



GREELEY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 -- 7:00am

Rodarte Community Center – 920 A Street

Zoom Option: <https://greeleygov.zoom.us/j/86053651488> Passcode: 083466

Agenda

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
- 4. Public Input**
- 5. Board Member Committee Reports: Art Commission**
- 6. Staff Reports**
- 7. Old Business**
- 8. New Business**
 - A. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair**
- 9. Upcoming Agendas**
- 10. Next Meeting Set – Tentatively Friday, May 5, 2023**
- 11. Adjournment**

Board members unable to join this meeting, please notify
Vicente Vega-Ruiz (Vice Chair) at: vega21vicente@gmail.com

**GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – March 3, 2023**

1. ROLL CALL

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, March 3, 2023, at 7:00am at the Family FunPlex. Board members joining: Clint Torczon, Vicente Vega-Ruiz, Monica Ramirez, Sharon Wright, Louise Wilson and Greg McIntosh. Staff joining: Eric Bloomer (Parks Superintendent), Alex Reaves (Interim Recreation Superintendent), Ashley Weesner (Grant Specialist) and Nancy Milton (Office Manager).

Greg McIntosh was introduced as a newly appointed member of the Board.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – A motion was made by Monica Ramirez to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Sharon Wright and passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A correction was requested to the name Longview Park under the Art Commission report. A motion was made by Sharon Wright to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Vicente Vega-Ruiz and passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS – Art Commission: The Commission reviewed mock-ups for new Uptown Trees and moved ahead with three new pieces including two on 8th Avenue and one at the new Library. Additional traffic cabinet wraps are being installed. Concrete stamping was added on the #3 Ditch Trail.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Eric Bloomer

- Staff are preparing for spring programs and applications for sports field usage are being reviewed.
- Pickleball court construction at Farr Park has been delayed a bit due to weather.
- Share the Shade Program applications are now being accepted by the Forestry Office.

Alex Reaves

- The Young Adult Job Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8 from 5-7pm at the Island Grove Event Center and will be for ages 14-24.
- The Summer Teen Employment Program will be hiring 20 teens to work within CPRD throughout the summer.
- Teen Night Out will be held at the FunPlex on Friday, March 10 from 5-8pm for ages 13-17.
- Nominations are being accepted for the National Youth Service Day Awards. The Award winner will be selected by the Youth Commission and receive a \$1,000 scholarship.
- Staff are looking to fill a Guest Services Representative position at the Recreation Center and a Recreation Coordinator position at the Ice Haus.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Overview of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program: Ashley Weesner presented information on the ARPA Program including funding, priority areas, community outreach process, Taskforce and Steering Committee functions, timeline and next steps. A member of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is being requested to serve on the Taskforce. Monica Ramirez voiced an interest in volunteering, however would like to review the Job Description. The description will be forwarded to Board members later today and Monica will forward her decision early next week.

9. UPCOMING AGENDAS – Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair

- 10. NEXT MEETING** – The Board discussed moving the meeting location to various facilities when possible. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 7 at the Rodarte Center.

- 11. ADJOURNMENT** – A motion for adjournment was made by Vicente Vega-Ruiz and seconded by Sharon Wright. The meeting adjourned at 7:48am.

Respectfully submitted:

Clint Torczon, Chair

Nancy Milton, Office Manager

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

STAFF REPORTS – April 7, 2023

[John Dargle - Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation](#)

[Eric Bloomer – Parks Superintendent](#)

Parks:

- Spring sports are attempting to start up. Most events have been cancelled due to weather, but one or two games have taken place on the synthetic field at Island Grove.
- Staff are working on filling full time vacancies and bringing in seasonal applicants for interviews.
- The concrete and fencing for the Pickle Ball Courts at Farr have been completed. Concrete around the outside for access still needs done, the final piece for the courts will be the acrylic topcoat. This needs air temps over 50 degrees, day and night, so it will be likely May before the courts are completed and open.
- Parks applied for a \$40k grant from the Regional Air Quality Council to convert older pieces of gas-powered equipment to battery. We should find out this week if we are awarded the funds.
- Staff are dealing with damage from the Allo installations at Promontory. During their winter boring down Promontory Parkway, they hit our irrigation mainline under the road. We will work with them to expose the damage and make all repairs. There may be an impact to turning on the water if the repair process takes any substantial length of time.

Forestry:

- Work continues on the Urban Forest Strategic Plan. When there is a draft completed, the Forestry Manager will be added to an agenda to present to the board.
- Staff have started some transplants around weather events and have moved 30 trees to date.
- April 29th, site to be determined. An invite will be emailed to the board once the site is chosen.
- Spring tree trimming has started by staff, contractor trimmings will start in April.

