



MINUTES

City of Glenwood Springs Parks and Recreation Commission
Glenwood Springs Community Center

September 11, 2019 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call:
 - a. Commission: James Fosnaught, Andi Johnson, Jazmine Ramirez, Laura Speck, Dawn Randolph, Aeson Akins
 - b. Staff: Brian Smith, Cristi Newton, Al Laurette, Jen Ooton
 - c. City Council Rep: Steve Davis
2. Citizen Comments:
 - a. None
3. Approval of May Minutes:
 - a. Dawn Randolph made the motion to approve the August minutes. Second by Andi Johnson. All in favor none opposed.
4. Sayre Park Master Plan Update
 - a. Pedro from Zehren presented the most recent conceptual plan for Sayre Park. Documents attached. He asked for input from the commission on the plan.
 - b. The importance of providing not only ADA accessible elements but inclusive ones was voiced by commission members. They felt strongly that the playgrounds need to be inclusive for all.
 - c. Commission asked what new features were being proposed in the park. Pedro explained that the plan was based on the feedback they received and most of the feedback they received leaned toward not changing too many features of the park but instead improving them. The one feature that was heavily asked for were pickleball courts. These have been provided.
 - d. Question about trees. The plan incorporates approximately 70 trees.
 - e. Restrooms were brought up as true need in the park. The addition of restrooms is not as important as updating the current ones.
 - f. Importance of placement of the Handicap parking spots was discussed and the need to have enough spots near the playground areas was voiced.

- g. Could the current gazebo be relocated instead of removed from the park? Yes, it could be but the cost to do so would be high. All with parks felt it should be removed as it is not being used in the manner it was originally intended.
- h. Laura made the motion to accept the conceptual plan with the removal of the pathway from Grand Avenue through the park to the basketball court area, Jasmine seconded the motion, call for discussion:
 - i. Dawn asked if there was anything else the commission felt should be removed. Commissioners agreed that the stairs from the playground should be removed as well as the stairs on the terraced seating.
 - ii. Amendment to the original motion by Dawn to remove staircase second by Andi. Amendment passed unanimously. Call for discussion;
 - iii. Discussion on horseshoe pits and why they were not included in the plan.
 - iv. Amendment motion: Andi made a motion to amend the original motion to include the addition of horseshoe pits into the plan. Second by Jasmine. Call for vote: 3 aye, 4 nays. Motion amendment failed.
 - v. Final motion by Laura Speck: The commission recommends to City Council that they accept and move forward with the proposed conceptual plan for Sayre Park with the following modifications:
 - 1. Removal of the pathway from Grand Ave into the park
 - 2. Removal of the stairs from the playground to the ball field
 - 3. Removal of the stairs in the terraced seating area.Motion seconded by Jasmine Ramirez. Show of hands in favor: six in favor. Show of hands against none against. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Two Rivers Park Update & Letter

- a. Jasmine Ramirez made the motion to approval the letter written in support of moving the Two Rivers Project forward. Laura Speck seconded the motion. Call for vote: six ayes in favor, no nays motion passed
- b. James will sign the letter on behalf of the commission and send it to Brian to be included in the next council packet.
- c. The request for bid resulted in 5 bids being submitted. The top two companies who submitted proposal were interviewed. The total estimated construction costs are

d. If this project is approved by Council, it will begin in October 2019 of this year. Completion of the project is estimated to be in April 2020.

6. GSYHA Dasher Board Ads

a. Staff sat down with GSYHA and renegotiated the terms of the GSYHA dasher board ad agreement. For the 2019/2020 season GSYHA will pay a \$6000 rental fee up from the \$2000 in the previous agreement. The City will also have the opportunity to sell advertising for any unsold dashers by GSYHA after December 1st.

7. Department Restructure

a. The department is in the process of going through a restructure that will divide the Department into 4 divisions. Divisions will be Parks, Community Center, Recreation, and Facilities. This restructure will add more depth to the department and allow more advancement opportunities for staff.

8. Defiance Rugby

- a. Raul with Defiance Rugby club: The Rugby Club asked this commission for their support to add permanent Rugby posts in Sullivan Field at a previous meeting. The commission asked the Rugby Club at that meeting to speak with the Soccer Club and come to an agreement that will work for both groups. The soccer club was against the request for permanent posts. However, both groups came to a mutual agreement to have temporary posts installed.
- b. Jasmine made a motion to approve the request for temporary posts in Sullivan Field with oversight from the Parks and Recreation Department for final placement and storage of the posts. Dawn Seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

9. Commission Comments

a. Laura asked if the lighted trees were going to be unwrapped and rewrapped this year. Yes, this will be looked at as budget allows. Laura felt that the downtown businesses would be willing to help as the lights do benefit them.

10. Directors reports

- a. October 4th there will be a dedication for the Bethel Plaza. Everyone is invited to attend.
- b. The landscaping for 6th street has been approved. This project will begin in the Spring.

Laura motioned we adjourned at 8:05 pm. Dawn seconded the motion. All in Favor. None opposed. So moved.