



MINUTES

City of Glenwood Springs Parks and Recreation Commission

January 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm

1. Roll Call at 6:00pm
 - a. Commission: Laura Speck, Andrew Mueller, Matt Armentrout, Christina Pearson, James Fosnaught, Kris Smulczynski, Jasmin Ramirez
 - b. Staff: Brian Smith, Steve Frederick, Dan Roper, Karstin Moser, Danielle Campbell, Cristi Newton
 - c. City Council Representative: Ingrid Wussow, Charlie Willman
 - d. Presenters:
2. Citizen Comments:
3. Approval of December Minutes
 - a. James moved to approve the December minutes as written, Christina second. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Parks 2022 Projects – Dan Roper
 - a. Parks projects in 2022 include Sayre basketball court completion, Two Rivers Park Devereux Trail completion and Strawberry Days preparation, Native Gardens in Veltus and Triangle Park, ballfield improvements, wildlife collaboration with CPW, Roaring Fork Bear Coalition, and COGS code enforcement, and Veltus Park Stormwater System (joint project with Public Works).
 - b. Trails & Open Space projects will include Linwood Cemetery management plan, historic preservation commission approval, and fencing, South Canyon south parking lot improvements, Wulfsohn trailhead planning, continuation of Archery Range improvements, Red Mountain trailhead parking lot improvements/Zigzag trail (part of public works Red Mountain Pipeline project).
 - c. Downtown projects include new bicycle racks, 6th Street improvements, replacement trees, and large events.
 - d. Division-wide projects include irrigation evaluation and upgrades, turf and planted areas evaluation, planning, and implementation, City Tree and Urban Canopy program expansion and renovation, Midland Avenue and Sopris landscaping, Parks Headquarters renovation and expansion, Midland Avenue, and RFTA 27th Street tunnels.
5. South Canyon Management Plan Recommendations
 - a. Review of recommendations from public outreach shared at last meeting.
 - b. South Canyon RFP/Presentation on Public Input Results is on Council's agenda for January 20th.
 - c. James has drafted a letter on behalf of the Commission to be submitted to Council recommending Council consider the Commission's recommendations on items they're consulted on.
 - i. Motion by James: Commission moves to add to James' letter that Council should not undertake an RFP for South Canyon unless it is an RFP for a management plan and that the letter also be sent to the Post Independent on behalf of the Commission with approval of the City Attorney. Seconded by Andy. All in favor, motion carried.
 1. Letter due for Council packet by January 11th.
 2. Commissioner Comments:
 - a. Matt would like to see the mountain bike trails be excluded from the management plan so as not to slow progress. Brian informed the Commission

that the Alpine Slide trail has already been approved and would move ahead. Other expansion on trails in the area is not in the making currently.

3. Citizen Comments:

- a. Tye Richardson: Trails are only being used for mountain biking; hikers and horseback riding are not using the trails in part due to safety concerns. Recommendation to not pursue any additional trails until master plan is created and that trails should be multiuse.
- b. Bre McCallum: Trails not conducive to hikers. Trails should be part of the management plan.

6. North Landing Potential Use

- a. Now that 6th Street improvements are happening, Ingrid feels the Council would be interested to hear what the Commission recommends for North Landing.
- b. Charlie suggests a joint meeting with the DDA and a public input session on the area including the DDA and Hotel Colorado and other area stakeholders.
 - i. Andy suggests the Commission come up with a cohesive vision of what the Commission would like to see done with the area prior to joint meetings.
 1. Laura would like to see the area used for zero scaping educational purposes on water conservation.
 2. Matt would also like to see arts incorporated into the area.
 3. James suggests putting it on next month's agenda so the Commission can articulate their ideas.
 4. Brian will coordinate a group discussion for Andy, Laura, and Matt before the next meeting.

7. Council Boards and Commissions Discussion Items

- a. On January 27th, Council is meeting briefly with each Board and Commission chair about the powers and duties, visions for the future, meeting frequencies, opportunities for boards and commissions to combine.
- b. Commission has been asked to send their responses to staff to be forwarded to Laura so she can prepare a written response for the Council packet by January 20th.

8. Director's Report

- a. Hired an Arts Supervisor, due to start on January 13th.
- b. Reposting for Events Coordinator.
- c. Selected a Marketing Coordinator, hire date is TBD.
- d. Ice Rink issues continue but it remains open. Discussions on future capital projects coming up.
- e. New Year's Eve event was cancelled at the last minute due to the weather.
- f. Presented to Colorado Department of Natural Resources for a grant application for \$900k towards Sayre Park Phase 2 improvements. Grant awards will be announced in the spring.
- g. January 20th Council Meeting will include the South Canyon public outreach results and the Garfield County memorandum of understanding for senior services (ride services).
- h. January 27th is the Boards and Commission meeting with Council.
- i. February 3rd Parks and Recreation work session with Council on South Canyon, regular Council meeting will include changes to code 090 including commercial use permits.

9. February Agenda Items

- a. Ideas for North Landing Consolidation
- b. South Canyon Discussion to prepare for Works Session with Council
- c. REI Rental programs impacts on Gear Library or partnership
- d. Underserved Populations Outreach (include Gladys)
- e. Botanical Garden Update – Laura (she's holding a meeting with other community members who are interested on January 12th at 6pm @ Silver Bead)

10. Motion to Adjourn at 7:41pm by James, second by Christina. All in favor, motion carried.