



GREELEY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023 -- 7:00am

Greeley Recreation Center – 651 10th Avenue, Room 101C

Zoom Option: <https://greeleygov.zoom.us/j/83315592512> Passcode: **120932**

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
 - A. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Triennial Assessment
 - B. Discussion – Board Representation for Trails Master Plan TAC (Justin Scharton)
8. New Business
 - A. 9th & 10th Street Corridor Improvement Plan
9. Upcoming Agendas
10. Next Meeting Set – Tentatively Friday, July 7, 2023
11. Adjournment

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

GREELEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES – May 5, 2023

1. ROLL CALL

The Greeley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Friday, May 5, 2023, at 7:00am at the Rodarte Center. Board members joining: Vicente Vega-Ruiz, Monica Ramirez, Sharon Wright, Louise Wilson, Shane Kigin, Adam Michaels and Greg McIntosh. Staff joining: John Dargle (Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation), Eric Bloomer (Parks Superintendent), Kristen Wilkinson (Community Conservation Fellow), Zach Bray (Budget Analyst) and Nancy Milton (Office Manager).

Adam Michaels was introduced as a newly appointed member of the Board.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Agenda approved as submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made by Monica Ramirez to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Sharon Wright and passed 7-0.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS – Art Commission – Sharon Wright: Public Art coloring books have been distributed to all 3rd graders in the school district. Improvements this year include a color cover and translation to Spanish as well. The artwork along the bottom of the pool at Discovery Bay is deteriorating and will be replaced following the summer season. Artwork for Long View Park has been selected. Clint Anders, Park Planner, presented information on the Delta Park Project.

6. STAFF REPORTS

John Dargle

- The firm BerryDunn has been selected as the consultant on the CPRD Comprehensive Master Plan. This Board will be involved in this process over the next 12-18 months.
- John recognized Shiloh Hatcher, City Forestry Manager, who has received the Colorado Tree Coalition's Lifetime Achievement Award. Eric Bloomer nominated Shiloh based on his work over the last 27 years with the City of Greeley.
- Daniel Lawrence has been hired as the new Recreation Division Manager to begin on May 25.
- A talent acquisition firm has been hired to assist in recruiting for the Cultural Affairs Manager position.
- The Deputy Director for CPRD and Business Manager positions have been posted and applications are being accepted.
- Zach Bray was introduced as the Budget Analyst who is working with CPRD to prepare the 2024 budget. Zach reviewed work that has already been completed along with next steps in the process.
- Staff are negotiating on a public/private partnership with Colorado Grit, a Tier 2 hockey team, for use of the Ice Haus.

- Board members received an email from the City Clerk's Office requesting Board input on the Triennial Review of the Board. Additional information packets were distributed to Members and will be emailed as well. Board members were requested to provide their input via email to Nancy Milton within the next couple of weeks. Compiling the input received, a draft will be prepared for review at the June meeting and submitted to the Clerk's Office by June 30.
- Staff are working with the Greeley Police Department to develop a general safety and security plan for our natural areas, parks and facilities. A 150-day plan has been laid out to gather information and prepare a recommendation to City Council.

Eric Bloomer

- The Arbor Day celebration last Saturday at Glenmere Park had about 40 attending and five trees were planted with the help of volunteers.
- Last Sunday there was a "Meet Me In The Park" event at Delta Park to go over the final site plans for the project. The event was well attended by neighborhood residents.
- Staff are very busy with spring sports ending and preparing fields for summer programs. Due to the lack of applications for seasonal labor, a contractor has been hired to provide restroom/shelter cleaning on the weekends throughout the summer months. Some seasonal staff funding has been transferred to allow for hiring full time positions.

Kristen Wilkinson

- Interviews are being held for a full time Technician I position and applications are currently being accepted for seasonal staff for NAT. Also, the Volunteer Coordinator position has been filled and began in April. This is a partnership position between the City of Greeley and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado.
- The #3 Canal trail is nearing completion.
- The Trails Master Plan is underway with public information and a survey available on the Speak-Up Greeley page.
- The Shurview Master Plan is moving forward with a meeting to be held in the coming weeks with the Technical Advisory Committee.
- An IGA between the City and Weld County for operation and management of the Missile Site park, has been routed for signatures.
- On May 13, there will a community event at Campo Esperanza Natural Area. The new sign will be unveiled and there will be restoration plantings and educational stations.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair: Vicente Vega-Ruiz stated he would be willing to serve in either capacity. Monica Ramirez nominated Vicente Vega-Ruiz for Board Chair. The nomination was seconded by Sharon Wright and passed unanimously. Adam Michaels stated he would be willing to serve as Vice Chair. Sharon Wright nominated Adam Michaels for Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Vicente Vega-Ruiz and passed unanimously.

