



Final Minutes

TOWN OF LYONS

Monday, Aug 12th 6pm-8pm

Parks and Recreation Commission

Lyons Historic Train Depot

432 5th Ave. Lyons, Colorado 80540

Attendance: Beck Farrell and Maya Rooney with the Student Advisory Council, Randy Pollard, Dave Cosgrove, Greg Lowell, Ian Brighton, Chris Cope, Yelena Hughes, Connie Sullivan

I. Approval of Minutes

Approved.

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

III. General Business

1. Walkability Map Discussion

Ian and Paul (town planner) have been discussing needs. Options can include adding street lights, or other ways to make area walkable.

Paul would like data on additions to map, and more information on HOW walkable an area is.

Possibly a planning committee and **grade areas** that we each can take to grade.

Define what is "Good", Fair, Poor – using pictures and description of that definition. Objective criteria needed.

Ice spots also an issue.

Map is not up to date on new refurbished park areas.

Town is currently not up to code on many areas. Law would require Town to meet ADA requirements if Town replaced a section of sidewalk.

Connie – Start with data gathering as a team. What are high priority issues? Budget is being created now. Strategy would come out of this data gathering. Safe Routes to School may solve some of the issues.

Dave – differentiate sidewalks, trails, and what is happening in parks and what might be tying into capital improvement projects. (streets, storm water, where sidewalks may be included.)

We need to take this into account on prioritizing.

Where is homeowner responsible for a possible minor repair?

People also like to use that possible sidewalk space for parking. Buy-in may be slow.



Good =, Smooth and wide enough for ease of movement (approx. 3') Not blocked by vegetation 6-10' high, or in sidewalk.

Fair = some weeds, some obstruction, but wide enough to maneuver

Poor= dangers to walkers – obstruction, narrower than 3',

Inaccessible or Non-Existent

We have now divided town into areas to grade, and will color and take pictures.

Complete by next meeting, Ian will set up a Google Drive Folder

Incorporation into trail system is important also

a. Potential Walkability Goals for our town:

1. Reduce dependence on automobiles
2. Increase safety for all pedestrians
3. Provide ADA compliant access
4. Build sustainable infrastructure that doesn't require significant long-term maintenance funding
5. Others?

b. Identify Strategies for Implementation

1. Low cost/high benefit is priority
2. High cost/high benefit secondary.
3. Other strategies?

2. Trail connection to Old St.Vrain

a. Recap history of the original trail connection and its loss after the flood Between Labyrinth and Old St. Vrain rd. Rudimentary path has poison ivy. We missed an opportunity for a single track trail.

How much of the land near Labyrinth does Town own? Boulder County owns Labyrinth land, then CDOT ROW, then Boulder County.

Town has maintenance clause to maintain area, and CDOT has a project upcoming on South St. Vrain project, working on shoulder – according to CDOT, too much money to replace trail. However, we are talking about a single track that should be easy. Runoff from highway could be a problem.

Town is working with CDOT and Water Conservation Board to reestablish growth in the area. Dave says it's quite unlikely that these entities will put any money into a trail here.

We should discuss with Paul about connecting to CDOT.

Originally, the justification to CDOT was that this was part of the connection to Hall Ranch trail system, vetted by all entities.

Dave will ask Paul for an update on meetings with CDOT on the Highway 7 project, and what next steps might be.



- b. Discuss connection to CR69 via Bohn Park as identified in DRBOP plan
 - c. Discuss feasibility of restoring original access along Hwy 7
3. Apple Valley buyouts

Greg Lowell – Ecology Board has put together a statement for BOT recommending Town of Lyons take control of the Apple Valley Buy-Out properties. Connie suggests getting onto the agenda for next meeting of BOT. Parks and Recreation Commission would like to make an official recommendation to support the Ecology Board’s statement.

Dave – change over on Planning Commission PCDC – and their scoring criteria. Paul has been back in touch with Boulder County – paring down to a smaller committee. Some of PRC should be part of this, and get out for site visits. PRC does not need to be involved in that PCDC scoring.

Connie does not believe PCDC has gotten to an actual decision on a statement.

Martin – FEMA has approved the transfer, now TOL needs to process with the County.
(Adoption of Confluence Buy-out properties – beginning to happen.)
4. Lights at Sandstone Concerts
 - a. Late July-Aug the stage gets very dark for Sandstone Concert Series. A few permanent lights mounted to the shelter roof would be helpful.

Clip lights? Ian would like to see something more professional, wiring on existing bars. Possible grant from LCF in addition to existing grant?
5. Pond Algae Growth
 - a. Are these ponds intended to have the algae, or will the town oxygenate?
 - b. Are any mitigations for mosquitos happening?
Not at this point, except testing for West Nile is happening.

Project managers are addressing weeds, etc. and will have to present on how these problems are going to be addressed.

This situation is not uncommon for new ponds. We are seeking outside recommendations – Aqua Sierra can do water quality assessments, and management proposal plans for lakes and ponds. We are going to get these assessments in addition to what DHM has told us.

Algae can become toxic, and this is a problem for the town’s dogs and people. We hope to get responses within the week.

Inflow – it is same as pre-flood. Engineers are looking at way to even out ponds and river. Pipe from upper pond to lower pond may be leaking.



We may lower the ponds temporarily – put a clay lense around pipe. Hard bank now between river and upper pond. This may mean less water from river.
Storm water ditch and LVP inflows are reconnected.

Significant water from the lower pond – gullies in sand areas, will be a maintenance and insect issue in future. We will need combat the excessive seepage.

Eurasian Milfoil is really a problem, unknown before flood. There are chemical treatments available, which can be a fix, supposedly harmless.. Dave is seeking as much information as possible, then come back to Ecology Board and PRC for recommendation.

6. Flood recovery project updates

a. Bohn Park Phase II

Dave – on schedule, main line irrigation is in, and starting work on laterals for baseball fields. Next couple weeks – topsoil, and infield. Pumphouse and custom Pavilion – these have not begun yet. Ballfields seed and sod– by end of September, rest by October.

b. Spring/Summer 2020 schedule- Boys and Girls’ leagues?

Ready for Spring in April.

c. Greg – dead trees in Stacey property – anything tied to Bohn Park will be replaced, but loss on Overflow project area will not be replaced by contractor.

IV. Meeting Actual End: <7:45 PM>

Post Meeting Action Items **SEE VOTE BELOW:**

Action	Assigned To	Deadline
<Action Item>	<Assignee>	<mm/dd/yy>
Walking Route Mapping	Each Commission member	Sept 9 PRC Meeting

Decisions Made

**Motion by Chris Cope that Town of Lyons take possession of buy out properties located in Town of Lyons primary planning area.
Greg Lowell Seconds the motion.**



Vote:

Vote passes unanimously, Veronika not present.

September 3rd BOT meeting – PRC with Ecology to present this recommendation.

We will put a document together modeled on Ecology Board's and cc PCDC.

Additional approx.. 47 acres. We also have 90 acres of park land, and open space 110-115 in town.

Next Meeting: <Depot> <Sept 9th > <6:00 PM>