Linn Grove Cemetery:

- Planning for the Memorial Day Event on May 29th has been wrapped up. More details will be provided.
- The new irrigation installation project has kicked off. The installer met with staff and they are mobilizing on-site and work should start in April.

[Recreation](#)

Family FunPlex

- Current Programs
 - Young Rembrandts: Preschool Class - 3 participants, Elementary Class - 15 participants
 - Safe Sitter: 14 participants
 - Swim Lessons: 220 participants
 - Lifeguard Training: 13 participants
 - Water Safety Instructor: 8 participants
 - Teen Night Out: 97 participants
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Lifeguard Course: April 22nd-April 24th
 - Swim Lessons: April 11th-May 6th
 - Ultimate Babysitting Bootcamp: April 22nd
 - Drawing for Fun: April 5-26th (Wednesdays)
 - Preschool Young Rembrandts Drawing Class: April 1-29 (Saturdays)
 - Elementary Young Rembrandts Drawing Class: April 1-29 (Saturdays)

Recreation Center

- Current Programs
 - Personal Training: as of March 23rd - \$1,625. 46 sessions sold.
 - Climbing: 18 enrolled in climbing classes, we had lower enrollment than previous months.
 - Cooking Matters: roughly a dozen in both the English & Spanish classes.
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - New group fitness schedule begins April 3rd
 - Cooking Matters: next session starts April 14th
 - Youth Athletic Conditioning: next session starts April 3rd
 - Ready Player Tone: Challenge begins April 2nd, runs through the month of April.
 - World Tai Chi Day: April 29th @ 10am at the FunPlex amphitheater

Rodarte Community Center

- Current Programs
 - After School Program
 - Rodarte : 132
 - Anna Gimmestad: 50
 - STEP - 137 applications
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1, 2023, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
 - National Youth Service Day Awards-Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 5:00-7:00 pm

Ice Haus

- Current Programs
 - Learn to Skate 209
 - Cub 131
 - Adult leagues B, C and Over35= 234
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Learn to Skate 4/15-5/20.
 - Cub 4/16-5/21
 - Adult leagues D 4/2-6/18, Adult leagues C4/11-6/27, Over 35 4/13-6/29
 - American Girl Doll / Easter Skate on April 8th
- Hiring Updates
 - Recreation Coordinator II figure skating

Active Adult Center

- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Movie Day: Cast Away - March 28
 - Volunteer Appreciation - April 13
 - Movie Day: Ticket to Paradise - April 25
 - Arm Chair Travel – May
- Upcoming Senior Trips:
 - Denver Zoo- April 5
 - Camp Saint Malo and Estes Park Shopping - April 11
 - Strike it Rich! Bally's Casino - April 14
 - Rockies Game - April 19
 - Gabbie Gourmet: Bender's Bar and Grill – April 25
 - Candlelight Dinner Playhouse: Cats - April 27
 - Museo De Las Americas - May 3

Sports and Programs

- Youth Sports
 - All spring sports starting and underway
 - Summer sports camps and summer league registration open
 - 25+ week long sports camps being offered
 - T-ball and Coach Pitch baseball leagues offered
 - CARA Track offered
 - First weekend of spring sports games April 1st
 - Total Flag Football Participants – 265
 - Total Youth Soccer participants – 706
 - Total Spring Clinic participants –145
- Adult Sports
 - All spring leagues started – softball, inline hockey, indoor volleyball
 - 6 more adult softball teams than last spring, which equates to around 90 more participants
 - Summer registration early bird opens this week
 - 5 summer leagues will be offered this spring : Adult Basketball League, Adult Pickleball league (2 age divisions with 2 skill divisions within each), Adult Sand Volleyball League, Adult indoor volleyball league, Adult inline hockey- possibly adding additional night
- Adaptive Recreation
 - Special Olympics track team starts this week
 - Special Olympics swim team starts this week
 - 1st annual inclusive community prom, March 25th
 - Adaptive sports clinics and inclusions start this week

Justin Scharton – Natural Areas & Trails

Poudre and Sheep Draw trail counts (Feb 2023)

