



Final Minutes

TOWN OF LYONS

Wednesday Feb 23rd 2022 6pm-8pm

Parks and Recreation Commission

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 872 7648 8232

Attendance:

Lillian Bell

Elizabeth Berrier

Yelena Hughes, Gil Sparks, Kara Bauman, Tom Delker, Mark Browning, Julia Herz, LaVern Johnson, Sandra Haber, Becki Loughlin, Dave Cosgrove, Claudia Kean, Randy Pollard

1.Approval of Minutes

Approved unanimously

2.Audience Business - Limited to 15 minutes - All comments will be limited to 4 minutes per person

3.Updates

a. Staff, Director of Parks and Public Works, Dave Cosgrove

- ***UC Denver group Walkability Study:
- Lillian Bell
- Eli Berrier

The objective of the project

- Introduce a more pedestrian oriented and walkability policy to the town/ discussing streets, public spaces, as well as private developments.
- discuss future funding for pedestrian oriented infrastructure and focus on the pedestrian experience as a social activity
- Work on compliance of ADA in the Town
- Introducing a Complete Streets Initiative for the Town

Goals

- create a more walkable town (+other types of modes of transportation if it is achievable) •



Create a better sense of place for the community

- connect back to nature - human wellbeing, economic resiliency, healthy community
- create more community engagement
- connect current unused/underutilized spaces to the rest of the Town

How will this project be achieved?

- Continual site visits
- meeting with and/or interviewing community members, town board members
- refer to similar small town case studies that focus on walkability
- Learn more about the effects walkable spaces have on healthy communities

They are doing a study for the Town of Lyons to introduce more ADA compliance, address funding, and help create a more complete streets initiative in addition to connectivity for all areas of town.

Backgrounds in urban planning and architecture.

Yelena explained our informal study of walkability in Lyons with our sidewalk ratings.

Dave C - this sidewalk survey was given to this UC Denver group.

Lilly - methodology - researched Comp Plan, and have looked at citizen input. They have plans for comparing other small towns. They are wondering how seasons affect the issue. Dave explained that the population of visitors increases greatly in spring, summer and early fall.

Yelena described the inconsistency in our sidewalk ease of use, materials, and existence.

They plan on completing a report for the the town, and can present to the Board of Trustees.

Sandra - areas without sidewalks are scattered throughout town. Drainage is also a problem.

Randy lives in the Confluence, and there are no sidewalks there either. Curb and gutter exists, but not sidewalks..Mark Browning (BOT) explained that the FEMA flood recovery money would only pay for what was existing before the flood.

[Here](#) is a map that the group has created.

- Kara Bauman- Lyons Regional Library-StoryWalks

StoryWalks encourage people of all ages to get out and walk while enjoying children's books. Books are taken apart and each page is attached to a post along a path.

Here's an example from Vail: <https://vaillibrary.com/storywalk/>

and another from Glenwood Springs: <https://www.gcpld.org/storywalk>



Kara is director of the Library District for Lyons. Becki Loughlin is also a powerhouse in the Lyons Library network as well as early childhood education.

There are 300 Story walks in the country, and 30 in Colorado. They have copyright privileges for the books, and will enhance the story with interactive literacy practices for young children. QR codes can link to valuable sites and information. These walks increase participation in our library network and the community as a whole.

[See links for examples](#)

[PRESENTATION](#)

Dave - this can be a great volunteer project. We also do want to take into consideration the type of materials used to keep vandalism under control. Would they be willing to consider other additional locations than just LaVerne Johnson Park? The Lyons Valley River Park and Bohn would be great settings for this. Becki - proximity to Library is a consideration. Claudia - the new bridge and SRTS can help connect the library all the way to the River Park.

Julia - wondering about timeline, and maintenance funding. Kara says the company they are working with has materials that will last, and grant funding is complete. There are tax revenues and a generous donor group that will support continued maintenance.

Parks and Rec will not have the burden of upkeep.

Yelena - questions about the audio option on QR code - Kara - yes, this can be done.

