



## Minutes

TOWN OF LYONS

**Monday, July 8th 6pm-8pm**

Parks and Recreation Commission  
Lyons Historic Train Depot  
432 5th Ave. Lyons, Colorado 80540

Attendance: Yelena Hughes, Kim Mitchell, Connie Sullivan, Randy Pollard, Chris Cope, Ian Brighton, Claudia Kean

I. Approval of Minutes

Approved unanimously

II. Audience Business - Limited to 15 minutes - All comments will be limited to 4 minutes per person

III. General Business

1. Bear Proof Trash Cans

Hard Numbers:

Bear Saver Commercial Grade for town.

\$1000 each

Bearicuda

\$350

Contacted ACE, Lowes, Home Depot.

\$250

McGuckins for \$220

Extra commercial grade cans are going to be put in place at Sandstone, Black Bear hole area.

This may be solved within a pay as you throw plan that may happen for the town.

Bears are not on Main Street yet or High Street.

Bears are becoming more brazen, and mitigation needs to be done before problems get worse.

Grant money may be available for town, but not for residential. \$150-200.

2. Bike Race issues discussion

Connie – this was not near the problem that parade, or Fireman's Boot is worse. The big uproar may have been partly because Town is not really in charge of this. Sgt. Crist says Boulder County is in charge of all of this, approvals and permits. Then Organizers take the details. State Patrol gets involved with the intersections and lane blockages. Some suggestions were even worse on route. Only about one phone call was made to town about this, and most all businesses did well during that day.

Our town board cannot be in charge of approving all the events that the County wants. Town felt this was safer for bikers. Businesses did better than they do during Outdoor Games. We need to do a better job of educating the public about who these (Olympian!) bikers are. We can develop pride for this event. Promote the highlights, not just inconvenience. Our sports people in town are world class, so we need town to get behind that.



The LJ Park and Bohn were wonderful over the weekend. No alcohol problems, great revenue on parking (\$4700), no altercations – really good situation. The camp hosts at Bohn talked to everyone and trash was picked up in a timely manner.

### 3. Sidewalk Improvements

We need to map and identify sidewalks as ADA, useable, unusable, etc. Identify our corridors that need links for safe walking.

Homeowners are responsible for sidewalks in front of their houses. So this will be difficult to make improvements. It would be best to do a whole block at a time.

Paul Glasgow and software will help Ian create maps. Then Commission members can walk and grade, on Good, Fair, Poor – get onto the map. Yelena says Walkability maps exist, zoomable.

#### a. Safe Routes to School Updates?

Kim Mitchell – met with people in Denver, and probably 2021 before this will happen. 4<sup>th</sup> between Main and Broadway, including the bridge. Goal is to also get bikers to avoid the turn near St. Vrain Market, and go through Confluence to get to Bohn and out of town. Sidewalks along 4<sup>th</sup>, and improve the area near Redstone Cyclery – looking at how much ROW exists, and looking at how many bike lanes can exist. FEMA will replace some of what was destroyed.

Crusher fine and Bike Lane on east side of 4<sup>th</sup> within confluence.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ave bridge will move to construction this winter, 4<sup>th</sup> is coming along in parallel.

#### b. Other funding sources available? GOCO Grants etc?

#### c. Need for a planning effort to identify priority areas

Priorities will start in center of town areas, focusing on school pathways and where high danger is with traffic. Connie – budget is happening soon, so this is a good time to earmark some funds to chip away, a block at a time.

### 4. Flood recovery project updates

- Lyons Valley River Park in final planting stages, finishing with trees, shrubs, and then seeding entire project area before end of the week. Temp irrigation two years, Western States reclamation
- Fencing off areas along trails, t-posts with rope, signs, need help from citizens to stay out.
- Roberts will be installing final trails
- Bohn Park Phase II, Skate Park Retaining Walls to outside, needing to add railings
- On earlier opening of skate park relative to rest of park...Walsh makes that call, warranty issues, and logistic issues. Until substantial completion walk-through is done warranty doesn't start.



- Pumphouse and pump for park irrigation. Possible 8 week lead time. September time-frame.
- Town continues to ask to get landscape done earlier, Walsh may be open to making an arrangement for earlier opening.
- Buildings are pretty close- November move-in. We'll do a walk-through once we get Cert. of Occupancy.
- Botanic Gardens- Coming along. Town has been helping with materials
- 3rd Ave Ped Bridge got final approval. Town will need approval for a trail.
- Electric for pumphouse will impact Phase 1. Trenching will occur in the landscaped area

## 5. DRBOP Properties at Apple Valley

Connie – Boulder County – had about 9 DRBOP within our planning area. Whatever properties we want, they will deed them over to TOL. PCDC lens – what can we USE this for? Staff – how will we take care of it? Ecology – we should control the land within our planning area. Connie agrees with this – we do not want it closed off and not controlled by Lyons.

Lyons should be able to choose how and if to open these properties, and for what purposes. PCDC suggested four of the 9, not all.

Connie agrees that we should take ALL of them, so that our interests are protected.

We don't have problems with IGAs if we take them all.

- a. From Greg Lowell: *The process is stalled. In fact, the PCDC had on their agenda restarting the process. Dave had mentioned last PRC meeting that he was going to check in with Paul Glasgow about where things stood.*

*Just FYI, the Ecology Board will have a motion at their July meeting to forward their recommendation to the BOT to accept all the AV buyout properties for reasons of ecology, riparian habitat and possible ecology projects for LES and high school ecology clubs (for example, environmental case studies and projects such as nesting boxes). The motion is expected to pass, as we were ready to do so at last meeting and decided to write a 1-page position paper to accompany the motion,*

*You know where I stand on this; if someone wants to give you undeveloped land, you take it. None of us knows what AV will look like in 10, 20 or 50 years and how annexation will affect these properties. What we do know is that if left in care of Boulder County they will become weed-blighted, ignored parcels that will be posted against public access.*



*As an example of posting against public access, see the South St. Vrain BC property; for no apparent reason, no one can access it.*

Graffiti issue – Chris, Veronika, Claudia feel that a Graffiti wall at the skate park area would be more of a problem than a good thing. It is not something we will support. Possibly in the future we can allow some mural walls, but we’ve rather have it citizen-led.

**DECISION TAKEN:**

Create a statement to PCDC and BOT recommending Town of Lyons take deed possession of Apple Valley DRBOP.

Before creation of this statement, we want full Commission involvement, and answers about liability questions on weeds and fire. Does it come with water rights?

**Meeting Actual End:** <7:45 PM>

**I. Post Meeting Action Items**

Action	Assigned To	Deadline
Get DrBop Apple Valley properties discussion back on agenda of PCDC, BOT (?)	Connie Sullivan	

**II. Decisions Made:**

Create a statement to PCDC and BOT recommending Town of Lyons take deed possession of Apple Valley DRBOP, all properties.

Before creation of this statement, we want full Commission involvement, and answers about liability questions on weeds and fire. Does it come with water rights?

**III. Next Meeting:** <Depot> <Aug 12th, 2019 > <6:00 PM>