9. **UPCOMING AGENDAS** – Presentation on Delta Park by Clint Anders
10. **NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 2 at the Recreation Center.
11. **ADJOURNMENT** – A motion for adjournment was made by Sharon Wright and seconded by Vicente Vega-Ruiz. The meeting adjourned at 8:04am.

Respectfully submitted:

Clint Torczon, Chair

Nancy Milton, Office Manager

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

STAFF REPORTS – June 2, 2023

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

[Eric Bloomer – Parks Superintendent](#)

Parks:

- Staff are prepping Bittersweet for seeding the north end. Work to repair spring soccer damage at Monfort has begun as well.
- Parks is currently fully staffed on paper, however, due to some medical absences we are short two FTE, one on Park Maintenance and one on ROW Maintenance. That does have an impact on some maintenance activities, primarily on medians and at Promontory.
- Work on Centennial Park is getting closer to completion. The landscape is about 75% installed, and the playground equipment should show up in June.
- Surveys are open for the replacements of the playgrounds at JB Jones, Sanborn, and Farr Parks.
- An ARPA application was submitted to convert the lighting at the Youth Sports Complex to LED.

Forestry:

- Staff are working to get grant applications completed for the Urban Forest Strategic Plan.
- Spring plantings continue, we have had over 100 trees planted so far and should be near 150 trees by the end of May.
- Staff are working on a plan to try to obtain some additional money for Horticulture maintenance for this year, focusing on Downtown and the city facilities.

Linn Grove Cemetery:

- Staff are prepping for the annual Memorial Day event.
- An ARPA application was submitted to remodel and expand the current office space and to add an outdoor amphitheater for services and special events.

[Recreation](#)

Family FunPlex

- Current Programs
 - Lifeguard Class: 20 Participants, Lifeguard Recertification: 15 Participants
 - Water Safety Instructor: 5 Participants, Water Safety Instructor Aid: 4 Participants
 - Safe Sitter: 13 Participants
 - Ultimate Babysitter Bootcamp: 9 Participants
 - Young Rembrandt Elementary Cartoon: 13 Participants
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Swim Lessons June 5-July 1
 - Ultimate Babysitting Bootcamp: June 13
 - Sculpting for Fun: June 7-28 (Wednesdays)
 - Adventures in STEM w/LEGO materials: June 5-9
 - STEM Explorations w/LEGO materials: June 5-9
 - Mandalorian Training w/LEGO materials: June 26-30
 - Mandalorian Missions w/LEGO material: June 26-30
 - Slimetopia: June 12-16
 - Outdoor Pool and Splash Parks open 5/27
 - Extended family swim at Discovery Bay (Wednesdays) and Centennial (Thursdays)
 - Wibit every Thursday at Centennial Pool

Recreation Center

- Current Programs
 - Summer camps are starting in June!
 - Challenge Island – Road Trip to the USA starts June 26
 - Youth Climbing Camp starts June 6
 - We have also expanded our climbing wall hours to include Tuesday/Thursday mornings to accommodate out of school time.
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - She Rocks – June 9
 - Family Climb Night – June 9
 - Nerf Wars – June 16
 - Teen Night Out – June 23
 - Bike to Work Day – June 28

Rodarte Community Center

- Current Programs
 - FITS Program: Anna Gimmestad – 60/60 registered youth, Rodarte – 140/140 registered youth
 - Boxing Program: 26 youth and 3 adults
 - Teen Night Out May 26, 5pm - 8pm
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Fishing Derby June 3

Ice Haus

- Current Programs
 - Adult leagues B, C and Over35
 - Youth Rec Hockey 05/09-6/22
- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Learn to Skate 6/10-7/30.
 - Ice Skating Camp 6/19-6/23
 - Hockey Camp 07/31-8/4
 - Cub 6/11-7/31
 - Adult Hockey: D League 7/2-9/24, C League 7/11-9/26, Over 35 League 7/13-9/28
- Hiring Updates
 - Recreation coordinator II figure skating- Start Date May 25
 - Full time Customer Service Rep—vacant

Active Adult Center

- Upcoming Programs and Events
 - Summer Solstice Lunch - Thursday, June 22
 - Armchair Travel: Japan - Tuesday, June 13
 - Big Screen Treats, Tasty Eats (Dinner and Movie) - Monday, June 12
- Upcoming Senior Trips:
 - Pawnee Buttes Hiking - Wednesday, June 7
 - Rockies Game - Thursday, June 8
 - Denver Firefighters Museum - Wednesday, June 14
 - Beau Jo's Pizza - Wednesday, June 21
 - American Mountaineering Museum - Tuesday, June 27
 - Strike it Rich! Bally's Casino – Friday, June 30

Sports and Programs

ADULT

- All summer leagues start!

