



GREELEY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023 -- 7:00am

Rodarte Community Center – 920 A Street

Zoom Option: <https://greeleygov.zoom.us/j/83570353822> Passcode: 635799

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, June 2, 2023
11. Adjournment

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

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

**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 – May 5, 2023

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

[Eric Bloomer – Parks Superintendent](#)

Parks:

- Parks staff are working to have all restrooms up and running by Monday May 1st and have also been turning on irrigation since mid-April.
- Soccer at Monfort ends after the first week in May and staff have a full plan of field rehabilitation task scheduled to repair damage from last fall and this spring.
- The re-seeding project for the North end of Bittersweet will start the second week in May. A fescue blend will be seeded in that will be mowed more frequently to look a bit more like bluegrass, but will still provide some water savings.
- Planting at Centennial Park has started. The project should start to wrap up in late May and the playground should start installation in May or June.
- Seasonal staff positions have not been able to be filled due to a small pool and unqualified candidates. A plan is in place to use some seasonal staff dollars to contract out the weekend restroom cleaning duties for the season to a cleaning company. This will allow staff to focus on Mon-Fri maintenance without having to work 7 days a week.

Forestry:

- Annual Arbor Day Celebration was held Saturday April 29th at Glenmere Park at 9am.
- Staff are busy turning on irrigation systems and making repairs from plow and snow damage.
- Tree plantings are underway throughout the Parks and ROW.

Linn Grove Cemetery:

- The contractor installing the new irrigation system has been surveying and laying out the new system and construction should start the first week of May.
- Staff have finished the plan for the Memorial Day Celebration. The event will be Monday, May 29th at Linn Grove starting at 9am.

[Recreation](#)

Family FunPlex

- Current Programs
 - Swim Lessons: 264 participants
 - Lifeguard Class: 12 participants
 - Lifeguard Recertification Class: 6 participants
 - Staff CPR: 10 participants
 - Young Rembrandts Elementary: 7 participants
 - Ultimate Babysitter Bootcamp: 8 participants
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Lifeguard Class and Lifeguard Recertification - May 22nd – May 24th
 - Water Safety Instructor Class - May 22nd – May 24th
 - Young Rembrandts - May 6th – May 27th
 - Painting for Fun – May 3rd – May 24th
 - Ultimate Babysitting Boot Camp – May 13th
 - Heart Saver First Aid, CPR, & Combo – May 4th
 - Safe Sitter w/ CPR - May 31st
 - Outdoor Pool and Splash Pads will open on May 27th

Recreation Center

- Current Programs
 - Dance – both classes are completely full for spring! Classes will run until end of May before their spring recital.
 - Tumbling – 6 out of 9 sections are full; 74 participants this month
 - Climbing – 2 out of 5 classes full; 35 participants this month
 - Youth Athletic Conditioning – class is full this month! Almost full for May already
 - Survival of the HIITest – class is full this month, good number of participants enrolled for May
 - Cooking Matters – English & Spanish versions of the class are thriving; this has been an amazing partnership.
 - Personal Training – Training is going well; we have been having record months in 2023. Continuing to expand the team to offer more!
 - Group Fitness – Classes are going well. New schedule began at the beginning of May. Aqua Fitness classes are moving from the FunPlex to the Recreation Center in the summer.
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Youth Athletic Conditioning - May 1-24
 - Survival of the HIITest - May 2-25

Rodarte Community Center

- Current Programs
 - After School Program: Rodarte -140, Anna Gimmestad - 50
 - Boxing - 27 youth and 4 adults
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Fun in the Sun Summer Camp May 22nd – July 28th.

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 D League - 4/2-6/18, Adult C League - 4/11-6/27, Adult 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
 - Arm Chair Travel to Mexico - May 5
 - Movie Day "A Man Called Otto" - May 30
 - CPR/ First Aid Class - May 9
 - Woodshop Classes:
 - Introduction to Scroll Saw - May 9
 - Paddle Shaped Cheese Boards - May 16 and May 17
- Upcoming Senior Trips:
 - Museo De Las Americas - May 3
 - Plains Conservation Center: Adventure Wagon Tour - May 9
 - Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum: Wine and Cheese Soiree - May 11
 - Denver Rockies VS Cincinnati Reds - May 17
 - Wild West Walking Tour - May 23
 - Gabbie Gourmet: Denver Milk Market - May 25