Location	Month Total	Daily Avg (Month) Trend (prior month)	YTD Daily Avg Trend (prior year)
Sheep Draw @ McCloskey TH (installed May 2018)	2862	102 ↑47.4%	99 ↓36.6%
Triple Creek Spur @ Mountain Vista TH (re-installed Aug 2020)	2164	77 ↑42.9%	71 ↓29.5%
Poudre Trail @ Island Grove (installed Aug 2020)	2221	79 ↑48.4%	81 ↓52.4%
Poudre Trail @ Rover Run (Temp moved May 2020)	2786	99 ↑17.1%	89 ↓51.3%
Poudre Trail @ PLC (installed Aug 2020)	2616	93 ↑95.3%	79 ↓72.8%
Poudre Trail @ Poudre East (Kodak TH)	3069	110 ↑88.1%	96 ↓53.1%

Staffing

- On-boarding for Andy Clark, the first of two Tech I positions. Interviews will begin soon to try and fill the remaining Tech I position.
- Currently there are no seasonal employees on staff.
- Division 2023 work plan has been completed with staff completing their individual goals.

Capital Projects

- SBNA ACOE Restoration Project - biweekly status meetings resume in April leading up to a site inspection in June to determine if the site meets the establishment requirements of the contract.
- Greeley #3 Canal Trail – The trail west of 35th Ave is nearing completion. Work on the trail south of 4th Street is underway with completion expected by the end of March.

- Poudre River Trail – Duran Section | Project is on hold pending the execution of the LWCF grant.
- Poudre River Trail – Poudre Ponds | The project continues toward a 30% design.

Maintenance/Restoration/Equipment

- NAT maintenance crew continued to manage snow removal and follow up in icy and shady sections.
- Minor rock fall in narrows section of PRT (Signature Bluffs) due to freeze/thaw cycles.
- Delivery of new V-plow for Kubota UTV.

Strategic Planning/Policy

- **Trail Master Plan** | The project team continues work on developing foundation components of the plan, to build upon later this year in partnership with the community. A Story Map hosted on Speak Up Greeley will be the primary community outreach platform. Organizing a technical advisory team.
- **Shurview Master Plan** | Planning process continues with very early concept ideas from consultant. Refining storybook outreach project with artist Armando Silva, and moving forward with public engagement in April with two stakeholder meetings scheduled.

Volunteer/Outreach

- NAT staff has been active in the community in March with presentations to Area Agency on Aging AB, Aims College Ag Club, UNC Earth Guardians and Greeley Central HS AVID club about Shurview project. Received input from 65 people.
- KUNC story about Shurview and Missile Site Park released March 8th. <https://www.kunc.org/news/2023-03-09/greeley-is-purchasing-970-acres-of-natural-land-not-the-nuclear-missile-complex-in-the-middle-of-it>
- Offer extended on 3/16 for Community Volunteer Coordinator position in partnership with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado.

Restoration/ Land Management

- Restoration Specialist position continues with onboarding and is developing plans for the NAT native species demonstration garden at the NAT office and is in the process of securing chemical applicator license.
- Developing schedule for spring weed control work.
- Working with Kristen on planning community event for Campo Esperanza that will include volunteers reseeding the hill and other site work.

Archived agendas are located on the City of Greeley website: <https://greeleygov.com/government/b-c>

Upcoming Events

- April 8 - American Girl Doll / Easter Bunny Skate, Ice Haus, 11:30am-1:30pm
- April 8 - Madagascar the Musical - UCCC, 7:30pm
- April 14-23 - Baby Animal Days, Centennial Village, 10am-3pm
- April 21 - Yesterday and Today: The Interactive Beatles Experience, UCCC, 7:30 pm

2022	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	2023	January	February	March
	Casillas, Luis	A	P	P		A					A	Casillas, Luis	P
Fulcher, Philip	P	P	P	N	P	N	N	N	P	Fulcher, Philip	P	P	A
Kigin, Shane	P	P	P		P				P	Kigin, Shane	P	P	A
McPherson, Scott (Chair 3/20-2/21, 3/21-2/22)	P	A	P	M	P	M	M	M	P	McIntosh, Greg			P
Raminrez, Monica	P	P	P	e	P	e	e	e	P	McPherson, Scott (Chair 3/20-2/21, 3/21-2/22)	P	P	
Torczon, Clint (Vice-Chair 3/21-2/22)	P	P	P	t	P	t	t	t	P	Raminrez, Monica	A	P	P
Vega Ruzi, Vicente	A	P	P	i	P	i	i	i	P	Torczon, Clint (Vice-Chair 3/21-2/22, Chair 2022)	A	P	P
Wilson, Louise	P	P	P	n	P	n	n	n	P	Vega Ruzi, Vicente	P	P	P
Wright, Sharon			P	g	A	g	g	g	P	Wilson, Louise	P	A	P
									P	Wright, Sharon	P	P	P

