



MINUTES

City of Glenwood Springs Parks and Recreation Commission

March 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm

1. Roll Call at 6:04pm
 - a. Commission: Christina Pearson, Tyler Benton, Laura Speck, Jasmin Ramirez, Kris Smulczynski, Matt Armentrout, James Fosnaught
 - b. Staff: Brian Smith, Steve Frederick, Karstin Moser, Annie Henninger, Dan Roper, Gladys Arango
 - c. City Council Representative: Ingrid Wussow
 - d. Presenters: Omar Sarabia
2. Citizen Comments:
3. Approval of February Minutes
 - a. Christina moved to approve the February minutes as written, James second. All in favor, none opposed.
4. Arts Supervisor Introduction – Annie Henninger
 - a. Started mid-January
 - b. Springs programs underway, working on implementation of the Public Art Plan and creating exhibitions.
 - c. Assisting with History Colorado Grant application for improvement at the Art Center.
5. 2022 Events Overview
 - a. Still looking for Events Coordinator.
 - b. Mother's Day Celebration on May 8th at Two Rivers Park. Still working on details.
 - c. Food Truck Fridays at the Community Center on June 10th, July 8th, July 29th, and August 12th.
 - d. Movies Under the Bridge on Thursdays, June 16th – August 18th
 - e. Music Under the Bridge on Friday, June 17th – August 19th
 - f. July 4th Celebration at Two Rivers Park
 - g. Latin American Heritage Festival at the Community Center in September
 - h. Oktoberfest in September
 - i. New Year's Eve on December 31st
 - j. Possibly 3 large events for individuals with disabilities throughout the year.
 - i. Celebrating the universal playground at Sayre once completed
 - ii. Art Picnic
 - iii. Bike Camp – "I Can Shine"
6. Mother's Day Event Ideas
 - a. Jasmin has brought up the idea of holding a Mother's Day picnic event at Two Rivers Park for Mother's Day engaging the Latino community.
 - i. Have information available about Parks and Recreation services and maps.
 - ii. Annual Mother's Day Mile is another event in the community that James suggests the City look into partnering with them.
 - iii. Annie interested in doing an arts activity for the Mother's Day event.
 - b. Forest Service is holding a Latino Conservation Week Event in July to engage the Latino Community in outdoor recreation opportunities. May be interested in helping with Mother's Day event.
 - i. City wants to partner to share information on Parks and Recreation Services (memberships, shelter rentals, swag give aways, and share parks maps in Spanish).
 - ii. Ask Jasmin to join meetings with Forest Service.

7. Defiende Nuestra Tierra in the Wilderness Workshop – Omar Sarabia, Director
 - a. Coordinating with the Forest Service and Aspen Institute for Latino Conservation Week, July 18th – 23rd
 - i. They're planning outdoor activities for the morning of July 23rd such as white-water rafting, fishing, or hiking and then meeting at Two Rivers Park in the afternoon.
 - ii. Reaching out to Latino-lead organizations and businesses about participating.
 - iii. Event will have food vendors and live music.
 - iv. Advisory board being created to find out what the community would like to have at the event.
 - v. Barriers to participation in outdoor recreation include language, institutional/organizational trust, myths, and lack of information and resources.
8. Alpine Trail Recommendation
 - a. Background
 - i. RFMBA requested \$10k from the County discretionary and \$15k from the City in a FAB grant for project funding.
 - ii. The County asked RFMBA to come back and request it from Conservation Trust instead of discretionary. With conservation trust, the ask must be on behalf of a municipality, the City agreed.
 - iii. Public comments talked about the historic sites (grave sites) in South Canyon, wildlife protection, trails in neighboring towns/cities, and asked the County to postpone any funding until the South Canyon Management Plan was completed.
 - iv. The Alpine Trail project was included in the original trail design approved by the County previously.
 - v. County decided to hold off on any funding until the South Canyon Management Plan was completed.
 - vi. Tye Richardson (resident of South Canyon) and Mike Pritchard (RFMBA) were asked to attend this evening.
 - vii. City council wants a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission on if the project should move forward.
 - b. Commissioners Comments:
 - i. James and Christina – The project has already been approved; the ask was just for funding. Recommend telling Council and County Commissioners that the Parks and Recreation Commission supports what has already been approved and suggest it be funded. As for the management plan, what has already been approved for the area should be incorporated into the plan.
 - ii. Kris – Even though this plan was approved, what is the rush in starting the project? Could it wait until the management plan is completed?
 - c. Parks and Recreation Commission joint meeting with City Council in May will have discussion of scope of work for the South Canyon management plan RFQ.
 - d. Public Comment
 - i. Jennifer Vanian – Shared letter she had written to the County Commission.
 - ii. Craig Amichuix – States the area is mule deer habitat and the trails are fragmenting herds and disrupting elk calving corridors. Wants additional studies conducted before more trail construction.
 - iii. Tye Richardson – Stressed the importance of considering the elk calving habitat in the area.
 - e. **James moves that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to City Council that they move forward on Alpine trail funding and that the trail be completed. And recommends that future trails be incorporated into the South Canyon management plan. Seconded by Christina. In Favor, James, Christina, Matt, and Jasmin. Against, Kris and Laura. Abstain, Tyler. Motion passes.**
9. Develop Youth Outreach Process
 - a. Laura would like to be a part of planning and include Magdalena. City will organize a meeting with Magdalena and Laura and staff to develop scope and bring back to the Commission.
 - b. Through the Valley Marijuana Council we issue free passes to the Community Center to 6-12th graders in Glenwood Schools. We are looking to add more programming for this age group.
10. Director's Report

- a. Election of 2022 Chair for the Commission.
 - i. Laura nominates Christina. James Second. All in favor.
- b. Benji Whitewater is the new owner of the Whitewater Rafting.
 - i. Working through what we need to do with the existing boat ramp lease.
- c. Parks working on encampment cleanups.
- d. Prebid meetings are coming up for the River Trail Rock Wall and Lap Pool Plaster.
- e. Downtown and Public Spaces Supervisor, Heather Listermann, hired and will start soon.
- f. Trails and Open Space Supervisor interviews start this week.
- g. Struggling to find a KidKamp supervisor and counselor staff; reaching a critical time.
- h. Two years ago, we got a Technical Assistance grant with EPA through Recreation Economies for Rural Communities (RERC). Six actions items came from program. Karstin will share the RERC document with the Commission for their review and to evaluate progress and make plans for future items from the plan.
- i. Council has funds available for Commissioners for training.

11. April Agenda Items

- a. RERC Action Items Review
- b. Downtown and Public Spaces Supervisor Introduction
- c. Marketing Coordinator Introduction
- d. Parks Clean Up Day Event Ideas
- e. ALLOW MATT A. TO ADD TO GOOGLE DRIVE
- f. North Landing Meeting Recap
- g. Pinata Poles in Parks Discussion
- h. Tennis Court Discussion
- i. Reach out to see if Beatriz Soto can attend and speak about her work
- j. Department Review – What all is in Parks and Recreation, if time allows

12. Motion to Adjourn at 7:54pm by Christina, second by James. All in favor, motion carried.