



Final Minutes

TOWN OF LYONS

Monday, July 19th, 2021 6pm-8pm

Parks and Recreation Commission

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Attendance: Ian Brighton, Claudia Kean, Randy Pollard, LaVern Johnson, Yelena Hughes, Julia Herz, Dave Cosgrove.

Not in Attendance: Veronika Gaia, Chris Cope

I. Approval of Minutes

Unanimous approval of June 14th.

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

III. General Business

1. Town Updates

a. Park Operations

Dave -

Irrigation in Parks is a maintenance project. The camping expansion at LVerne park is happening, trail maintenance is ongoing, and parks staff is busy but all is going as planned.

b. Park Projects

Lyons Valley River Park water quality -systems parts are backordered. Should be in by end of August. Electric and pads for those systems will be put in soon. Water quality testing and benzo sweep with bacteria has been done. Water quality is improving on its own. The upper pond has a lot of vegetation, which made it difficult to determine depth of pond. This measurement will be used for drainage placement. Nanobubble system will help alleviate this problem.

Meetings on GoCo grant are ongoing, another design meeting for 2nd Ave parking, trail head, restrooms, and Black Bear Hole will happen next week. The drainage is being worked on as



part of that plan.

Trustee Lowell and Dave have talked, discussing depths of ponds in relation to original engineering plans. Comparison to previous ponds has been a topic of discussion and concern. Western States crews have done weed mitigation, they have done a good job. Weeds will mulch themselves in over time. They are now at the end of their work per contract. The temporary irrigation will be removed. However, the lateral lines are leaking and failing. Dave has recommended removing the lines, since we cannot maintain them. He would rather have contractors remove them now, especially since we don't have the water rights after this year. There will be a final warranty walk-through for last warranty replacement work.

Storm drainage project near entrance to Bohn Park will impact that area, Walsh is tying in with 2nd Ave bridge project.

2021 close-out projects and fall projects will be looked at later on.

c. Community Events

Sandstone Concerts are happening, LaVern congratulates Dave on all his accomplishments. Also, Kurt Carlson is now a finalist to be head of Boulder County Open Space. We hope he gets it!

Venus de Miles will return to Bohn Park, could be up to 1500 people. Final layout and plan should be coming in the next week or so. Should utilize Phase 1 area of Bohn Park, using parking lots mostly to minimize impact. This will be on August 28th.

There will not be use of Bohn park for camping for RockyGrass, since the Planet Bluegrass Farm has absorbed that. They will be using LaVern Johnson Park. LaVern is working on June 25, 2022 for reunion dates next year.

Conversations - Halloween Parade and Parade of Lights will be happening. LEAF has contacted staff about using Town property. High Street not workable. They are planning it to be the same night as Parade, the Saturday before Halloween. LaVern Johnson Park existing structures could be used. Traffic control, liquor license issues, sound levels are all potential issues. Weather could also be a factor, so this is an ongoing discussion.

d. Other Issues- 4th Ave 4-way stop update?

No update from Town on this issue - right now, observation only. The BOT has information on traffic study costs, and is on a wait and see approach right now. PRC would like to know reasons why we should NOT put in a 4-way stop. Dave - with the GoCo grant, we can add signage, and other mitigation.



Traffic back-up could be a problem. We want input from a traffic engineer on what is actually now constructed, not just opinions on a theoretical situation.

2. Martin Parcel/Corona Hill BOT guidance follow-up

Ian - talked to BOT about this, feedback on a Corona Hill ideas was positive, we are on the right track.

3. Lights Out Lyons event planning and promotion

Ian - Julia. Special Events permit still not approved, but the Friday Aug 13th date (18th is rain date) is close. Promotion should start this week if possible to get this to happen.

Going small this year, but expand next year, with camping and photo contest and more. Poster needs promotion. We will individually look at this poster and media advisory, and Town should push this out. There is a promotion packet that needs action as well.

Dave has reviewed this and feels confident this can work. Kim Mitchell, Ariel and others can work on pushing these out. 11x17 posters out to businesses can be done through staff.

If there is website for these materials, then Julia can access and work on it. Town Website page? What location?

We can all help with looking at verbage tomorrow before noon.

4. Discussion on 8pm park closure

Some in town are concerned that parks close too early. Covid restrictions had a lot to do with this, and there is some confusion. Dave is not sure if the emergency declaration has been fully rescinded. But Park hosts have had trouble with people not leaving at 10:00 PM, and it gets to 11:30 PM, and their work on trash and restrooms still needs to get done. Discussion and recommendation from PRC would be valuable.

Summer is difficult, and needs more resources. Does it make sense for "dawn to dusk" hours year round? Pass through OK? How do we enforce? Park hosts are not enforcing dog walkers or other pass through folks. It's the groups partying that are the problem.

The parks are currently open until 10:00 PM. Covid rules were 8:00 PM.

Dave will check on the status on Emergency restrictions. There is some confusion among town staff as well.

Julia - Dawn to Dusk is a standard around the country. After that, it should be Quiet Hours - you can walk through, but not party. That is actually written in the camping rules now.

5. BOT Budget Requests

a. Martin Parcel cleanup

b. Lot F skills trail

Yelena is working on map and in communication with Mark Roberts and Boulder Mountain Bike Alliance who will donate labor and excavation up to \$1500. They have a base of 200 volunteers to work with. Yelena is trying to get a feel for cost, as we want to keep this low. Mike with BMBA should be getting back to Yelena this week. Ian is also knowledgeable on trail building, and can help keep it on low budget track.

Dave - overall scope, linear feet, quantities of boulder features or timbers, logs - grading, infill,



export of dirt - and how many vol and equipment hours. \$1500 gets about 2 days.

c. Dirt bike park repair

What is the long term strategy on this? It needs a real retaining wall on launch hill for sure.

Dave - original concept was that local bike shops would be supporting the effort. They are not in on this anymore. Outdoor Games 2012 was the last time groups were supporting. Dave tried to get Walsh construction to work on it, but they did not have time.

It's a matter of labor and dirt moving, and some expertise on what it should look like.

Will Outdoor Games use this again?

The high school mt. bike club is interested in helping, but need direction.

Next step - MBA may want to help with this, as a training area, changing the bike park to be re-visioned. This might spark volunteers to help if they want to save this area from being erased.

Dave has already started working on budget with what it would take to fix this bike park.

d. River rescue stations and increased safety signage

Dave - all ordered, decisions on final locations will involve us and others.

Safety signage could be increased to warn families in particular. Right now, there is nothing warning people. Sandwich boards are easy to deploy when needed, such as during a tubing ban or high water times. Salida is a good example!

e. Stage lights for Sandstone Concert series

Last songs are in the dark now and later. Dave - the uplighting is all fixed, and receptacle for LED lights will be fixed. Parks is looking at mountable LED stage lights. These can work through an app on phone or through the mixing board they have already. Parks will purchase. They will be placed into existing beams, to be taken down seasonally.

f. Invasive weed monitoring

How do we track and identify our problem areas?

It would be helpful to Parks staff to see where we are missing invasive weeds.

Hiring an independent ecologist to track?

g. Security cameras

To prevent vandalism, this would be needed - and we may now have Wi-Fi capability to support this. The technology has advanced. However, we need to be able to staff review of the data when an incident occurs. We need to learn more about how this is done. Entrance, exits, near restroom facilities, and shelters. Sheriff staff can help.