Vote: All in favor of recommending the Story Walk Project - Unanimously supporting the concept.
Claudia Kean will draft recommendation for PRC.

b. Board of Trustees, Mark Browning

Four pending projects

Broadway Project for safer streets and parking

Black Bear Hole

SRTS

St. Vrain Trail extension - very early stages

Design and construction costs have created a shortfall of a million dollars. BOT and staff are searching for funding. Board workshop - may make a decision to postpone the St Vrain Trail extension. We are committed to the other 3. Parking issue is vital with new hotel and other business needs.

Finance Director will present information next meeting. Surplus from 2021 will not cover the money needed. Parks fund balance may be looked at as well as others.

This March 7 meeting will be important to view or at least read attached packet. Parks issues are involved.



c. PRC Chair/ Vice, Yelena Hughes Tom Delker

1. Schedule river trash pick up

Doodle Poll will come out in March for an April Cleanup date. Dave says we have also teamed up with Sustainable Futures and Ecology Board - work with Dave and staff on river cleanup, trail maintenance, and tree planning. Parks is severely understaffed.

Dave will send contacts and info to Yelena.

d. Other PRC Member business

1. Julia-Lights Out Lyons night

This will be the second year - we did get a small grant for this, for red flashlights, music, etc.

Date - Folks Fest and Perseid Meteor shower do coincide. Julia says she is ready to apply for Special Event permit, but we need a solid date.

We may want to allow camping in Bohn Park field area near ball parks.

Friday August 5th is the date she is proposing.

Dave is saying that the Folks Fest date may be tricky - depending on the parking situation.

We should get the permit done, and date can change later, according to date. Friday August 5th will be the date of the permit for now. Perseid peaks mid-August but is building well on 5th.

Lisa Ramsey has just been appointed Parks Recreation Coordinator.

Dave presented to BOT the parks staffing and roles for parks this year - including the Parks hours of operation (code says 5AM to 10PM) Covid changed this to 8 to 8. This may be taken out of Code, and will be seasonally DAWN TO DUSK instead.

Some lights must remain on due to liability for safety. Playgrounds and pathways for campers need some lighting. The parking lot lights can be set on a timer to go off.

The new dawn to dusk timing will help park hosts greatly. People can still walk through parks, just not stop and stay.

Use of Golf Carts on trails was also addressed by Dave to BOT. More messaging to educate the town people about what is correct usage of golf carts and where they can be driven. The BOT was supportive.



Also, the picnic tables in LaVern Park are reservable, which has helped tremendously to reduce conflict. This has impacted LaVern far more than Bohn, which has less pressure. New reservable spaces also brings in revenue. The Sport Court and the Grill area in Bohn are examples. LaVern park will have 20 RV spots instead of 10 and more additional camping in rear. Rear access will be closed in LaVern. Gate attendants and Park Hosts will monitor this.

Black Bear Hole parking should be complete by spring. Improvements to dirt jump park also. Small Dog Park may have to be reconfigured at least as 1.25 acres, with new locations on gates - plans available.

Any Town resident can park at any of these lots with a resident pass.

4. New Business

Budget updates

5 Old Business

a. Follow up with [4th Ave EAST sidewalk addition recommendation](#)

TABLED by suggestion from Claudia Kean, probable VOTE NEXT MEETING.

Claudia felt that in light of large budget shortfalls for several projects including STRS, a vote on the recommendation should take place after more is known from BOT and Town Staff on funding for current projects.

Martin Parcel walk is still a request in progress.

b. Lyons Quarry Reclamation

Hall 2 Open Space - Update and plans?

New Board members would like information on Parks and Open Space of Boulder County allowing Lyons usage or a semblance of control over some aspects of recreation. (?) The question is - what is going to happen with the andesite mine after it is reclaimed? (reclamation is a long process).

Public input is going to happen before a plan is developed. As PRC we need to keep this on our radar. Ecology Board is interested in this also. We should hopefully get a walk in the area.

Yelena will reach out to see if the county can tell us more on a meeting.

<https://www.bouldercounty.org/open-space/management/lyons-quarry-reclamation/>

Gil - informing all about Lucky Lyons run and the need for volunteers. Gemini Adventures

<https://geminiadventures.com/lyons-race/>



June 11th is the Art Fair

COMP PLAN input needed by Boards and Commissions - meeting at Library March 9th time slots between 11-5 Pm

6.Adjournment

8:00 PM March 14th next meeting