



MINUTES

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

February 13th, 2019 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call:
 - a. Commission: Andy Mueller, James Fosnaught, Tom Gorman, Bill Coleman, Andi Johnson, Dana Peterson
 - b. Staff: Brian Smith
 - c. City Council Rep: Steve Davis
2. Citizen Comments:
 - a. None
3. Approval of November Minutes
 - a. Bill Coleman made the motion to approve the January minutes. Second by James Fosnaught. All in favor none opposed.
4. South Canyon Coalition –
 - a. Craig Amichaux could not attend - Brian presented about signage going out to South Canyon trails system - fire, etc. Craig will be invited to the next meeting. Request from a board member for copies of what he wants to present.
5. Jeannie Golay request for Letter of Support –
 - a. CMC Foundation - through FMLD is seeking a grant to artificially turf fields up at the Spring Valley campus. They have 5 fields granted by the Gates Foundation. Realize there is a need for more year-round facilities. Goal: to enclose one field with a bubble. For immediate go-round, seeking to apply for artificial turf and lighting. Water and maintenance to grass fields whereas turf dries quickly and doesn't have as much of a shoulder season, thus extending the season on both ends (Spring and Fall). Water is hard up there, so this is good for that too. Hoping to then enclose Field 2 with the Bubble. Seeking a letter of support for this grant effort. There are a lot of other plans for the area and they are investing in these facilities with the hope of making programming more successful and accessible for all sorts of

community members. Bathrooms, Concessions, etc. would be open to outside groups. Sharing between CMC and the Community. Year-round facilities practices and tournaments is a great need in the area.

- b. Andy had a great voice encouraging a huge support of this and the value of how much it could benefit the community, sporting and for other fun events.
 - c. Discussion: Brian spoke of a meeting in the past delving in to the option of bringing in events for the area. There is a lot of interest in soccer in the community. There is demand for additional programming/options. Having fields available is a huge need in the community. School may be going toward a fee-structure, which is an expensive option without an IGA. Water Use has been an ongoing issue. They are delicate and it takes a lot to keep them up to competition standards.
 - d. Action: Draft letter in the packet. Chelsea could sign on behalf of the Commission if we could edit and personalize this to benefit the community. Needed by February 26, 2019.
 - e. Motion by James to approve moving forward with the language as presented with final changes by Chelsea and Brian as they see fit. Second by Bill.
 - f. Further Discussion - Tom wanted more information and background on the request and how the money would be used and what the details were that were not discussed. Brian indicated that the City is applying for the same FMLD grant for another situation. Andi clarified that there are additional public uses for these facilities that may benefit the community additionally. Jeannie added that the Chamber is going to be in favor of this. The college doesn't have a competitive soccer program. Athletics are not a big part of their programming at this point and she doesn't foresee a new program developing out of these additions. CMC has been holding stakeholder meetings since November of last year on which Brian was a part. Everyone was collaborating on what the needs were and how to best meet the community needs based on the research they have done.
 - g. Vote: motion passed unanimously.
6. Director Reports
- a. Grants
 - i. FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) Grant Grant - up to \$7-10Million - they would do a lot of the construction management and trailing. Jeannie spoke with several people about the Lovitt Trail in South Canyon - 8.5 miles - expensive and complicated. RFTA Mill Levy will make up to \$2M through that as RFTA is a great partner.

GOCO connect initiative is coming up - large scale construction grant of up to \$2M - looking to ID 2-3 pieces of that length to pave and create. In the pipeline. Getting the GOCO would be a great step too.

- ii. The trail must be right next to the guard rail, steep retaining walls, and expensive to build. It's a big effort and they are all trying to phase these things in and an FMLD partnership grant will be there too. First have to pass a conceptual review, and then receive a green light to prepare the full grant. Trying to leverage federal money and get a site visit from the Governor on May 15 (10 Year Anniversary of the original trail). Governor Polis has indicated to carry on the "Colorado the Beautiful" efforts. So, Jeannie is making efforts at the state level dealing with the different transportation entities. The trail will require three underpasses but there are tough loopholes to get through. Key pieces of the grant are the Storm King Memorial trailhead and other efforts around this effort.

b. Lovitt Trail –

- i. would like to have a bow-out to Chattfield (virtual island) and back - CPW loves it because of the beach/fishing ramp access. 2 Bridges over the river - one at the old sanitation district and one back. In New Castle, there is a private land donor who is going to build River Bend Ranch, LLC, with plans about Field to Table restaurant and Aqua-culture ponds, etc. - agri-tourism - and he needed to get his water across the river. He wants to have a MOU with them and provide an easement across the property as well.

c. Veltus Park Signage –

- i. River Commission - Scott Schreiber - Riparian Areas - planted 37 different species of plants to stabilize the shoreline. Sign funded by the YPs. Working on the sign a little more, but provided a full draft. A look at the work they are doing demonstrating what they are doing and why they are doing it. Open to ideas around the location of the sign - probably near one of the designated access points. Will clear up images and graphics.
- ii. Discussion: Steve thought there was more to say. He suggested that somewhere on the sign they should tell the name of the River, detail some of the species of the animals, how long the river is, where they are, etc. But perhaps that should be on a different sign. Impact of the human footprint on these areas. Additional suggestion of elaborating on why these efforts were made - before and after efforts. Perhaps some additional concepts about how these rivers

work and educational efforts are done. Commission agreed that the signage concept is outstanding, but that the particular draft is still in need of editing. Idea of increasing breadth of the focus of the signage. Suggestion to include some indication of the tax dollars at work.

- iii. a number of other grants hoping to find out about soon. \$70k in GOCO, \$30k in park grant something, CPW for river access improvements, National Park Service Sub-grant - they can apply for that, Rural clusters application - for the Arts Building.

7. Committee Reports Comments and Questions –

a. January 17 - Boat Ramp at Two Rivers - Steve Davis –

- i. there were five motions in Council that night. The entire project is going to be re-designed as the result of this effort. They had one bid that was twice their budget. This started the discussion further and they are pushing out a year. Need more engineering, decide importance, need additional numbers. Motion said they wanted to dredge the channel but it will be priced. Bathrooms, dressing facilities, amphitheater in question, alternate for building up more of an amphitheater where the current band shell is, etc. Unanimous approval to explore the changes further. Hoping to go back out to bid in August 2019. Rock sourcing is another question. Minimizing the amount of rock, retaining walls, etc.
- ii. Commission requests the opportunity to review revisions as soon as possible. Boat ramp, pull out area, re-shaping the area, etc. SGM is revising their scope and will bring back the proposal and costs to run by council as soon as possible. Will have to work with some of these contractors. There were 7 contractors at the pre-bid conference and only 1 bid as they felt the project was not well-defined. Spoke more about staging as well.
- iii. James brought up the possibility of the old sewage plant being a part of the vision for Two Rivers. The confluence will be some time out. They have contracted with Gould to remove the sewer plant this winter. Put out requests for proposals from developers this year who will be the developer for the entire corridor. Sewer plant is a small space so it will be difficult for a developer to figure out how to make that work. It would be hard and would push Two Rivers out another 5-7 years.

8. James motioned we adjourned at 7:44pm. Bill seconded it. So moved.