



## Final MINUTES

TOWN OF LYONS

**Monday, Jan 11th, 2021 6pm-8pm**

Parks and Recreation Commission

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Meeting ID: 872 7648 8232

Attendance:

Ian Brighton, Tom Delker, LaVern Johnson, Dave Cosgrove, Randy Pollard, Yelena Hughes, Chris Cope, Julia Herz, Mark Browning, Veronika Gaia

I. Approval of Minutes

Unanimously Approved Dec 2020 Minutes

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

III. General Business

1. Town Updates

a. Flood Recovery Updates

Work on storage facility will be done by end of January, should be ready for use in spring. Minor punchlist on landscape for Bohn Phase II and LVRP for warranted plants.

b. Park Operations/Projects

2nd Ave Bridge is moving along well, and the trail detour is being worked on around Black Bear Hole. Old Man Winter event is upcoming, and will be over several weekends, 10 participants at a time. They will use the detour path, and Parks will make sure it's in good condition.

2021 Capital projects are being planned for the year.

Dave encourages PRC to watch goals and dovetail with BOT goals, looking at budget. 2021 will need to see some replacement of large vehicles. Aeration for LVRP ponds, and upgrade of Kiosks at both large parks will also help with payment streamlining through phone apps.

Upgrades to Black Bear Hole parking, establishing pay kiosk.

Automated gate at LaVern Johnson park, and expanding camping at LV park (tent sites) will also be goals for 2021.

More dry camping sites in rear may be possible also.



Trails portion of Safe Routes to school include the new pedestrian bridge at 4th, and new decking on Bohn Park.

Safe Routes includes the trail area connecting bridge in Bohn to new pedestrian bridge. Neighbors in the Confluence area there will see this through public meetings at 30% design point.

4th Street Bridge has gone out for bid. Right now, there is a “conceptual design” which may not be valid any longer. The new contractor and new design will be forthcoming.

Staff will be looking at LVJ Park plans in more detail and will create proposal, which PRC will see at March meeting.

Main Street extension will be base for connecting trails around Black Bear Hole.

#### c. Community Events

Feb 3rd weekend is first Old Man Winter event, and then the next weekend also. More TBD. Hockey is going well and is very popular this year. Dave is putting out feelers for ice chiller, but the size is not conventional.

Lights on either end of skate rink are in need of fixing due to strobe effect. Progress is being made on repairs. The lower fire pit is also being repaired again, on the original contractor’s dime.

#### d. Other Issues

##### 2. Skatepark Sign Update - Town of Superior shared space example

Yelena had found a Bike Park sign that may help - Superior had rules, but no actual code.

Do we want to revisit the idea of a “beginner time”? Ian suggests we wait a year, and see what is needed.

Lee McCormick designed the sign and park in Superior, as well as our dirt bike park.

Dave Cosgrove is getting a sign put into production, incorporating suggestions on rules. We may put up a separate “Etiquette” sign for behavior. We could use items from the Superior sign. Naming - carrying over Kurt Carlson name or use new name and cite the Kurt Carlson history Codes - need citing as we utilize Boulder County, we don’t have our own police department.

##### 3. TIP Grant for Eastern Corridor Trail Expansion and Broadway Improvements

Transportation Improvement Program grant - we have a design from past efforts. TIP (DRCOG) approached the town about money possible for grant.

Mark - the board’s response was positive, but there are substantial issues on both parts of this project. These should be resolved before accepting the grant, as the Town could be left out of pocket. Seven different easements would be necessary - several businesses have a mechanism for this, but some will not want to have a trail.



Some businesses have no provision for an easement at all. Highland and two other ditch companies are also involved, and quite difficult to work through.

Grant contracts with 20% match should not be signed until we know it's possible to implement the design.

We would need to find the 20% match funds as well, which will require hard decisions.

More information has been requested by BOT.

DRCOG would like commitments this year, with construction in 2022 or 2023.

Mark Browning, in neck brace, our voice of reason on prudent behavior re: contracts.

#### 4. Night Sky Certification

Julia Herz - presentation for getting Lyons a Night Sky Certification.

International Dark Sky Association is the guiding body. **See LINK to presentation.**

We should possibly focus just on the Parks dark sky designation, as that is our purview. Jim Kerr and Aaron Kaplan with utilities can confer with us on this topic. Julia will continue research on the parks piece of the project, and PRC can read the materials so we are knowledgeable.

Dave - the type of light we use is inspected for parks, and need to follow certain codes.

Working with the Utilities and Ecology Boards as well as BOT will be helpful.

There is work in progress on this already, working with timers on parks, and replacement of lighting to keep up with the best technology available.

Ian - suggestion for a Night Sky hour, to demonstrate through an event to show what it would be like. What would be the celestial events that could be an anchor for this?

Citizens and schools could also help gather data and bring this back to the forefront.

#### 5. 2021 Goals Summary

##### a. Secondary Sports Court and Ballfield lights (Bohn Phase 3)

Dave - on the radar, and GOCO may have some grant money for help. Lights will be expensive.

##### b. Night Sky Compliance

##### c. Increasing Pedestrian Connectivity

TIP grant may help with this, ongoing.

##### d. Budget, operations & long-term maintenance review

Ian will work with this, getting the big picture review. An asset portfolio should be built also. We can look at how to streamline and be efficient. This is being addressed by staff as well.

##### e. Water Rescue Stations - BOT and staff are addressing.

##### f. PRC Volunteering- Holiday Lights/Lanterns? Summer cleanup and invasive weed mitigation?

PRC can make these happen independently. We certainly can do summer cleanup leadership. Mark says there was a FB group. Ben Rodman would be our contact on that. We should build on the communications already established. Sunday evenings are a good time to go out to clean up after the weekend.



**6. Amendment to agenda - Town Resolution proposal for hwy 7 connection to Hall Ranch.**

Emphasizes that the Town of Lyons would really desire a connective access system from existing trail systems to Hall Ranch Open Space area. The Resolution does refer to past connection pre-flood, but can be enhanced. There was an open space plan from 2006 that can be brought back into view. The old cattle tunnel could bring connection from Heil to Hall, but this has not been explored for quite some time. Old St. Vrain can be part of the connection. As for the slope on the river side, putting a trail there has been controversial since the flood. It is steeper than previously. 40% cross slope. Depending on type of trail, CDOT can help with a realistic design. They have safety parameters.

**VOTE : on motion to approve draft resolution.  
Unanimously approved, supporting this Resolution.**

**7. Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary**

Chair - Ian Brighton is unanimously elected Chair of PRC  
Vice-Chair - Chris Cope is unanimously elected as Vice Chair  
Secretary - Claudia Kean is unanimously elected as Secretary.

Next Meeting: Feb 8th 6:00 PM