be the desired choice.

- Concept as presented by Team Pain per the existing contract is approximately 5500 sq feet with approximately 15 skateable features. Adding a half pipe would adjust the square footage approximately 2000 square feet. Pre-flood



skate park at new library location was approximately 3400 square foot.

- Most popular option but have no idea of cost yet. Fund raising by group might be a future possibility.

- Location of Skate Park will be next to playground in Bohn Park. Between outfield and playground.
- Approval to re-start Bohn Park phase II and could be as soon as March 1st. Pending Gov't shutdown.
- February 28th will be 2nd Public Process meeting – then proposal will go to PRC at March 11 meeting for recommendation to the BOT at their regular meeting on March 18th. Then we can instruct contractor to move forward with the direction of the BOT. Team Pane needs decision – need to start construction quarter 2 or they have to move on to other projects – due to FEMA/project delays. They can't wait any longer – need to move on to other projects.
- Next PRC meeting will have updated plans.

5. Integrated Weed Management Plan Update

- Next BOT meeting is 2/19 – Ecology Board has workshop from 6:15 to 7 - update for their sub-committee working on modified or suggestions for weed management plan.
- They are moving toward recommendation of no use of synthetics. However, most counties and the state have these in their toolbox for noxious weeds.
- The proposal through the Ecology Board for this year - would like to see better education, better communication and even application dates posted on town website and every time a synthetic product is used that it be approved so know where and when being used so it gives them control of the process.
 - PRC discussion: It is problematic to comply with every-time-use approval and posting. Suggestion for further PRC discussion: do approval once and on-going communications with application dates. Consider one summary sheet and communication when used – more reasonable.
- Discussion: Balance of expectations and resources – near playgrounds in lawn where athletic are – priority – downtown district – realistic.
 - School district fields are non-organic.
- Dave has been researching and continues to research options:
 - Last year Weed Mitigation Maintenance was \$9,000 for town – all services weed and feed – multi-purpose field weed mitigation and lawn



care 2018. The proposed cost to go all-organic weed mitigation for town would increase to \$24,000 from PRC budget. Would be 2-3 year experiment to see if it would work-most likely longer.

- Also weeds change chemistry of soil and if 2-3 years does not work – need to repair the soil/grass affected and cost for transition back.
- Even organic company uses some caution-level products or lower - so, not purely organic.
- Part of education piece is what is transition cost to restore the land before pure organics experiment.
- Communication: Problem in LJ Park last year related to contract for park restoration.

4. Drone Policy Update

- Currently: the use of drones is becoming an issue in both parks
- The policy was drafted by the Ecology Board and is currently with town attorney for review.

6. Dr. Bop Plan Update-Ratified Tuesday the 19th

- The final plan is complete with corrections
- It is scheduled to be officially ratified by BOT at 2/19 meeting

7. Flood Recovery Project Update

- Hopefully to re-start in March – depends if another government shutdown.
 - Rest of review of cultural assessment and mitigation by end of February.
 - Will probably be required to add interpretative sign that shows flood history.

8. Martin Parcel transfer in process, being completed by BOCO/BOCO Acquired Properties-planning to tour this spring, continue meetings transfer in process do not know the timeline

- Delayed until spring

Moving forward:



- CPW “Fishing is Fun” Grant re-work per CPW grant/project review related to fish habitat– working with CPW and contractor to complete that work
 - Modifications/Construction of J hooks, excavation of lateral pools and other structure adjustments in March
 - Work ~ some reimbursement from grants; some not.

3 ... MEETING END ...

Meeting Actual End: <7:36>

4 ... POST MEETING ACTION ITEMS ...

Action	Assigned To	Deadline
Research update of 4th Avenue Bridge grant approval and Safe Travel to Schools grant process.	Dave Cosgrove	Upcoming meetings - 2019
Continue Weed Mitigation Research – cost to town, effectiveness, cost of transition period for town if experiment is not effective.	Dave Cosgrove	Upcoming meetings - 2019

1 DECISIONS MADE

[Document any decisions made during the meeting]

- **Approval of January Minutes**
- **Approval of statement of acknowledgment and gratitude for Pam Barnes and Doug Stahl for their years of service to PRC**

2 NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: <Location> <March 11th> <6:00 PM>