



Final Minutes

TOWN OF LYONS

Monday, Jan 10, 2022 6pm-8pm

Parks and Recreation Commission

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Attendance: Welcome Gil!

Randy Pollard, Yelena Hughes, Gil Sparks, Claudia Kean, Sandra Haber, Tom Delker, Dave Cosgrove

Agenda amended by unanimous approval.

1.Approval of Minutes

Approved Unanimously

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

3.Updates

a. Board of Trustees, Mark Browning

b. Staff, Director of Parks and Public Works, Dave Cosgrove

GoCo grant for 2nd ave improvements and Black Bear Hole should be awarded at next BOT meeting, to start in February. Awarded to NixCo.

Bohn Park warranty work has been a bit delayed due to weather. Final Drainage work is getting finished, and warranty work should progress again soon. Infield mix is underway. Fence and landscaping will be examined and fixed where necessary.

Boulder County Parks and Open Space has reached out on Corona Hill assessments, which are mostly completed. GIS department is still working on mapping. Mid January, all assessments should be on the way to Lyons. A review will be hosted, along with potential site visit. J. Molene has completed survey and sent information concerning County Rd. 69. There is County ROW into Martin Parcel, upon initial review from Survey. We need to review this on Town of Lyons end.



On the Corona Hill issue, to reiterate for new members, we need a new and better connection to Hall Ranch from Lyons since the old trail was washed out by Flood. The original vision was also flawed, utilizing cattle underpass.

Now, we have approached the County about a possible trail sited on northwest side of Hwy 7.

Dave did have a walk today on Broadway projects. There is a streetscape and trail connection plan from Hwy 7 to 2nd or 3rd Ave. on Eastbound Broadway.

Library District would like to look at potential for a Story Walk - interpretive signs telling stories of animals, or parks related tales. The Library already has funding for this.

Parks and Rec should discuss support or not for this project. They will come to an upcoming meeting.

We would advise on location, maintenance, where it would serve the most people, be accessible, and safe from vandalism.

Yelena - likes the idea. Dave says the Lyons Depot is getting new landscaping, and is right next to the library. The River Park area also has potential. PRC feels this is worth pursuing, and invites the Library District personnel to come to our next meeting with more explanation of their vision, and examples of what's been done elsewhere.

c. PRC Chair/ Vice, Yelena Hughes Tom D.

i. Parks and Recreation 2021 Report (work in progress) End of January is deadline.

[Parks and Recreation Commission.docx](#) [New Link!](#) for current form.

ii. 4th ave. bridge walk

Claudia described the walk and discussed various points -

The section of most concern to Ian Brighton and probably other east Lyons walkers is the area on the east side of 4th, from Park St north 1 block. This, and the "sidewalk" next the proposed hotel, are the two areas that need to be replaced in order to be used easily.

PRC does support working toward the repair/replacement in those areas in the nearest future possible. However, we understand that the SRTS grant requires one solid continuous route, and the west side of 4th must be done first. We know that funding is difficult for that as well, but work is in progress to find that money for a solid route on west side of 4th st.

PRC supports funding a crosswalk at the south side of Park and 4th, so that people coming from Evans can cross easily to the west side. Wheelchair accessible ramps and striping will be necessary there.

It became apparent that with the bridge landing on the West side, that is where the route needs to be. This is also helpful as it gives direct access to the Library, and to Mayama, where students can



go after school. The other big safety issue noted during the walk is up by the Elementary at High Street. On the east side, it is dangerous to cross traffic that is picking up or dropping off students. If students come up on the west side, they can then cross to the Elementary School on the north side of that dangerous High St. intersection, and not have to contend with that traffic.

Ian Brighton's letter was read aloud. His points are valid, and the PRC does support working toward finishing the East side, and would be in support of using funds from the Parks funds to do at least the one block from Park St. to Railroad Ave. We understand from Town Staff that this could be done piece by piece, and will not be under any grant constraints. The design is already in place which keeps cost under control.

We understand that East side work would be after, and outside of, the Safe Routes to School project.

Claudia will rewrite the Recommendation to bring to next PRC meeting for approval or editing. Add recommendation to use Parks funds for the one block from Evans to Railroad on east side, including crosswalk to get from east to west at Park st.

Jan 24th there will be public information available about the Hotel design. Gil will follow up and try to find out more about the sidewalk plans in Hotel's vision.

Statement from Ian Brighton of Evans St. read aloud - see Appendix A.

iii. Board and commissions training Jan 25th 6:30-8:30

Zoom meeting - is this on the 22nd, or 25th? both available? Time? Access to recording?
Boards and Commissions goals and objectives should align with BOT goals. We can bring our own ideas to the Board, but all must be brought to BOT for approval. Our Master Plan documents should drive other goals.

iii. Schedule river trash pick up

We could team up with Ecology Board, see what works with them. Target warmer weather.

d. Other PRC Member business

Bike Safety clinic, for kids on how to work with traffic. Bike to Work, Bike to School. National Bike Safety Month is in May.

4. New Business

Budget updates

St. Vrain Trail Extension, Martin Parcel fire mitigation, access to CR 69, Lot F usage (still being examined by County) Dirt Bike Park reconstruction, Street Light dimmer software will be coming for partial implementation, and Small Dog Park addition have all been budgeted for 2022.



A whole new Board will be elected in April.

5 Old Business

- a. Follow up with 4th Ave EAST sidewalk addition.
- b. Solar Farm - Town was awarded the million dollar grant to move forward on this.
- c. Small dog park updates - Staff is looking at different configurations, to complete by late spring. Fences are fairly intricate to build, we may want to find more volunteers on labor. It will come back in plan form to PRC.
- d. St. Vrain trail ext. - Design contract will be awarded, they will have one year to design, including ROW negotiations. 2023 work possible.
- e. Rec Center Citizen Committee - One or two of us could sit on this committee, if we want to, Yelena will touch base with Mark on this as far as role. This is a numbers issue, money spent vs. revenue.

6. Adjournment 7:46 PM

Appendix A: Ian Brighton Statement

- Pedestrians choose the most direct route from point A to B, and the east side is the most direct route to Lyons Elementary. Even if the town only constructs the west side, the east side will still be used by students.
- 4th Ave will soon be restored as the major pedestrian corridor for the town. Sidewalks are needed on both sides.
- The sooner we get this done, the cheaper it will be for the town given how rapidly construction costs are rising.
- There is no written policy or ordinance that prohibits Park funds from being used for sidewalks. Residents utilize sidewalks to recreate and travel to our parks. Shoppers utilize sidewalks to patronize local businesses that generate the sales-tax that supports the Parks fund. If we can find extra funds for a half-pipe and small dog park, we can find funds for sidewalks.