Sports and Programs

- Youth Sports
 - Spring sports nearing end of the season so long as weather holds.
 - Summer sports camps open for registration
 - 25+ week-long sports camps being offered
 - T-ball and Coach Pitch Baseball leagues offered
 - Summer Sports League numbers
 - CARA Track - 37 (registration ongoing)
 - Tball- 201
 - Coach Pitch - 134
 - 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 general registration now open
 - 5 summer leagues will be offered this summer
 - 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 basketball team came home with 2 gold medals!
 - Special Olympics track team started after 2 weeks of snow delays
 - Special Olympics swim team in session
 - 1st Annual Inclusive Community Prom was a success and participants asking for more dance opportunities.
 - Adaptive sports clinics and inclusions have started for spring sports

Justin Scharton – Natural Areas & Trails

Poudre and Sheep Draw trail counts (Mar 2023)

Location	Month Total	Daily Avg (Month) Trend (prior month)	YTD Daily Avg Trend (prior year)
Sheep Draw @ McCloskey TH (installed May 2018)	3867	125 ↑22.0%	106 ↓35.2%
Triple Creek Spur @ Mountain Vista TH (re-installed Aug 18, 2020)	2779	77 ↑16.0%	83 ↓17.6%
Poudre Trail @ Island Grove (installed Aug 2020)	3196	103 ↑30.0%	109 ↓36.1%
Poudre Trail @ Rover Run (Temp moved May 2020)	2825	91 ↓8.4%	100 ↓44.9%
Poudre Trail @ PLC (installed Aug 2020)	3359	108 ↑16%	110 ↓62%
Poudre Trail @ Poudre East (Kodak TH)	3971	128 ↑16.9%	133 ↓34.9%

Staffing

- Interviewing for final fulltime Tech I position.
- Seeking part-time and seasonal groundskeeper staff for the vegetation management season.
- Ellen Bergley has been hired as the Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado Weld County Volunteer Partnership Coordinator. This position is housed at the NAT office through a partnership between NAT and VOC.

Capital Projects

- Greeley #3 Canal Trail – The project is nearly complete. Anticipate a final inspection by end of April.
- Poudre River Trail – Duran Section | An agreement with the landowner on area being sold to NAT has been reached. Still waiting for the execution of the LWCF grant.
- Poudre River Trail – Poudre Ponds | A 30% design has been submitted by the consultant and reviewed by the City. Likely project construction in late summer/early fall of 2023.

Maintenance/Restoration/Equipment

- Moved legacy PRT kiosk from Island Grove to Rover Run Dog Park.
- NAT crew hosted Native and Naturalized Landscape Maintenance workshop for 30 participants from City and UNC to further best practices of maintenance and management of native landscapes.
- First mow of the Poudre River trail at the end of April.

Strategic Planning/Policy

- **Trail Master Plan** | The project team has developed a GIS story map that will serve as the primary tool for public engagement and will be the bulk of the final plan when completed. A technical advisory team and public engagement opportunities will ramp up by the summer.
- **Shurview Master Plan** | A second round of concepts have been received and staff is refining. Two focused engagement meetings were held in April with important stakeholders representing a holistic cross-section of the community. The IGA with Weld County is being routed for signatures, which will allow for an early summer opening of the property.

Volunteer/Outreach

- Presented to District 6 middle school and high teachers and UNC Earth Guardian youth conference about Shurview project; received input from 65 people on what they would like to see at Shurview.
- Continued engagement with east Greeley community via events with High Plains Library District.
- Presented to Weld Senior Network about general NAT projects.
- NAT social media statistics for March:
 - 24,000 views
 - 948 engagements (i.e., likes, comments, shares, etc.)

Restoration/ Land Management

- Began chemical application for kochia and other early-season species.
- Implementing native seeding projects at Pebble Brook NA and Rover Run Dog Park.

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

Upcoming Events

- May 7 - Farmer's Market Summer Season Opens - Union Pacific Depot
- May 13 - Campo Esperanza Natural Area Community Event, 5-7pm
- May 15 - Historic Preservation Month Walking Tour, Archibeuque Park, 5:30pm
- May 20 - Greeley Philharmonic Presents Sounds of Cinema, UCCC, 7pm
- May 26, 27 - Centennial Celebration, Centennial Village Museum, 10am-4p
- June 2,3 - Greeley Blues Jam, Island Grove Regional Park