- Adult Softball – 82 teams
- Indoor Volleyball – 15 teams
- Sand Volleyball -4 teams
- Pickleball 15 teams
- Basketball – canceled, lack of registration
- Inline Hockey – sold out – 10 teams

YOUTH

- Tball and Coach Pitch leagues started - 350 kids
- CARA Track starts in June - 70 participants
- 12 summer sports camps throughout June registration in progress - all camps looking like they will run, some sold out

AIR

- 7 Private swim lessons

Justin Scharton – Natural Areas & Trails

Poudre and Sheep Draw trail counts (April 2023)

Location	Month Total	Daily Avg (Month) Trend (prior month)	YTD Daily Avg Trend (prior year)
Sheep Draw @ McCloskey TH (installed May 2018)	5150	172 ↑37.6%	117 ↓28.7%
Triple Creek Spur @ Mountain Vista TH (re-installed Aug 18, 2020)	2927*	108 ↑20.6%	84 ↓16.1%
Poudre Trail @ Island Grove (installed Aug 2020)	4657*	161 ↑55.8%	117 ↓31.1%
Poudre Trail @ Rover Run (Temp moved May 2020)	4324	144 ↑58.2%	106 ↓41.9%
Poudre Trail @ PLC (installed Aug 2020)	5375*	226 ↑108%	126 ↓56.4%
Poudre Trail @ Poudre East (Kodak TH)	9192	306 ↑139%	161 ↓21.6%

Staffing

- Completing the recruitment process for Tech I position, with offer pending this week.
- Seeking part-time and seasonal groundskeeper staff for the vegetation management season.

Capital Projects

- Greeley #3 Canal Trail | The project has been completed, except for the HAWK signal across 4th St.
- 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.
- Site Signage | Site ID signage is in the process of being installed at Campo Esperanza NA, and Island Grove trailhead. Signage installations of three Site ID signs, along with an interpretive kiosk, will be completed by the end of May.

Maintenance/Restoration/Equipment

- Constructed new soft surface trail/pads at Poudre Ponds and Rover Run dog park.
- Survey respondents showing strong support for the recent NAT 101 workshop held in April, with 100% saying they learned new information, and 87% saying they will use this new information in their professional roles.

- Post-storm and flooding cleanup, primarily on the Sheep Draw Trail corridor, in addition to a few Poudre Trail sections.

Strategic Planning/Policy

- Trail Master Plan | The public engagement phase of the planning effort continues, with a recent opinion poll reaching 143 respondents. The Speak Up Greeley page continues to solicit feedback for proposed trail sections, and a technical advisory team and public engagement opportunities will ramp up by the summer.
- Shurview Master Plan | The project team continues to refine concepts for the property along with continuing to gather public feedback. The IGA with Weld County is waiting for County signatures, which will allow for an early summer opening of the property. Another Technical Advisory meeting was held in mid-May which will further refine concepts. Finally, staff toured 60 people around the Shurview site, from Greeley Central HS, the Rodarte Center, and Aims Community College in May.

Volunteer/Outreach

- Held Campo Esperanza NA community event, where approx. 60 residents were engaged. Parks and NAT received Starburst Award for excellent use of CO lottery funds. The new site ID sign for the property was also unveiled.
- Summer Teen Employment Program employee will start on May 22 and work for 10 weeks with NAT crew.
- Social media statistics for April:
 - Posts were viewed 12,000 times
 - 1,443 engagements (i.e., likes, comments, shares, etc.)

Restoration/ Land Management

- Worked on site preparation for planting and seeding for Campo Esperanza NA community event
- Continued spraying kochia on natural areas and started trailsides application for kochia and smooth brome

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

Upcoming Events

- May 26, 27 - Centennial Celebration, Centennial Village Museum, 10am-4p
- May 27 - Outdoor Pools and Splash Parks Open for the Summer Season
- May 29 - 2023 Memorial Day Celebration, Linn Grove Cemetery, 9-10am
- June 3 - Greeley Farmer's Market, Union Pacific Depot, 8am-12pm on Saturdays
- June 3 - Fishing Derby, Sanborn Park (28th Ave & 20th St), 8am-12pm
- June 3 - Greeley Blues Jam, Island Grove Regional Park, 11am-11:55pm
- June 10 - Meeker Home Museum Tours (1324 9th Ave), 10am-3pm
- June 10 - Museum at Twilight, Union Colony Civic Center, 4-6pm
- June 22-July 4 - Greeley Stampede, Island Grove Regional Park
- June 24, 25 - Greeley Stampede at Centennial Village Museum, 12-6pm

GREELEY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD												
Attendance												
2023	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Casillas, Luis	P	A	A	A	A							
Kigin, Shane	P	P	A	A	P							
McIntosh, Greg			P	P	P							
Michaels, Adam (Vice Chair 4/2023-2024)					P							
Raminrez, Monica	A	P	P	P	P							
Vega Ruzi, Vicente (Chair 4/2023-2024)	P	P	P	A	P							
Wilson, Louise	P	A	P	P	P							
Wright, Sharon	P	P	P	A	P							