



Final Minutes

TOWN OF LYONS

Monday, Aug 9th, 2021 6pm-8pm

Parks and Recreation Commission

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Meeting ID: 872 7648 8232

Attendance: Dave Cosgrove, Claudia Kean, Ian Brighton, Veronika Gaia, Mark Browning, Jerry Johnson, Kim Mitchell, Mary Olson (Boulder County Planner), Wendy Sweet, Andy Tyler, Jeff Moline (Boulder County Planner) Ernst Strenge, Richard Hackett, LaVern Johnson, Yelena Hughes, Sally Van Meter

- I. Approval of Minutes Approved unanimously
- II. Audience Business - Limited to 15 minutes - All comments will be limited to 4 minutes per person

Mark Browning as citizen of Lyons - (paraphrased) Hall Ranch connector from Lyons through Corona Hill would be "crown jewel" of our connecting trails. Parking access, safety, no crossing of private land, no easements, easy to construct are all good reasons to build this trail. Eagles' nest has neighborhoods far closer than this trail would be. Gently sloping old ranch road helps the grade construction situation, this is easy access and there is no steepness problem. Prairie dogs are undaunted by human traffic, and are thriving on Picture Rock trail, heavily used by humans. In addition, reestablishing the old ranch road access can help fire fighters and equipment get to the area where our highest risk is, according to fire professionals. As a citizen, trail runner and bike rider, Mark supports this Corona route strongly.

LaVern Johnson also supports this effort.

- III. General Business
 1. Town Updates
 - a. Park Operations



Budget - 2022 process is beginning. Board and Commissions need to prioritize projects for this process. Dog Park, Dirt Jump park, trails connections, and so on need to be further analyzed to present to the Board of Trustees. LaVern would support funding for Good Old Days.

Julia Herz - how do we get a look at the budget so far, and what are the deadlines? Ian has 2021 Budget, and hopes to get this on an agenda soon. Ian will forward that to us as a group. Our deadline is in September.

b. Park Projects

Bohn Park - increasing storm water carry under 2nd Ave. Also, GoCo project - Black Bear hold improvements, restrooms, parking area. Safe Routes to School design continuing. No new drawings on 4th Ave project yet, this is part of SRtoS.

Final walkthrough on River Park area happening, with removal of temporary irrigation. Nanobubble aeration beginning this fall, coordination with final work by Western States.

c. Community Events

This Friday the 13th, Dark Sky night - then next day is a bike race, with Venus deMilo on Aug 27 and 28th. There will also be some Cross Country meets in fall. No new decisions for Covid19 although discussion with Boulder County and Sheriff are beginning for back up plans.

New lights for Sandstone Concerts are going to be installed. We should be discussing the series and its impact on Main Street Businesses, possibly a change of night could be an option.

d. Other Issues

2. Hall Ranch Access Recommendation

This recommends the Corona Hill route as a trail link from town to Hall Ranch trailhead on Hwy. 7. Main points are highway safety for walkers, bikers, as well as fire access, as well as addressing older concerns of wildlife and plants impact. Other older options are no longer viable. CDOT will not put a pedestrian route along the highway, and the tunnel is a flood danger. Mark Browning addressed many of these points as well.

The route proposed would have very small impact on the environment. Invasive weed spread will be managed as part of the plan.

[LINK](#) to Document

Boulder Mt. Bike Alliance - Wendy Sweet

BMA advocates strongly for trail connections from Boulder to Lyons, and other areas along the front range. This trail would be a great boon to safety, especially for younger riders.

It is still an open question if the proximity of the eagle nest is a problem.

Ernst Strenge - introducing other County Planning staff on trails, wildlife biology, and more.

They are here to listen to our thoughts on the plan for this connection.

For the county, these projects need careful thought and time to review. Currently, the County



Commissioners have this area closed to the public, and they are the decision makers. (BTW, reclamation of Hall 2- the quarry area - is going to begin this month.)

PRC needs to remember that this is not Town of Lyons property, and the County has control - we need to keep working together.

Chris Cope - in the past, there have been conflicts between the Town and the County - we want to move forward into a collaborative and productive partnership. Jeff Moline - with respect to raptor nests, working with Parks and Wildlife - it's when there is a new use, that gets a different kind of analysis. Existing impingements on wildlife are not quite the same category. Forestry staff will need to be brought into the conversation on this.

Jeff is wanting to know more about the conflicts with Martin Parcel trail conflict - Ian has sent information to Ernst, but can send. Neighbors have had objections to a regional link. "Local Use Only" signs will not help. Allowing an organic social trail, not formalized, has also met with resistance. We will need to work collaboratively with County to bring any trail onto County Rd. 69.

Trails Program Director - Mike Rutter (sp?) - BMA can build and fund when tapped.

Jeff Moline (Acting Director)- does say that the County can agree to re-evaluate the possibility of this trail idea. A conceptual review and alignment can be done in-house by the County.

A site visit would be beneficial for all of us.

A NEW DIRECTOR is coming in a couple of weeks, but Jeff feels a site visit and re-evaluation is something the County can do. After that, addressing Wendy's point, higher level decisions need to be made before going into public meetings on this. Mary - we need to include wildlife and plant experts on this plan.

VOTE: to approve sending this recommendation statement.

Recommendation passes unanimously.

Regional Mountain Trails Planning Recommendation

Wendy Sweet - BMA - bringing all Boulder city, county and regional entities together to look at regional trails. This was pre-flood, and has been on hold since. Flood recovery is being completed, and now the concepts are being brought back up. Boulder County and all other agencies should be involved, with stakes even higher with climate and population pressures having increased. BMA is asking if the Town of Lyons is with them in supporting a recommendation to the County Commissioners, with planning processes and funding ideas. Parks and Recreation is in support.

Julia - can we do a once or twice a year meeting dealing with budget and large picture prioritization?

3. Ballfield Lights

Tabled - discuss this next meeting.

4. Dog Park Proposal



Tabled - discuss this next meeting.

5. 2nd Ave/Bohn Park intersection

Tabled - discuss this next meeting.

6. Lights Out Lyons Final Planning

There is a lot of great response around town, by word of mouth and Town support.

Julia Herz - This is a new event, and we are happy to grow it. What does Dave and the town need from us?

Dave - logistics - the lights will be off, so is the area we are going to use dark enough for our needs?

Also, Dave can show us how to manually turn on the Pavilion lights in Bohn Park. They are on the exterior of the Pavilion. Trash cans will be ready, and restroom lights (inside) will come on if triggered. Park Hosts will be on site.

Should irrigation be shut off for the evening?

That would be a yes.

What is the method for bringing particular lighting problems to the attention of the town?

Dave - the Utilities and Engineering Board is working on a policy for this. Aaron Kaplan has been dealing with resident requests. Dimming street lights is something that is being explored.

Is there power available? There is power at the Pavilion. Extension cords would have to be brought.

There are also outlets on interior dugouts on third or 1st base line. Each field has outlets. These would need to be activated.

Some telescopes may need this. We can let Dave know which ones we want - we would probably want the power pedestals on.

We will keep notes for next year!

Meeting end: 8:10 PM

Next Meeting: September 13th 6:00 PM